

## Big and Little Qualicums Sept 10

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Andrew and I spent a few hours up at the mouth of the Little Q and stopped by the Big Q as well. There were a dozen and half boats out fishing the drop off a little Q with a few chinook and an occasional coho being caught. There was quite a large school of chinook holding off the mouth of the river, but we were only able to cast near a rise once with no success. Several other fishers there talked about having caught good numbers earlier in the week but had no luck on Saturday when we were there. Two fellows said they had been able to cast to a small school of coho down the beach on the north side of the river but didn't have any hookups. The Big Q had chinook holding in the pool below the hatchery with no coho visible. The hatchery hasn't allowed many fish into the upper river. We walked and fished up to the top of the spawning channel and only saw two chinook. A good day's fishing and casting, but not so good catching!

Ian