

## **Coho Fishing Reports for the Week of September 25 – 30**

**From:** Bruce Murray [drbm@shaw.ca]

Jason, Bob and I ventured over to the San Juan River this week to scope out the coho fishing. For three beautiful sunny warm days, we and four other unknown boats and more kayakers chased dozens of large (15 lb+) and average sized silver bright coho as they jumped and played us upstream and downstream of the San Juan bridge. It was very entertaining and the camaraderie among boats was superb, however, it was the worst case of lockjaw I had ever witnessed: only one fish landed over 3 days from boats and another coho caught (foul hooked) by gear chackers off the bridge deck. Three memorable days in the sun and lots of coho entertainment with great boat people to chat and laugh with....everyone was amaze to the point that someone was going to land a jumping coho in their boat....really it was that good...

I understand wet weather is descending on us so the lock jaw stuff should end shortly and someone is going to clean up on these clowns (coho).

We investigated the San Juan river as far as we could navigate boat with 4 hp motor....right channel produced one naked hippy with three dogs and the left channel up to the logjam produced frolicking coho, at least to the power line crossing. We hiked upstream of the logjam and ran into a drift boat and many fly fishers that floated down from Fairy Lake and were casting over moldy Chinooks like the one Basher caught in Conuma....about the same degree of decay as well as lockjaw.

All in all....it was a very fun trip without landing a coho. Going back to explore more.....very interesting watershed.

Oh ya, Bob caught one coho and lost (after breaking a few knuckles) in the first hour of first day so we thought we were really into them. Landed several small sculpins and a couple of five inch Chinooks and several barnacle balls for our efforts. Should be good fishing after this rain!!!

**From: Norm Neiderer [nnwneiderer@gmail.com]**

Hi All,

It was such a nice evening, Eloise and I decided to go look for Coho.



We left the marina at 5:30 pm and came back at 7:30. We first went to the Royston Wrecks and would you believe, we saw one Coho jump just close to the launching ramp. It was in about 4 feet of water. One (in waders) could have easily cast to it from shore. We then went slowly to the Trent River into almost the bay of the Kingfisher but didn't see anything else.

Cheers,

Norm

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From: **Tom Murray** <[rolledmuddler@gmail.com](mailto:rolledmuddler@gmail.com)>

Date: Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 11:46 AM

Subject: Coho

The first signs just passed our place. The coho have finally showed up and the seals are following not far behind. The fog comes and goes but early morning would seem

to be the most active.

Tight lines

Tom

From: **Kelly Kovach** <[kovach.kp@gmail.com](mailto:kovach.kp@gmail.com)>

Date: Fri, Sep 29, 2017 at 9:25 AM

To: Norm Neiderer <[nnwneiderer@gmail.com](mailto:nnwneiderer@gmail.com)>

Hi

I'm new – met Norm at the Haig-Brown festival ... There are Chinook and Coho entering the Campbell R and they usually lay up between the bridges ... the odd Coho is in the Quinsam as well. The fish were fairly easy to see until they raised the outflow a few days ago.

Cheer

Kelly

From: **Lynn** <[shadesofgrayart@gmail.com](mailto:shadesofgrayart@gmail.com)>

Date: Fri, Sep 29, 2017 at 3:31 PM

Subject: Re: Coho

To: Norm Neiderer <[nnwneiderer@gmail.com](mailto:nnwneiderer@gmail.com)>

Hi Norm. Lynn here.

Loads of fish coming in right now under the condensory bridge. Mostly chum, one or two coho and a handful of pinks.

From: **Rod Hamilton** <[diyflatsfishing@gmail.com](mailto:diyflatsfishing@gmail.com)>

Date: Fri, Sep 29, 2017 at 2:20 PM

Subject: Coho report

To: Norm Neiderer <[nnwneiderer@gmail.com](mailto:nnwneiderer@gmail.com)>

Hey Norm;

Quick report for you. Friend came in from Ontario so spent this morning fishing. Decided on Saratoga/Miracle Beach area.

Scouted around quite a bit and really nothing happening, very few fish sighted.

So walked up to the mouth of the Oyster where the two pilings are and found some fish. We ended up with three but had to quite as the wind and rain came in. I don't mind fishing in the waves but these were knocking us over.

There you go, a few around just some walking required.