Fishing Report for November 6

(Nanaimo and Big Qualicum Rivers)

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The excellent chum fishing on the Nanaimo came to a crashing halt by Thursday (nov 3) as the monsoons hit with a vengeance! The fishing on Tuesday was excellent in the estuary as fresh chum were coming in in good numbers and were quite willing to bite flies drifted in front of them. Some of the fish were still silver and the fresh ones were still carrying the sea lice from their recent trip through Nanaimo harbour. The fly of choice for me was a #4 Daichi tied with a 5/32 orange bead and a body of chartreuse fritz. Even the spawners were biting the fly, which was preferable to foul hooking them because they could be brought in quickly and released rather than wearing the arms out trying to subdue a foul hooked fish.

The Big Qualicum is still just fishable with lots of fresh still coming in (according to a report received Friday evening (Nov 4). I am hoping to make a trip up there early next week . . . I am hoping that the rain will ease off a bit and allow for some more fall fishing before it is all over!