

Puget Sound Fly Fishers

July 2013



What Are You Doing This Summer?



Speaker

Blake Merwin - Sea Runs & Salmon

Program

The Leader Line

by

Mike Trask

Saltwater Fly Fishing for Pink Salmon

Pink salmon are much smaller than Coho and Chinook, but what they lack in size they make up for in power and fun. On their summer migration they become accessible to the fly fisher along coastal shorelines near their home rivers. Look for 'locator' pinks that are leaping salmon announcing the appearance of Pink salmon schools.



(Barry M. Thornton)
Hello, we are here!!!
Do you want to come
over and play?

For those anglers
who do not have

access to a boat, fishing for Pink salmon is done on shallow shoals, near kelp beds, or near shallow structure inshore at depths up to 40 feet. Beyond this depth it is difficult to sink a fly to where the salmon swim and feed. A list of beaches that I have fished for Pink salmon are as follows:

North West Beaches:

Fort Flagler near Port Townsend
Point No Point near Hansville
Eglon Beach near Hansville
Salsbury County Park near Port Gamble
Kitsap Memorial State Park near Lofall
Miller Bay near Indianola
Fay Bainbridge State Park on Bainbridge Island
Quilcene Bay
East Sound Beaches:
Lincoln Park
Three Tree Beach
Golden Gardens near Seattle's Shilshole Bay

Kayak Point north of Everett

South Sound Beaches:

Titlow Beach

Fox Island Pier (below the Pier)

Dash Point State Park

Browns Point

Beach Fishing:

When fishing the beaches near river mouths, it is best to take up a position and allow the fish to come to you. If you spend the day moving from spot to spot you'll not be as successful since the schools slowly cruise the shoreline. The exception to this is at low tide. When the tide drops move near the river mouth. The fish funnel in there and are "fish in a barrel" until the tide rises again. From the Beach you will normally fish the incoming tide. When fishing in the tidal current or the current of the river mouth remember to mend your line to present the fly to the fish as its natural prey would appear. Casting crosscurrent and dragging the fly back is a common mistake most anglers make when beach fishing. The drag makes the fly move in the wrong direction, just as in a river, and you get significantly fewer strikes because of it.

Fly patterns are simple ties that imitate the food of pink salmon. The Pink Salmon feed mostly on small shrimp, squid, baitfish and other small crustaceans. Small streamer patterns of blue, pink or green over silver bodies tied on stainless steel hooks in sizes #8 through #2 work well and are most common. Pink appears to be one of these salmon's their favorite colors and is probably due to the fact that the fish feed significantly on shrimp and Euphasids. If you plan to fish the estuaries it is wise to remember that you are dealing with salt water. Maintain your gear diligently or the salt will ruin it in short order. Anodized reels are the rule of the day to help prevent rust and corrosion. Chest waders are a necessity since you will be wading deep. Make sure your wading boots have sturdy soles and that the waders have sewn-in knee patches to protect the areas that may come in contact with barnacles. Remove your fly boxes and other gear from your lower pockets if you wear a full-length vest. If

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Our Next Meeting
Thursday, July 11, 2013

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Tower Lanes Entertainment Center
6323 6th Ave.
Tacoma WA 98406

PSFF NEWS

July 2013 Program

Blake Merwin

Surprising to many, Blake has absolutely no business education but extensive theological training, including a Masters of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary ('07) and Ordination in the Evangelical Covenant Church ('12). Blake runs a successful fly shop in a beautiful downtown Gig Harbor location with six staff. In addition to his duties at the fly shop he also guides out of the shop, is an Associate Pastor of Local Outreach at a local church, foster parent, and husband, yet still finds time to tie flies, play guitar, fish, and brew his own beer!

The presentation will focus on fly fishing for sea run cutthroat and salmon in Puget Sound, with particular attention given to the South Sound and Hood Canal. Gear, flies, techniques, and most importantly where to go, will be covered. The growing popularity of kayak and stand up paddleboard fly fishing will also be addressed.

FLY SWAP

Spring is almost over. Can you believe that? With this year's excellent Park Lake outing behind us, it is time to start thinking of some good dry fly fishing in area rivers, streams and lakes. Time to hit the bench once again. This fly swap will focus on "Dry Flies". Sparkle Duns, Ants, Muddlers, Adams, Catskill Flies, Mice.... you name it. This swap is open to fly tiers and non-fly tiers alike (if you do not wish to tie flies, go out and buy some.)

