

Muddling Along July 19

Pink Salmon Report

Not a lot has been happening on the fishing front for me the last few weeks. I have been in the middle of repainting the outside of my house as well as the carport and other outbuildings. I am down to putting a few finishing touches on the trim and will put a coat of paint on the deck to cover up the splotches from spilled paint from the house!

Dale and I snuck away for 3 days up island to make sure the van is OK for camping this summer. We stopped by the Eve and stayed overnight at Naka creek in hopes of seeing some whales, but had to be content with a few sea lions and dolphins.

The Eve was empty of fish—there was one trailer there with a fisherman who had not seen any salmon yet. The usual units were there (belonging to the loggers I think), empty, but taking up the best three sites in the village.

On a positive note, there were pinks starting to show up moving by offshore of Naka Creek. Early in the morning they were quite close to shore and then moved out later in the day. I am pretty sure these were travelling fish on their way to the Quinsam I imagine. I didn't have a rod with me, but the two fishers I talked to (one a fly fisherman and one a gear chucker) had not caught anything as yet. I think they were only using pink coloured lures and flies, so that was probably part of the problem. Wayne (my brother) and I found 2 years ago that the travelling pinks preferred blue, green and silver colours over the pink, while the fish hanging around the Eve preferred pink combinations.

I would say that the pinks will be showing up at the Eve now as well, with good numbers coming in by the beginning of August.

On another positive note, they were just finishing up grading the entire Eve Main from the highway down to the village . . . but I guess that means they are going to run some loads of logs down (we saw one logging truck on the way out). The road into Naka Creek is a different story; the first 1 km has three washouts which have been filled with very coarse crushed rock (upto 10

or 12 inch pieces). Take it easy over those first 1000 metres if you decide to go over to Naka.



A quiet moment off Naka Creek.