

Campbell Quinsam Oct 17 - 19

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Andrew and I braved the weather and went to Elk Falls Campground for a few days.



Above picture is the river at the front of the campsite when we arrived . . . very dirty and high!

The rivers were very high and rumours from fellow fishers said that the Quinsam coho all shot up to the hatchery when the wet weather first hit last week. Apparently there are 8 or 9 thousand coho up at the hatchery and very few new ones coming in at the moment.



We fished the Campbell for two days, hitting lots of chinook and chums but losing all of them to the fast water.



Even with 20 or 25 lb test leaders, it was difficult to stop the big fish in the fast current and big water in the Campbell.

The last day we fished the morning on the Quinsam at which point it had cleared to a reasonable colour but the level needed to drop another foot to make it really fishable. We landed one small dark chinook and had a few other fish on including some trout as well as quite a few big, dark chinook, but didn't land any of those. We spent a couple hours at a place north of the city and found a good haul of yellow chanterelles, so supper that night had some

local flavour added!



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