

Nile Creek Beach Aug 13

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Subject: [cvff] Nile Creek Beach Fishing Report

Last week, August 7th, the Pinks started showing up, and the beach was almost vacant of anglers.

What a difference a week makes... August 13th.

Saturday morning. 6:00 am – 7:00 am. Falling tide. Flat calm water surface. No breeze. Bright orange sunrise. Pink salmon ranging along the beach from about the hydro sub-station up to “ladder bay”. Thirty-five other fishers strung out along the beach, none wading in over ankle deep. A mother harbour seal was teaching its young-one to hunt fish close in to the shore – well within casting distance. That activity kept the fish on the move and gave everyone a chance at casting to the roving pod. Three salmon brought to hand and released on a #8 Crystal Pinkie fly. Enough catching to make it interesting.

What a difference a day makes... August 14th.

Sunday morning. Just at daybreak, 5:30 am – 6:10 am. Falling tide. Calm, slightly rippled surface. Only a slight breeze. Before sunrise, so no colour on the horizon. Only a small pod of Pink salmon holding very close-in and not ranging out of casting distance. They would occasionally swirl as they jockeyed for position. No seals lurking around. Hooked, beached and released five pinks in about as many casts. Over two dozen other fishers along the beach now. No other anglers seen with hookups. Of the five salmon caught, only one was fair-hooked. With that ratio I stopped fishing in disgust. **N.B.**—this pod of Pink salmon was laying within about three rod lengths from the water’s edge, in a little over knee-deep water. It was nearly impossible to lay out a line without encountering a fish, hence the unintended foul hooking. They just stayed in that one little area and never moved up or down the beach. And still more people were pouring down to fish the beach as I left.

Cheers,

Rory