The objective of the fly swap is to encourage club members to tie and/or share their favorite flies with others. I'm sure a few stories will come along with those great looking flies.

There will be a signup sheet at the June meeting. The rules of this fly swap will be communicated shortly after. This swap will be limited to 12 seats so be sure to sign up quickly.

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FFF EVENTS

FFF Events in 2013

The Federation of Fly Fishers International Fly Fishing Fair will be held in West Yellowstone, MT. This will be a FALL gathering, September 24 - 28, 2013.



NOTE: Family Illness prevented me from getting this issue proof read.. Please excuse any gramatical / spelling errors

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Fishing Report Provided by *The Gig Harbor Fly Shop*

"The summer is here! Clients are getting burnt, farmers markets are in full swing, and shore lunches do not include chili anymore. Here are a few highlights of whats been going on for us in the shop:

-The cutthroat fishing has been great in the south sound, olive over white Clouser style flies have been producing well for me the more flash the better. The popper bite has been really good as long as you are in an area without a ton of floating weeds I find stripping them along the side of the weed line to be extremely productive.

-Ling Cod was still going strong right up till the closer on the 15th and provided fly anglers with an exciting challenge and an opportunity to break out the 10-12wts.

-The gear guys are doing really well on the spring chinook... That is about all I know about that, if you would like to turn some heads around the shop, tell me a story about catching one of these things on a fly in the salt water.

-As for freshwater opportunities, the deeper colder lakes are still fishing well for trout, where as the shallower lakes are still great options for the bass and warm water fans.

-Summer steelhead are showing up in the rivers with some good numbers and with the great weather we are having it's a great time to go swing a fly!

-Still about a month till the Pinkocalypse...

-Justin "

2013 NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy - As I sit here at Grinwood Community Center on Hicks Lake and write about The Academy, it is Monday and the boys and girls are practicing their tying with Janet Shimpf, Karen Royer is going to tie on Tuesday. Both ladies are professional fly tyers. Karen also is volunteering as the girl's Gillie during camp. Dick Matthaei, Robert Gerlach and Carroll Hall are teaching fly casting. P.J. Hicks stayed all day on Sunday teaching about fly tying tools and Kevin Ryan taught knot tying, presented a Stream Side Ethics and Etiquette class at 8:30 pm. Dave Bryant is monitoring the fly tying, maintaining all the supplies. This afternoon one of our boys talked to his father in Afganistan via Skype and the kids had questions for his dad. A very remarkable event. They have class on Sunday and Monday, then Monday evening they all go fly fishing, some to the Nisqually Ponds, the others to the Little Deschutes River. 9:26 pm Monday evening – just got home from the ponds – the girls caught the most fish with the help

Pink Outing August 10th 2013

by Dan Carlton

At last the long awaited Pink Salmon are on their way to Puget Sound. WDFW Estimated 9,000,000+ fish returning to Puget Sound.

Awhile back we had quite a buzz among members about fishing Pinks. At the last meeting I gave a short briefing on what I'm trying to do this year. For this our first outing for Pinks it will be plan as we go.

First we have a group that will be fishing from a boat. The second group will be beach fishing. If you have a Boat and have an empty seat please take a club member. If you know good beaches to fish please share this info at the next meeting. At this time I think we all know who to talk to. If you don't have a Pink fishing buddy yet or are new to this type of fishing ask someone if you can tag along. Maybe buy them lunch or a cold Beer after fishing? Local fly shops are a great place for picking up info/advice.

Yes Pink fishing can be crowded on the beach and on the water, especially on a weekend. I've found if you try to get along with other fisherman you can have a great day. If not, go find another beach to fish. I personally don't like dodging "Buzz Bombs" directed at me when in my Boat 300 ft from shore. Now is a good time to get out and explore some beaches.

