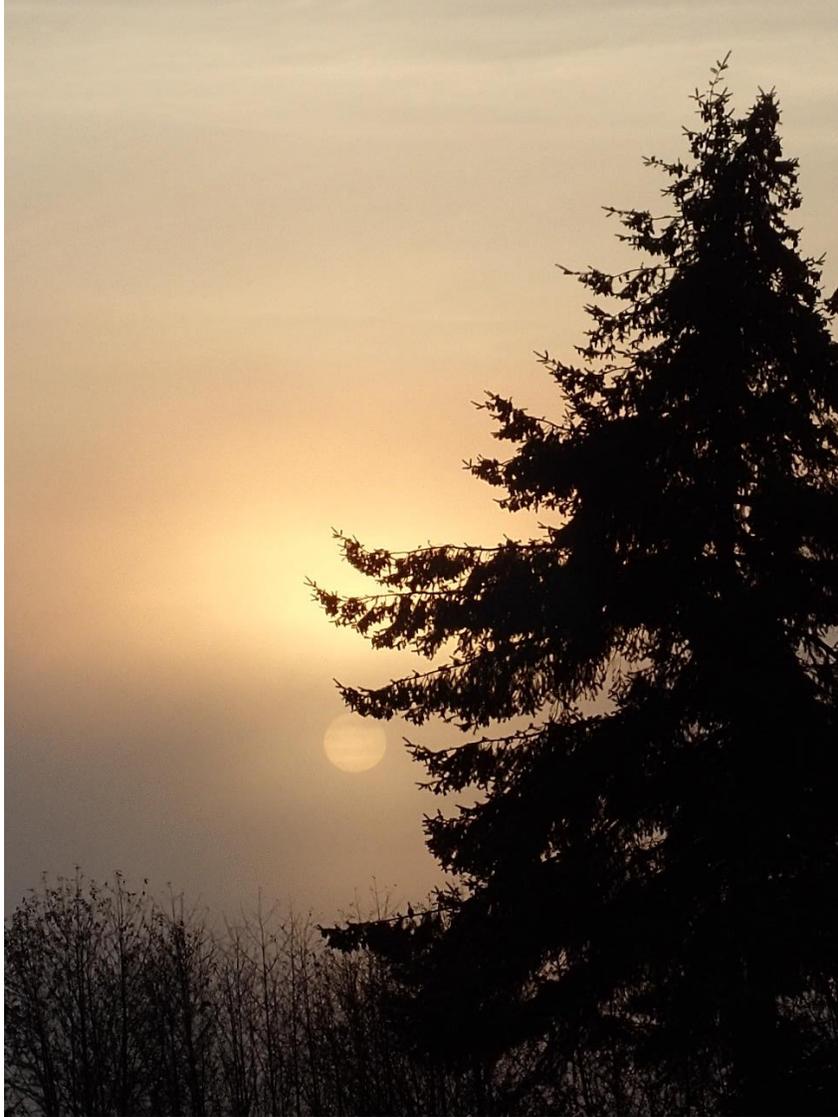


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Friday, 19th October, Gary Smith and I arrived at Royston shortly after 8 a.m. only to find it foggy. While gearing up near the “wrecks” one of the Comox lads came off the beach to say there wasn’t anything at that end. He added that yesterday there was a bunch on the far side near the Trent River. So off we went to that side.



There were LOTS of fish, chrome bright coho with some probably over 12 pounds and even some mature chums. They jumped to the right of us, then the left, then in front and finally behind us. One even splashed water in Gary’s face. BUT they wouldn't bite. Gary changed flies 4 times and I, 6 times, but NO takers. We stripped slow, we stripped fast, we stripped short and long but nothing worked. Fortunately, none of the other 4 or 5 other fishermen hooked anything either so we didn’t feel too bad.

The fog would thin and then rebuild and then thin again. It was still foggy when we called it quits at 10:45 a.m. Once again, the fish and chips at Roy’s pub was good, then it was the old highway back home.

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I would think that the Royston beach should be fishy until the rains next week and maybe a little after that. Mind you I think that a fellow should be on the Puntlege on the first day of the rains because that is where most of those chromers will be going.



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Just in case you are wondering about Pic's 3 and 4, in pic. 3 I was trying to catch a coho in the air but all I caught was the splash. Those buggers are fast. Pic.4 is a school of coho swirling just below the surface. At times we would see just the dorsal fin or part of the tail breaking the surface.



In Royston Bay the retention limit is 2 hatchery coho but on the far side of the Trent river it is 2 coho , one of which may be wild.

Cheers

Basher