

## Fishing Report: Nanaimo River

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I have fished three times on the Nanaimo in the last week and have been mostly unsuccessful in finding any trout. The river bumped on Sunday night (Sept20) which might be due to a dump of water from the South Fork (to encourage Chinooks to get out of the lower part of the river.) I was using trout beads mostly, and hitting pinks regularly but mostly made an effort to shake them off because they were either spawning or very close to doing so. The first time out, I caught one small trout that had obviously been eating a lot of eggs because he had about the same girth as his length! I did see one coho at the Firehall Pool, but he wasn't interested in anything I threw in his direction! Second day, I saw nothing in the way of trout, but was interested to see 3 or 4 chums--seems earlier than I have seen them before. There were some Chinook in the river as well but very bad shape ("mushroom farms" as my brother Wayne calls them).



Nanaimo River 16 inch Rainbow Trout