Remember Larry Phillips from WDFW? In his talk he stated that Pink's lined the shoreline in the Narrows heading south to

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of Dick Matthaei and his chironomids. Thanks Dick. Also helping were Carroll Hall and Robert Gerlach. Three spent Sunday afternoon and all day Monday teaching casting. Incredible commitment. Chuck Tye will be helping with the Ponds Weds. and Thursday evening. Terry Lueck helped with guiding on the river. We have posted a number of pictures on our Facebook site – NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy. Today is Tuesday - Robert and Carroll are back to work on casting with the kids again, that's 3 days. Mike Koslosky just gave an incredible class on "Matching The Hatch." Thanks again to everyone that shared their time for the kids, this is a wonderful experience for both the kids and staff. It's time to send in my message to Gus.

Mike Clancy

you don't you will end up wading deeper than the bottom of the vest and you will soak whatever is in your bottom pockets in salt water. Once you get home hose down your boots and waders and disassemble your reels and flush the parts with warm water to get rid of any residual salt. I cannot stress good maintenance enough when dealing with ocean water. I've seen many instances of good gear ruined due to lack of proper maintenance.



Les Rosenthal)

The world record Pink salmon was caught in Washington State's Skagit River in 2001 and weighed 14.49lb. However, the average size of these fish is much smaller and falls between 3 and 5.5lbs. Above: a nice Pink Salmon caught on Les Rosenthal's boat.

Personal Sales at Meetings

The Board is requesting that members who have personal fly fishing related items for sale please check with any Board member prior to bringing them to a membership meeting. The member will direct you to a designated area to set up your items rather than placing them on the "raffle table." There has been some confusion and rather than deny access, we have designated a specific table where members can display their articles for sale. Non-Fly Fishing articles should not be sold at a membership meeting. Please restrict those sales to the Yahoo site or to the monthly newsletter "classified section." Thanks for your cooperation.

Raffle News

Here they come! Pink salmon are on their way - 6 million of 'em and you should be able to get a few with the special offers we have for July.

Tie into them with this complete starter outfit as they cruise by our shores;

TFO 5/6 wt, 4 pc, 9' rod with matched reel complete with backing and line all in its own cordura travel

Annual Club Picnic

August 17, 2013

By Steve Saville

Okay FOLKS. It's that time of year again. The annual event will be held at my place in Dash Point on August 17. That should be in the middle of the Pink Salmon run and there is trail access to the beach for fishing. There will be a low tide at about 6:45 that morning with tide coming in all day. High tide is about 1:45 so fishing should be relatively good providing we have a strong run. I'll be happy to be the early morning Gilley but will need to make my way up to the house later in the morning to insure that everything is ready for our gathering. There is limited parking at the house but a half block up the hill is a parking lot at the old Dash Pt. School so you may drive in and drop off your belongings and then I would ask that you move your cars to the parking lot. We want to limit the four or five parking spots to those who have mobility issues and we are not the only house on the Cul de sac. The directions are long but if you have a GPS in your vehicle, type in 8604 Eastside Dr. That will get you to our neighbor's house and our driveway. Once there, drive in and around the circle (about 150 yards) to drop off and then back out to the parking lot. If you want specific directions, you can email me (stevesaville@comcast.net) and I will be glad to send them as I have an electronic set. I'm sure that the outings folks have already put out information regarding the Pot Luck items to bring. We have tables and chairs as well as pop-up awnings there but you are welcome to bring your own.

case. This package is valued at over \$200 but can be yours for as little as \$1.

Need flies? We've got that covered for you with a box full of pink flies with your name on it. Plus I'm throwing in a Wonder Bar to wash that fishy stink off your hands - you'll need it!

It's also time for summer steelhead and there's a box of these big nasties available as well. Swing 'em and sting 'em.

And for you folks heading east to do a little summer camping, take a chance on a box of damsel nymphs and big fat terrestrials. Nothing says summer like a box full of hoppers.

Upgrading your beat up old fly line? Here's a device to attach to your rod making that job oh so much easier. I've thrown in some line cleaner as well so your line will last a little longer.

Remember \$5 gets you 6 tickets, \$10 gets you 12. Bring money - win stuff.



"Out of the Salt

and

into the Pan"

by Steve Saville

Is it July already? Wow! Where does the time go? We are heading into my favorite time of the year. In just a couple of weeks, I will be starting what will be about three months of daily fishing for salmon in Puget Sound. The bi-annual Pink Salmon run should be starting near the end of the month and then just about the time it begins to slow, the Coho should be getting strong, providing the fishing gods shine on us this year. Last year's Silver run was really strong compared to recent years. The beach fishing should be outstanding, given the early predictions for the Pink run. Hopefully everything will prove to be true.

