

# Chum Flies

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As chums are a 4+ year fish I am hoping that the warm water blob will not affect this year's returns. Locally the Nanaimo and Chemainus estuaries do not open until the 26<sup>th</sup> October and the Nanaimo River doesn't open for chums until November 1<sup>st</sup>.

On the other hand the Puntledge, Big Qualicum and the Little Qualicum are open for chum retention on the 1<sup>st</sup> October. Last year I was getting them in the Little Q by the 14<sup>th</sup> October when a lot of them were still clean and bright.

My favorite chum fly is tied on a # 1 barbless Eagle Claw octopus hook as it has a large gap and is very strong.



A favorite is tied with a 3/16 blaze orange bead and the body is chartreuse medium palmered chenille wrapped around the hook.



Also of note is that Ton caught a very nice coho in the Nanaimo estuary on the chartreuse one a couple of years ago.

This is not one of my creations but a theft from Andrew C. Naturally it is wise to tie it in a few colours, just in case



Cheers, Basher