

Eve River Day Trip

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Met our company from Portland. Randy is a steelheader in Oregon and had not fished for salmon with fly until Monday when I introduced him to the Eve with your help Bruce and Basher Bob's.

We arrived at about 9:30am.....the low tide. The day was generally cloudy with some showers - nothing serious.

We took our time getting geared up as we had the whole day to fish, or so we thought.

The parking/camp spot had about 6-7 trailers still parked but few fishers to be seen. There was about 6 guys in total that we spotted fishing. We headed to Kiddie's pool as there was 3 guys there into fish. We tried below there but no luck after some casting so headed up to join the others.

Didn't take long to hook up with some Pinks. I went with a UV pink body polar chenille wrap, hotpink marabou tail (small) and silver beadhead. Fish were very cooperative especially the smaller ones.

However, some larger males 5-7 lbs were willing to swallow our offerings. Pretty much stayed with the same fly as it worked all day. Randy did well for a newbie and we limited out pretty quick. Fish were in mixed shape....most in decent condition with some fresh fish....often the larger males in the best shape.

Three guys just above us were using 2 handers and catching fish. I thought the 2 handers were a little over-kill for Pinks however...they were enjoying their casting....throwing to the far deep bank - almost.

Did not hook up with any Coho.....but heard from the 3 fishers above that one caught a 15lber. and the other caught 2 coho - 8 and 10lbs. last week.

The 3 guys above usturned out to be Tom and Bill and a younger guy with a 2 hander as well. I didn't recognize the younger guy.

I talked briefly to Tom and he mentioned to me about the Coho they found last week.

I thought I saw a rather large salmon jump very high in the pool. It could have been a Coho. Nobody caught anything but Pinks on our day of fishing however.

Three guys pulled in late to the parking lot and asked about Coho...they were planning to fish for a few days as they had a tent trailer set-up.

The big surprise for the day was the 16.6 High tide which came in like gang busters in the afternoon. It was like a mini-bore tide...raising the water levels very quickly. over a foot in 20-30 mins.

By about 2:00pm. crossing back to the left bank became impossible by the Island just below camping site. We looked at crossing over up river by the boundary.

We left at about 2:30pm.....and found the water was about 5 feet deep at the fish boundary. So moved up higher to find a spot. I crossed first and it was up to my tits - about a cm. to spare on waders. Randy was 5' 9" and it was up to his collar on his tip toes LOL. He used the fish cooler to float across the last 10 feet of water.....quite hilarious and I grabbed his wading stick and pulled him into shore.

Left the campsite parking spot at about 3:00pm.....cooler of smoker fish....good day had by all. Fishing was better when there was more current and flies swinging faster compared to the higher water with less current in the afternoon. The fly presentation with the swing seemed to trigger hits more than slower water....just an observation.

I wouldn't mind going up there sometime before Sept. 19th...and try to find some Coho fish in the tidal water.

Not sure if the river ban will be lifted with our wetter weather.....??

Could you please pass along to Bob....as he was a big with his directions.

And thanks for your help as well. It was nice to feel some fish fighting back as that was only my 2nd day of fishing this year.....Wow. hard to believe but true.

Cheers....Glenn