

Fishing Journal

Information For The Serious Angler

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Fishing Dates

These Seasons
and Limits
May Change

Area 7

Oct 1-Oct 30

Daily limit two Chinook,
hatchery only, release
Coho

Area 8-1

Nov 1-April 30

Daily limit two
Chinook, hatchery only,
release Coho

Area 8-2

Nov 1-April 30

Daily limit two
Chinook, hatchery only,
release Coho

Area 9

Nov 1-Nov 30

Daily limit two
Chinook, hatchery only,
release Coho

Area 10

Nov 1-Feb 28

Daily limit two
Chinook, hatchery only,
release Coho

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Chinook Fishing Seminar

November 4th, 7PM

Bayside Marine

1111 Craftsman Way,
Everett 98201

I will be having a Chinook Fishing Seminar November 4, 2016 at Bayside Marine. The Seminar starts at 7PM. My PowerPoint Chinook fishing presentation will include some very useful information on how to become a successful salmon angler. This seminar is for the most experienced salmon angler as well as the beginner. If you pick up just a single nugget of information at my seminar your time should be well worth attending this free seminar.

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Blackmouth Derby November 5 and 6

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Winter Crab Season?

The WDFW will announce new crabbing dates on/about October 1. Hopefully by the time you read this Newsletter the winter crabbing season will be announced. [Click here for crab seasons.](#)

Newsletter Mailing List

If you subscribed to the Newsletter mailing list in the last few months, you may have to do it again. Anyone who subscribed to the Newsletter since May did not make it on to the mailing list. I will let you know when I get this fixed.

Chinook Fishing Resumes November 1

When November 1 arrives, we finally get some relief from all of the Puget Sound salmon closures that we have been dealing with since August. Chinook seasons are slated to open November 1 for Areas 8-1, 8-2, 9 and 10. Thank goodness we can get back to salmon fishing here on Puget Sound.

Let's get a re-fresher course comparing winter Chinook to summer Chinook fishing. This past summer there was an extraordinary amount of bait in Puget Sound, specifically at Possession Bar and at Kingston/Apple Tree Point. Because bait was so plentiful, there was good fishing for Chinook that were suspended at the top layers of the bait columns. In fact, it was a relief not to bang the bottom while fishing for Chinook. I believe that once we get back to fishing in November most of the bait will have gone elsewhere and we

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will then have to rely on fishing tactics which paid off in the past. Those tactics included fishing the edges in 90 to 120 feet of water and fishing within 5 to 10 feet of the bottom. These basic Chinook fishing fundamentals should once again be rewarding when the season resumes.

Puget Sound Chinook present in the winter months are wandering around looking for a meal. These fish don't have an immediate destination as do summer Chinook. If these winter Chinook are looking for bait, then so should we. Many times starting in November bait will be scarce compared to summer months. If you find bait, chances of catching Chinook will greatly increase.

There are some simple rules to follow when you are fishing winter Chinook. One of the best rules to follow is find bait and then do what you can to stay in the vicinity of that bait. Many times Chinook might not be present when you first locate the bait, but at some point in the tide the fish will either show up or go on the bite. Example: while I was Chinook fishing this summer on Possession Bar, I noticed a good Chinook bite came two hours before low tide. There was plenty of bait present before the bite really came on, but the fish were either not in the mood to feed or they were not present during that two-hour period before the tide change. Some days over half the fishermen left before the bite came on, especially when the bite was much later in the morning. My point is this: exercise some patience and good judgement while waiting for a Chinook bite to start. Once you find the bait the job gets easier!

Puget Sound is a big place and trying to hook a fish in this big body of water using a spoon that is only 3.5 inches in length is a daunting task. Narrowing down the choices of places to fish is the essence of this Newsletter. A person can waste a lot of hours trolling for Chinook without hooking up. If you plan on being truly serious about Chinook fishing in Puget Sound, you must be dedicated to fishing along the defined edges of the many bar/sandy shoals that make up a very small percentage of areas here in Puget Sound. Some of these areas include: Possession Bar, Apple Tree point, Point no Point, Mid Channel Bank, Pilot Point, Jeff Head, and Useless Bay. These places to fish are just a fraction of the good areas to fish in the Central part of Puget Sound. However, these places I mentioned are where 90 per cent of all Chinook are caught in the Sound. Want to narrow it down even more? Possession Bar is where the vast majority of Chinook are caught in Puget Sound followed by Mid Channel Bank and then Jeff Head. Of course this can vary slightly from year to year and from month to month.

In the November time frame, I recommend fishing Possession Bar, Jeff Head, Pilot Point and Useless Bay. These are my recommended fishing areas for winter Chinook. Remember, tides come into play when fishing any of these areas. You can't just go to any one of these spots because you caught a Chinook there the last time you were out. That doesn't work very often.

Possession Bar is one of the few fishing areas on my list where you can

fish on most any tide. When the tide is going out, I like Chinook fishing in what is called the "Tin Shed Drift" (check it on my maps). Fishing the Tin Shed can also work when the tide is coming in but I prefer to go elsewhere in the winter months when hunting for Chinook.

