

Fishing Reports Received August 6 -9, 2015

Bill Croft
August 6

Campbell River

Bill and Lloyd headed to the Campbell, arriving at 8.30 (low tide was at 6.00 approx).

First checked out behind Home Depot, no sign of fish, then up to the bridges, where schools of 15-20 pinks were seen just by the N bound bridge. Hiked down and fished the south bank. Water flow was decent and water temp approx 17 degrees estimated, surface rippled, flow approx 3 kts in main flow. Tried pink, blue-green, blue, purple/silver with only one brief bite. Lloyd tied into one on a blue/green for a good run but it was lost. 5-6 other fishers in the immediate area, apparently only one fish landed in a 2-3 hour period.

Gear chucker 100 m downstream from us did not fare any better. Tough sledding but a beautiful day.

Fish noted to be slowly moving upstream as the morning progressed, with occasional one launching out of water.

Left river at 1400 hrs and more fish observed to be arriving all the time.

Bill

Bob Kissinger
Aug 7, 2015

Campbell River

Four of us went to the Campbell river yesterday, 6th August. We arrived at the estuary, off Spit rd., by about 7:30 a.m. It was a lovely spot but we saw no fish. Ton talked to a couple of gear chuckers who reported no fish. They added that when the pinks are in that it was a good spot to fish.

Next we checked out the confluence of the Quinsam / Campbell. We saw some pinks and a few fly fishers and after a few minutes we decided to cross the logging bridge and to walk to the power house. Interestingly, shortly before the logging bridge I spotted a fellow loading 4 chrome pinkies into his vehicle.

As I had never been to the power house before I found it a rather pleasant 10 minute walk. After about an hour with no fish and only one jumper spotted, Dave C. and I went back to the logging bridge while Bernie and Ton decide to stay at the power house for another hour.

At the bridge we could see that the Quinsam / Campbell confluence was now crowded so Dave and I decide to fish on the south side of the bridge. After about an hour and 3 lost flies to the great river god , with no fish we called it a quits. After a quick chat we all decided to check out the Quinsam hatchery , the grab lunch at the Fisherman's Inn on the Oyster and to explore that area.

Although the Quinsam was low there was enough water for the pinks to reach the hatchery as there were about a thousand at the counting fence. Some of the hatchery staff were working on the holding pens there was no water of fish in them as yet. They mentioned that there had been a large black bear having a pinkie breakfast at the counting fence that morning.

After lunch at the Fisherman we went to the Pacific Playgrounds to check out the mouth of the Oyster. The tide by that time was high and we saw no fish, mind you we did see 3 pinks at the cleaning table. That fellow caught them trolling in the straight. From there we split up with Bernie and Ton going back to Nanaimo by the highway while Dave and I opted to take to old road to check out the fly shops.

The Nile creek shop was busy and Courtenay reported seeing some pinks off the beach that very lunch time. At Parksville we had a nice chat with the owner[Keith Hyett] who had some thin edge brite, (lazer wrap) in both pink and blue, so of course I just had to purchase one of each

When I got home I had a call from Norm N. of the Comox club who reported that one of his fellows had fished the Campbell that very morning and had beached 9 chrome pinks.

cheers,

Basher

Wayne Pealo
August 9, 2015

Bristol Bay, Alaska

Hi folks... Just back from Alaska fishing with Tye at the Nushagak river Camp. Great place to fish the Bristol a bay area. The camp is located 50+ miles upstream from the mouth of the river. The weather was crazy hot, should have taken our Hawaii gear 75-80F most days there. As a result, just like the Stamp river, the coho were out in the bay and not coming up the river. We managed to catch Chum , Sockeye and Pike but no Coho, with the largest fish caught 30". Spent

one day at Brooks Falls bear watching and fishing for Sockeye. What a blast fishing with Grizzly bears! Right Tyee? NOT!!! See the pics. Tight lines





Tye with friend....note the sword, I mean... filleting knife. No wonder the bears are running!