As we near the Pink run, I thought I might spend some time on general salmon fishing on the Sound and from the beach specifically. It doesn't take much to become a reasonably successful salmon fisher during this period of time but there are a few things that I can humbly pass along that may make your experience more rewarding. First, get out and practice casting a bit before you hit the beach. There's nothing worse than clipping a log or rock behind without knowing it and then finding out later that you have been casting without a hook point. Most of the beaches are sloped, as you know, and so your back cast will naturally be closer to the ground behind, especially if you waded out a bit. You don't need to be a hundred foot caster to catch a Pink Salmon off the beach. If you can consistently cast 40 to 60 feet then you are probably in the ballgame. Many times, people cast over fish close in and spook them. These fish skirt the shoreline and if they aren't spooked, a short cast is all that is necessary. I have hooked many following fish within a rod's length. That gets pretty exciting!

That brings me to another point. Try to keep the drag set a little loose. If you hook a fish that close, you can easily snap off the fly or worse yet, the tip of your rod. I have first-hand knowledge and experience with the broken tip routine and it was on the puniest Pink Salmon I have ever caught. It was embarrassing! My friend Luca Brasi, wouldn't even talk to me. You can always tighten up a bit after the fish is hooked well but

keep in mind that Pink Salmon have very soft mouths.

It's a good thing to use a stripping basket when fishing from the beach. It's not mandatory, of course, but your experience will be better if you aren't removing tangled seaweed or driftwood from your line every cast because it was lying in the water beside you as you stripped it in. I can make some suggestions as to how to make a cheap and effective basket from stuff you can buy locally.

Lines are a matter of preference. Many people prefer the Rio Outbound (my personal choice) or Air Flo's 40+. I have also used Scientific Anglers' Streamer Express lines but any good quality line will work as long as it is cared for properly. Fish can be caught on sink tip lines and floaters so the choice is up to the fisherman. Leaders are also a matter of preference but any good quality leader will work as long as it is strong enough to hold the fish. I usually use 6 to 10 lb. leaders but that's just me. Monofilament or Fluorocarbon? Use whatever you like depending on your fly and line preference. String your line and leader up on a good quality reel that has a reasonable drag system and a bit of backing. Proper rinsing after use will allow you to use any reel in your arsenal (if you have one). I use an anodized aluminum reel so if I skip the proper rinsing once, I won't wind up with a corroded mess later. I can also show you my "Pink Salmon Box" if you need some pattern suggestions.

In the past few years, the fish have become healthier meaning their size has increased with each run. During the '03 and '05 runs, the Pink Salmon were averaging about two to three pounds and about 16 to 20 inches, generally. With the improving numbers, the size of the fish has increased, dramatically. The largest I have caught was a 9 lb., 12 oz. male without a hump.

That brings me to what I really wanted to point this month's topic toward. We all love a great fight with a fish, don't we? So your rod weight choice becomes critical as well as controversial. Here's where I drag out the "soap box." Just remember that my pal, Luca Brasi, has my back. So often I hear that guys and ladies hit the beach with a five or six weight rod and that the Pinks can be handled easily on these rods. Certainly they can but is it really in the best interest of the fish? "The Tug is the Drug" when fishing for Pinks. These fish have spent months returning and by the time they hit our beaches, they have begun to tire. Their sole purpose is to return to spawn so we can continue to enjoy them. When you choose your rod, please, please, I beg you to make a wise decision. If you love this fishery like I love it, think about the resource when you go out to enjoy it and take a heavier rod like a 7 or 8 wt. The hook-up will be just as exciting but you will be able to land your catch more quickly. That allows you

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Hot Scoop

PJ'S TIPS



Tying Tip - Flash in a flash

My crystal flash, flash-a-boo, etc. used to drive me nuts. It was difficult to get out of the package and even more difficult to get back in. If I left it out of the package it tangled and became generally unruly. The solution to this problem is so simple even a fly tyer can do it! First, remove the material from the package. The material is generally held in a bundle with a cable tie. Take the pointed end of the tie and poke it through the closed end of the zip-lock package. You now have a convenient 'handle' to grasp. Next cut off one of the corners of the package on the diagonal. The opening only needs to be about 1/4" on a side. It is easy to use your scissors tips or bodkin to pull out the required number of strands and clip them off.

