

Welcoming Dave Graybill To The Nickel Ads Classifieds

The Fishin' Magician



We started out trolling for rainbow. I wanted to see if there were any fish left after the early season pressure that Roses Lake receives. The lake is typically planted with 10- to 15 thousand rainbow in the fall each year. They some attention through the winter when the ice is thick enough for ice fishing, but anglers focus on the lake primarily in the early spring, after the ice has melted. A fairly recent addition to the mix of fish to catch at Roses is tiger trout. I have seen photos of tigers weighing up to 2 pounds already, and these guys grow fast. We saw a school of what appeared to be some recently planted tiger trout on the launch ramp as we put in at the lake.

The trout fishing wasn't bad. We landed two rainbow that were 15 inches, lost another and missed a hit or two. The rainbow were most eager to hit the High Laker Special that works so well at Fish Lake. We could have caught more rainbow, but I wanted to get the two boys into some faster action. We moved closer to shore, rigged up with bobbers and jigs and started looking for bluegill.

It didn't take long to find them. Just about everywhere we went along the shoreline at Roses Lake we would spot bluegill and other "sunfish" near the reeds and brush. We saw a few small largemouth bass and even one very large perch. The bluegill and pumpkin seeds were hungry and we caught several small crappie, too.

We started out baiting the hooks on our jigs with a piece of worm, and there were times that they would hit the jigs without any bait. There was one jig that the fish like so much they tore it to pieces. We found that we could still catch fish on this hook even after the jig skirt was gone! We tried a couple of different colors of jigs, but my favorite, a black-headed with chartreuse skirt work very well.

The bobber and jig fishing kept us very busy for the balance of the day, and we saw other anglers and families also having fun catching them. I would recommend that anyone who wants to have a really fun day of catching a bunch of fish give Roses Lake a shot. There is a good launch with a dock here, plenty of parking, and lots of shoreline to explore.

Residents of Wenatchee and East Wenatchee are going to see a lot of boats scattered "between the bridges" early every morning for a while now. Summer-run salmon anglers will be out in force after these prized kings. To add to the fun this year, Hooked on Toys is conducting a free Salmon Derby on July 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Anglers who catch a salmon just need to bring their Columbia River salmon catch by the store, during regular business hours, to have their fish photographed and weighed. The photos with the fish weights will be displayed at the store. The anglers with the largest ten fish will receive a \$100.00 gift certificate from one of the local sponsors.

Anglers who will be fishing further north

shouldn't forget about the annual derby at the Brewster Shell station in Brewster. Again, there is no charge to enter the derby. Just bring your salmon by to get it weighed and photographed. There are weekly prizes and the big fish prize is usually worth \$750.00, awarded in September.

Anglers will want to be off the water by 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 3rd. High Mountain Hunting Supply is offering a special event featuring Sniper Lures. There will be two or three tournament bass anglers there to talk tackle and technique. There will be special prices on Sniper Lures during the event, which runs through 2 p.m., and there will be door prizes, a Sniper raffle and free hot dogs and sodas. This is prime bass fishing time in our region, and you sure want to be there to learn more, and have better success when going bass fishing.

I am planning a trip to Long Lake on Monday. I have been invited to fish this walleye lake with a local expert. He going to show me the best ways to catch walleye on Long Lake, as well as pointing out the hazards to avoid while boating there. Be sure to check my web site and Fishing TV for the line up in July for the shows scheduled.

I also hope to have a report on the summer-run fishing below Wanapum Dam for you in my next report. The fish return for kings is forecast to be great this season, and I can't wait to get after them.

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