

Muddling Along #22

Eve River July 30 to Aug 3

Had a good weekend up at the Eve with son and daughter-in-law. There were lots of pinks showing up and lots of fishermen as well! There were over 40 every day we were there



Spacious campground at the village (less than half the vehicles in the photo).

(Thursday to Monday Aug 3) and the village was bumper to bumper with vehicles. At one time on Sunday morning, I counted 55 fishermen in or near the water!

If you could find a school of pinks not being harassed by a crowd of fishers, they would bite most anything you threw at them.

Pink handlebar and variations on a blue-green fly seemed to work best. The pinks were ranging all the way from the breakwater down past the river and as far as the bluffs, so there were lots of places to fish. The ones further away from the river were in much better shape, much better fighters than the ones right in the river mouth. There were very few fish up in the river itself.

I caught a nice coho (6 or 7 lbs) and heard of a couple of others being caught. Shawn took a break from fly fishing to cast a pink spoon on his spinning rod and got the surprise of his life when a rockfish he was playing got grabbed by a large (20 lbs) lingcod. We managed to land it on the shore because the ling had the spoon hook caught on the outside of his lip and I slid him

up on the beach when he spit out the rock fish and the hook pulled out.



Lots of space to fish on stretch of beach south of the Eve Estuary.



The Orcas went by twice in three days. This group had 3 large bulls and 3 or 4 calves as well as a number of cows and younger bulls.



Chrome pink on green shrimp pattern.