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NEW MEMBERS

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the Nisqually River in Aug by the tens of thousands. Remember Pink's love to hug the shoreline no matter where they are. Good time to go find some beaches. Contact me or our outing Chairperson Terry on Yahoo/groups if you have questions.

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to successfully release the fish, unharmed. The bonus in all of this also has two benefits. First, if you choose to keep the fish, it won't be full of lactic acid from the fight (it will taste better) and secondly, given your ultimate success, your arms will not get as tired. In essence the heavier weight rod will allow you a better experience and help preserve the resource at the same time.

Lastly, before you take to the beach, be sure you read the regulations thoroughly. They vary from area to area. Remember to pinch those barbs down and pay specific attention to the daily catch limits as they also vary depending on the type fishing you choose. In my opinion, it's the best time of year for salmon fishing on a fly and we can all have a great fishery. Be safe out there and make wise and ethical decisions. Tight lines.

Library Report by Galen Hansen

After my check of the library records, I see that there are 8 items that are overdue. I have emailed each of you that have the items out, requesting you return them at the next meeting. Also, some of the cards for materials were dropped off without being filled out. In the future, please hand the cards at checkout to me or my assistant so we can ensure that they are filled out correctly. Remember... the date to put on the card is in the form mm/yy. If you put on month and day, we may be hitting you up for a book that we think is years overdue because the date is entered wrong.

I added the book "Stillwater Solutions Recipes" by Brian Chan and Phil Rowley at the last meeting. It is currently checked out, but it looks good from my perusal prior to adding it to the library. Take a look at it when you get a chance.

If there is additional material that you would like to see added to our inventory, please drop me a line, or let me know at the meetings what you think would be a good addition to the library. My email addresses are galen1943@gmail.com and galen1943@yahoo.com. Gordon Myers email address is gemyers50@msn.com.

A reminder...only club members that are current on their dues are eligible to check out materials from the library. Only 3 items may be checked out at one time.

Laurent's Sun Village Resort
The Saga of C-7
by Mike Koslosky

Ah Park Lake, aquatic gem of the scablands, and site of the PSFF fishing season kickoff club get together. This premier event showcases the camaraderie of club members new and old, hosts fly tying and casting challenges, revels in good times around the campfire, offers an unbeatable smorgasbord of fine foods and steaks grilled to perfection all just a stones throw from a number of very fine fly fishing venues.

For those souls traveling by motorhome, fifth wheel trailers, or just a simple tent the accommodations are stellar. For those of us electing to reserve one of the humble bungallows - good luck! While some of these cabins may be quite serviceable, others, like cabin C-7, are a shade below prisoner of war compounds.

My initial foray to C-7 was last year and in true rustic fashion it came complete with a putrifying deer mouse nestled against the baseboard. No amount of airing out the cabin could remove the smell of death from the nose of the occupants; President Ned Krilich, Dan Carlton and myself. A Presidential Palace this was not. Nonetheless, we three stomachied it out, made our unregistered dead guest known to the management and chalked it up to rustic ambiance.

C-7 was our destination again this year and upon entering I was sure the unmistakable aroma of deceased rodent wafted in the air. Assured by my comrades I was delusional and simply flashing back to last year I relinquished my paranoia and settled into a weekend of guarded bliss in this broken down, single-wide wannabe.

Tired from the drive, ex-President Ned gave our threadbare, three legged couch a glance and in no time flat was deep in slumberland. I could tell from the cadence of his snoring that all was right with the world. Maybe this weekend would turn out just like it was supposed to after all.

With his energy restored Ned was his chipper self just in time to receive our first guests; President Mike Trask and ex-President Les Rosenthal. This was truly a momentous collection of dignitaries. Could it be that humble shack C-7 overcame its sordid past to become the Kennebunkport of Eastern Washington? Yes, the weekend was turning out just like it was supposed to.

It was ... until ex-President Ned accidentally slipped his hand between the couch cushions and discovered something moist and furry. Like Ferdinand the bull and his fateful bee encounter, Ned launched

from the couch and the look in his eyes told me he knew what I had feared all along. Dead rodent. Dammit, another dead rodent. Ned, Dan and I sprang into action ripping cushions off the couches, pulling furniture away from the walls. Another corpse lay behind couch number two. This fine piece of Goodwill castaway had holes chewed in them as big as grapefruits. Shit, nesting material! We could be outnumbered.

