

Nasty Chum Puntledge River Nov 11

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On Remembrance day Ton and I went to the Puntledge to check out the reports of good chum fishing.

It was a gorgeous bright, calm day with lots of fish in the river. On his 3rd cast Ton was into a good doe which he beached. I had a number of fair hooked fish on, including what looked like a coho but failed to land any. So when I got a reasonable fresh well hooked LARGE male chum on, I put a lot of pressure on it. Not a such good idea! My trusty 10 weight fiberglass Eagle Claw kind of came apart . (I've had this rod since the mid 70's, landed a 30 pound chinook on it as well as countless pinks and chums). To add insult to injury while trying to hand line this fish it broke my 17 pound leader.

Good thing I brought a spare rod, my 8 weight switch rod which I built a few years ago. Again NOT such a good idea. Twenty minutes and my second fish on this rod, it was another **SNAP!** And a few nasty



words. A great day in spite of the destruction. Next year the club should do a chum out on the Puntledge, probably about the later part of October.

Cheers, Basher