Jeff Head can be fished on either tide. Fish the South side of Jeff Head when the tide is coming in and fish the North side of Jeff Head when the tide is going out. Nearby Jeff Head is Apple Tree Point. I like fishing on the South side of that bar when the tide is coming in. These are a few good choices if you are heading out of Shilshole or Edmonds Marina.

A couple of places that I expect to catch a larger Chinook when the tide is coming are: Pilot Point or Useless Bay. These two places only produce fish on the flood tide. Don't go to either one of these two places when the tide is going out. Period!

You can see that you have to plan your November Chinook fishing in advance with a close look at a tide book in order to be successful.

Fishing Maps to Download
Possession Bar
Jeff Head
Pilot Point
Useless Bay

The rigs for winter Chinook fishing are also a little different from summer Chinook fishing. Plugs were fun to use in the summer. That does not translate into good plug fishing for winter Chinook. However, I would not



rule out 4 or 5 inch Tomic plugs for winter fishing. If herring that are around in November are 6 inches and salmon are feeding on them, then plugs could be a smart choice.

A safer bet to start with on November 1 will be flashers and size 3.5-inch Kingfisher spoons. Here is what I recommend having in my tackle collection before heading out. You can click on anyone one of these items to see a photo of each one or to purchase that item. The shipping is free:

**Gibbs Flasher Red Racer
UVGRMJRS**

**Gibbs Flasher Purple Haze
1PPUSUV**

**Goldstar Kingfisher spoon 3.5
#964**

**Goldstar Kingfisher spoon 3.5
#675**

**Silver Horde Ace Hi Fly
Chartreuse Spatter Back #140
Tomic 5-inch Plug #602 or #603
PLine CFX 30-pound
Fluorocarbon leader
Sampo X3CB Ball Bearing
Snap Swivel**

Rigging Flashers

Rig the Kingfisher spoons so they are 42 inches behind the flasher. Tip: tie a length of 30 pound PLine Fluorocarbon leader material to the spoon. Snip the leader off at 46 inches. When the leader is tied to the flasher, it should be real close to 42 inches in length.

Rig an Ace Hi Fly 36 inches from the flasher. Snip the leader off so that it is 40 inches from the nose of the Ace Hi Fly. When the leader is tied to the flasher, it will be close to 36 inches in length.

Rigging Plugs

Plugs are simple to rig. If the plug does not have a hook on it, put a 5/0 Mustad siwash hook #9510XXXSS on the plug. Some of the Tomic plugs come hook ready to fish. Tie a 36-inch length of 30-pound fluorocarbon leader material to the plug. Tie a Sampo X3RB swivel to the leader then tie the swivel to the fishing line.

Trolling Speed

The beauty of using plugs and flashers at the same time, is that they can be trolled at the same speed. The recommended trolling speed for Chinook should be 2.5 to 3.0 mph. Many times it is hard to conform to that tight range of trolling speeds. Sometimes an increase in speed or a decrease in speed is necessary just to keep the gear working. A flasher is most effective when the downrigger cable is at a 45-degree angle. As you know maintaining that 45-degree angle can be difficult during different stages of the tide. This summer I found I had to troll at speeds between 2.0 and 2.25 mph because I was fishing 150 to 200 feet deep. I had to slow down just so that I could maintain my depth. The point is this: There is an optimal speed then there is the speed you have to troll because of the tide and the depth combined.

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Blackmouth Derby November 5 and 6

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The Bayside Salmon Derby which was traditionally held the first week in November, is now the Everett Blackmouth Derby. This Blackmouth Derby will be November 5th and 6th. Tickets are \$30 per person. Aside from the normal derby tickets that are eligible for the first prize, there is also a Team Competition. Go to this web site for additional Derby Rules:

[Click Here for more details](#)

EVERETT NO-COHO BLACKMOUTH SALMON DERBY TEAM COMPETITION RULES

1. A "Team" will comprise of only Everett No-Coho Blackmouth Salmon Derby Adult/Youth participants with VALID tickets
2. The entry fee for the Team Competition is \$10 per person
3. Payment must be received by November 5, 2016 at 8:00 am
4. The "Team" will be made up of a minimum of 2 different persons and a maximum of 4 different persons
5. Team participants do not have to be on the same boat
6. A derby participant will be allowed on only 1 team
7. A Team name is required
8. Total weight for each team will be the total of the largest fish caught for each participant over the course of the Derby (Saturday & Sunday) divided by the total number of team members for an average total weight.

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Example: A two-member team with an 8.5 and 10.9-pound fish will have a team weight of 9.7 pounds ($19.4/2 = 9.7$). A four-member team with weights 7.9, 12.5, 9.8 and 8.1 will have a team weight of 9.575 pounds ($38.3/4 = 9.575$). A three-member team with an 8.0, 10.0 and zero-pound fish will have a team weight of 6.0 pounds ($18.0/3 = 6.0$)

9. The "Team" must be present to win
10. The Team with the highest average total weight over the two-day Derby will win 100% of the total Team proceeds from the Team Tournament
11. Proceeds will be divided equally between the winning Team members (2-4 checks total)
12. All Everett No-Coho Blackmouth Salmon Derby rules must be followed
13. Minimum field will be 2 Teams entered
14. Team participants are also eligible for individual derby prizes

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