Vance Creek Pond in Elma Preps for Spring Opener

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ELMA, Wash. - Spring is in the air, and the state Department of Fish and Wildlife is planning to open Vance Creek Pond to Trout fishing at the end of this month. Mike Sharpf, Region 6 fish biologist tells us Bowers Lake is an “Opening Day” lake regulated for juvenile, senior, and disabled fishers only, and will open March 30th through April 7th.
Grays Harbor County’s Vance Creek Ponds are located about a mile south from the town of Elma and south of Highway #12. Both ponds are open to fishing from the last Saturday of April through November 30th. Pond #1 is open to fishing for juveniles under 15 years old, seniors over 70 years old and persons with disability licenses. Pond #2 is open to all qualified anglers. Fish species for both ponds include rainbow trout and largemouth bass. Public access is through Vance Creek County Park. The park provides modern restrooms, picnic areas and a swimming area. There is also a concrete plank boat launching ramp at Pond #2 and bank fishing opportunities at Pond #1. No internal combustion engines are allowed on the ponds.

Action: Open Vance Creek Pond #1 to fishing by juveniles, seniors (over 70 years old) and anglers with a disability who possess a designated harvester companion card.**Effective dates:** March 30 through April 7, 2013.**Species affected:** Trout and other game fish.**Location:** Vance Creek Pond #1, Grays Harbor County.**Reasons for action:** The opener will allow additional fishing opportunity for juveniles, seniors, and anglers with a disability who possess a designated harvester companion card on Vance Creek Pond #1 (Bowers Lake) during local school districts’ spring break. Vance Creek Pond # 1 is an “Opening Day” lake regulated for juvenile, senior, and disabled fishers only. Vance Creek Pond will re-open the fourth Saturday in April.**Other information:** Area open to fishing March 30 through April 7 in Vance Creek Pond #1 only. Vance Creek Pond #2 (Lake Inez), west of Pond #1, will remain closed until the regularly scheduled lowland trout opener on the last Saturday in April.