

## Big Qualicum, Nov 15

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PS Fished Big Q on Sunday, but unfortunately they did not open the gates and let any of the fresh fish up above the hatchery. Andrew did get a nice 19 inch rainbow on a trout bead and a very dark jack coho, but mostly it was avoiding the skunky chums in the river! There were some beautiful silver bright chum as well as some fresh coho in the two pools by the hatchery, but they are closed to fishing until they get their quota of coho for egg take. (not sure why they still have a 4 coho limit on the river if they are short of coho . . . one of the mysteries of our great DFO I guess.?)

Shawn and Mandy fished the Nanaimo on Wednesday and Mandy caught a lovely chrome coho about 3 or 4 pounds. They texted me asking me if they could keep it. Silly me, I didn't realize that for the first time in years, you are able to keep one wild coho in the Tidal portion of the Nanaimo! The regulations are very confusing in explaining that--at one point (from September 11 to October 25)-- you are able to keep two coho (one of which may be wild) but you are not allowed to fish for them . . . go figure!