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We had a great opening day on the Quincy Lakes on March 1st, and now everyone is excited about the Annual Tagged Trout Derby on Saturday, March 7th. On the walleye front, fishing at Potholes has stalled as the walleye go into spawn, but Banks Lake has been producing good action and some nice keepers.

For the fifth year the Quincy Valley Tourism Association is holding a tagged trout derby on Burke Lake, near Quincy. They will place rainbow trout wearing special tags in the lake, with one fish worth \$2,000.00 and another worth \$1,000.00 to the angler that catches them. There are other tagged trout that aren't worth the big money, but the QVTA will pay \$100.00 to the anglers that turn in every tagged fish. There will also be cash and prizes awarded for the heaviest fish, the highest cumulative weight of trout caught, and if an angler turns in the tag for the \$2,000.00 fish after the event, the QVTA will pay them \$500.00 with a deadline of June 1st. Prizes are awarded for both adult and youth divisions. There will be raffles prizes, too. Tickets are \$25.00 for adults and \$10.00 for those under the age of 15. Tickets are available at Hooked on Toys in Wenatchee, Sportsman's Warehouse in East Wenatchee, Quincy Hardware and Lumber and the Quincy Chamber Office. Registration and the rules for the derby can be found on line by logging onto [www.quincyvalleytourism.com](http://www.quincyvalleytourism.com).

Burke is a popular lake that opened to trout fishing on March 1st. In addition to the trout placed in the lake by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, the QVTA will be planting 150 to 180 rainbow that are 14 to 18 inches



and some that weigh 5 to 7 pounds!

If I had a chance to go walleye fishing, I would point the truck in the direction of Banks Lake. I spent the day there last Monday and had a great time. I was with Austin Moser, Austin's Northwest Adventures, his friend Nate Stull and my friend Mike McKee. We ran from the Northrup launch over to Barker Flats and started trolling in about 35 feet of water. McKee got a nice walleye just over 20 inches right off the bat. He was trolling a gold and black squiddier baited with a night crawler and this worked for him all day long. We tried different rigs throughout the day and found the Slow Death hooks with a green Smile Blade and crawler very attractive to the fish. We were very busy, landing close to 30 walleye, but keepers were hard to find. It seemed every fish we caught was 15 1/2 or 15 3/4 inches. We did wind up with three legal fish by the end of the day.

A big surprise right at the end was Stull landing a 5-pound burbot. The walleye are biting at Banks and with some looking you may find a school of keeper sized fish.

There were several lakes opened to fishing on Sunday, March 1st, and they offer consistently good fishing every year for early season trout anglers. Martha Lake, which is just east of George, is one of them and the Caliche lakes just to the west of George are also included. Popular with fly fishers, Lenice and Nunnally lakes, near Beverly open at the same time. Burke and Quincy lakes attract the biggest crowds and are known for producing very good catches of 10- to 12-inch rainbow every year. Martha Lake is a small, shallow and narrow pond, but treats anglers to excellent fishing and some very large fish every year on the opening day. Just one of the Caliche lakes gets all the attention and often produces limit catches of rainbow in the 10- to 12-inch class. Lenice and Nunnally, which are near Beverly and very popular with fly fishers, didn't get that much attention last season and could be very good this year. There are some bigger rainbow and some brown and tiger trout in Lenice and Nunnally as well. Another lake that is popular with fly anglers that opened on March 1st is Dusty Lake, in the Quincy Wildlife Area. It is reached by trail and is known for large rainbow, brown and tiger trout. The trail is good, but steep. I have always said that it is one mile down, but three miles back up to the parking area. There are some smaller lakes in the Quincy Wildlife Area that are often overlooked. You will need a more detailed map than the Gazetteer to find them, but they are worth the walk.

Another lake that opens on March 1st that I fished for the first time last year is Coffee Pot, which is east of Odessa. It is popular with fly anglers and I saw a lot of them there when I fished it last spring. I was Dennis Beich, retired Director of Region 2, and it was the first time for both of us. I opted to try trolling with lures that I have found effective for trout and caught some dandies on an Apex. Coffee Pot is known for rainbow to over 20 inches. It is very remote and it is a time commitment to fish here, but I am certainly planning another trip to this lake. The minimum size of the rainbow that you are allowed to keep on Coffee Pot is 18 inches, and the daily bag limit is one fish.

I should be getting my new Kingfisher rigged and ready for fishing now that the shows are over. I can't wait to get out on the water. I am not sure where I will get it wet first. I could be Lake Chelan for kokanee, the upper Columbia for steelhead, Lake Roosevelt for trout and kokanee or Banks for walleye. What's an angler to do? There are just so many good options out there!

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