Fishing Reports for the week of August 14 - 20

From: John Ellis [John.e25@telus.net]

Hi Bruce,

Just talked to Quinsam hatchery. Biologist swam the Campbell river yesterday and counted 34 Springs, 75,000 Pinks, most had sea lice on them, 21,000 at the Sandy pool. Most fish were at the Pump house to the John Hart Dam. 3,500 at the Hatchery fence.

Thanks

John Ellis

From: Harry McLeod [hamcleod@shaw.ca]

Aug 16th

Fished Campbell 8:30 to 1:30. Only netted 1 mouth caught, one other the same, but got off after 5 minute fight. Landed several others hooked elsewhere on the body including one probably in the 7 pound range. I think I had probably another half dozen that got off in less than 15 seconds. Like a week ago, most anglers stayed less than an hour. I saw three on the north shore, I think with a guide, several of us on the south shore and up to eight upstream. The best spots were close to the rapids on the south shore, and on the north shore opposite. The river is shallow, so a heavy sink tip or fly will get you lots of snagging the bottom. I found that a 5.6"/sec. sink tip, a short 15 pound tippet, and an un-weighted fly worked best to reduce that and still catch fish. I tried a variety of colours and got the impression that an un-weighted light blue Krystal Flash on a #6 hook got their attention. Bead or no bead didn't seem to matter. It became clear that while this section of the river was lightly populated with fish, many were not interested in biting, hence landings that were commonly foul hooked. Forgot to take the temperature!

From: Bob Hammersley < hammersleybob@gmail.com> via Norm Neiderer [neiderer@shaw.ca]

Aug 17th

Hi Norm

Thought I'd pass along a bit of contact knowledge. Last Wed. Fished Campbell between the bridges and did well on weighted Cliffees. Seemed to be lots of fish. Went back on Sunday early and used the same setup and flies and got a lot of casting practice. Finally managed 2 fish, one on a blue thing and one on a small mudler. River was crawling with weekenders. Weather got hot so packed it in about 11 and went home. Going to give it a shot tomorrow and will report results.

Aug 18th

Hi Norm

Had a good day on the C.R. but not many to hand. Fished the upper pool in the fly water and had many on but off after a few runs. Blue over green was productive. Lots of company. Max fishers in the snagger and bagger pool but nobody was catching. Too bad.

Cheers – Bob

From: John Ellis [John.e25@telus.net]

Aug 20th

Hi Bruce. I was also at the Campbell Friday, fished from 9 am till 5 pm, no fish. Only a few fish caught in the morning. Talked to the lady talking a count of the fish being caught from the fishery, by 3 pm only 20 had been caught. Nice day wrong time.ha!.

John Ellis.

Eve River Fishing Report Aug 19th

From: Gerry Stevens via Bob Kissinger [basherbob@outlook.com]

Gerry S. reported that the pinks are now staging in the "kiddie pool" with one fellow catching a good sized coho as well. When he left on Friday the crowds were down.

He added that this coming week with its large tides should be good.

cheers

Bob