

Nanaimo River Outings

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Subject: Nanaimo chrome

Another great Nanaimo River report from Basher Bob:

Went out to the Nanaimo estuary this morning. Low tide was at about 6:40 a.m. so I arrived at about 7:15 a.m. The river looked good and not too high. I started fishing the side channel just below the riffles.

It was "bleeping" cold and not much was showing. On my first cast I was into a bright chum but quickly lost it. A couple of cast went by before I noticed that I didn't have a fly on my line. An examination of the leader revealed that in my hurry I had tied a poor knot and it had simple undone when the fish was on. Another new fly brought another bright chum which I did beach (pic1).

It then went quiet so I worked my way to the corner just above the brackish water. A few more casts and another bright chum.(pic.2)

By 9:15 a.m. I was limited with the best looking chums that I have seen this year.(pic.3) My guess is that a fresh school came in last night on the high tide and I was just hitting the stragglers waiting for the tide change. They were really hitting on a chartruse palmer chennile with a bright orange bead.

I had the whole bottom end of the side channel to myself until I was packing up. It was cold and thin gloves would have been real nice.

Cheers, Basher

From: "Ian STEWART"

To: "Bernie heinrichs" <Sent: Sunday, October 28, 2012 9:02 PM

Subject: Nanaimo chums

The weather was a lot more cooperative today (Sunday) on the Nanaimo estuary. The fish were a lot brighter along with the weather. Mark M., Andrew, my son Shawn and myself found some bright chums coming in with the rising tide from noon on. Best fly was an orange bead head with orange body and crystal flash. I think Shawn might be ready to try a fly rod soon!

Ian

From: <bheinrichs@shaw.ca>

To: "IWFF Members" <bheinrichs@shaw.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2012 10:32 PM

Subject: IWFF Annual Chum Fest

Members and Guests,

This year's Chum Fest on Friday, October 26, 2012 occurs with perfect timing. The low tide is at 9:51 AM and it is the first day that we are allowed to fish and retain on the tidal portion of the Nanaimo River. It gives us time to test our heavy duty fly rods then go for lunch at the Wheatsheaf (spelling?) Pub in Cedar. We will just meet whenever you want on site which is at the end of Raine's Rd. - turn East at the Cedar Bridge.

No guarantees on weather conditions.

Bernie

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From: <bernie43@shaw.ca>
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Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2012 7:35 PM
Subject: Fw: Nanaimo River Chum

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From: Harry McLeod
To: Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2012 6:10 PM

Subject: Nanaimo River Chum

I fished the Nanaimo River today upstream a half Km from the Riverside Rd (off Wilkinson Rd) location and saw quite a few very large Chum. They seemed to be mainly in the rapids and not biting very much. I managed to have four on and three of these broke off so I didn't see if they were snags but they felt like it.

The other was very large and caught in the mouth. I met a gear fisherman who had walked down from the Firehall pool. He said that he had caught 10 there using a float, weight, and spinner combination.

The water levels were quite adequate and perhaps a few inches lower than other years. I saw Ian Stewart there. He said that the water came up a foot today and had heard that the Chum were exceptionally large this year. The one I beached was the largest I have ever seen.