I knew my nose was not lying to me. I knew it. But I wasn't going to let this pass this time. With broom and dust pan in hand I swept up the carcasses, the 75 mouse turds scattered behind couch number two and assorted chip bags, dust bunnies, cracker bits, mummified spiders and other unidentifiable organic frass and headed to the Laurent's Sun Village Resort office.

Rusty was manning the front desk when I presented him with the dead mice, their collective shit and the rest of the debris from the floor of C-7. "Yeah, we've always had a problems with mice in C-7" drawled Rusty. "They're probably gettin' in under the sink" he surmised. Actually, he didn't surmise at all. He knew precisely how they were getting in. In my simple mind I thought "then why the hell don't you plug the hole and keep these vermin infested rodents out of your guests cottage?" Seemed a reasonable conclusion wouldn't you say?

Luckily I still had the evidence in my hand when I suggested he comp us the nightly fee for the near death experience. He agreed and graciously offered me a can of Febreze and Lysol disinfectant. Boy, I could hardly conceal my delight at having to disinfect and sanitize my own room! But sanity prevailed and I suggested he send over the maintenance crew to seal the holes and a cleaning crew to do what they should have been doing for months now. (The couch had enough food debris under the cushions to open a convenience store. But I'm sure he knew this - afterall the mice need food too.)

True to fashion the maintenance crew showed up the next morning and promised to take the entire kitchen sink off the wall so they could check for nests. Funny how they knew exactly where to look and what to find. Housekeeping also showed up during the day and gave that place a cleaning like it hasn't had in years. On second thought, I'm sure it hand't been cleaned in years.

With order restored, holes plugged, cracks caulked, kitchen cabinets gleaming like only well-worn plywood can maybe the weekend was turning out like it was supposed to. Well, it was ... until I noticed movement out of the corner of my eye while sitting on the commode. A spider, medium sized, glossy black globular body, long slender legs. Yup, looked to me like a member of the black widow family but before I could stretch out a leg and grind it into the linoleum, it slipped into a crack between the baseboard and door trim. Gone, just like that.

C-7, not your everyday Shangri-La. I won't be back but I've left a note for future occupants; "Enjoy the scablands but while you're here I suggest you sleep with one eye open."

Puget Sound Fly Company:

No more excuses, fishing season is here:

Our annual Pacific Albacore trips are booking now:

-August 16th (4 spaces left)

-August 2th (3 spaces left)

-September 7th (1 space left)

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RIVERS: The vast majority of our State's rivers will be opening up next weekend (Saturday June 1)

TROUT: Flows are looking reasonable and favorites like the Tilton and the Cedar should be fishing well from Day 1.

STEELHEAD: Remember being able to wet a line in an "S" river for Steelhead??? You will be able to again. The Snoqualmie, Stilly, and Sky will all have fish waiting. These fish have not seen a hook for a couple of years... dumb enough for you?

LAKES: If you haven't had your fill, the past several weeks' cooler weather has extended the lowland lake fishing. Even after they get too warm, lakes such as Rattlesnake and Leech (elevation) will start turning on. Don't forget Eastern Washington Lahontan lakes such as Omak and Grimes.

SALTWATER: Cutthroat fishing is good and will only get better. If you don't know where to go by now, ask us!

CLEARANCE ITEMS:

-ECHO DH 9136-4 (13'6" 9 WEIGHT 4PC.) WAS \$349, NOW \$199

-Various Simms Jackets from \$69- \$99

-Redington Women's Deschutes Jacket now \$99



Fishing Product Demo Day
Saturday, August 24, 2013
hosted by Puget Sound Flyfishers

Fircrest Recreational Center
555 Contra Costa Ave, Fircrest WA
10 am to 2 pm

This is your opportunity to meet representatives from rod manufacturers like Garry Sandstrom with Hardy, SA and Royal Wulff Products. Dick Sagara from Temple Fork, Rainy Flies and Rodmounts will attend. Also meet Anil Srivastava from Puget Sound Fly Co. and Blake Merwin of Gig Harbor Fly Shop. Leland Miyawaki of Orvis Fly Shop.

You will be able to try casting your dream rods and talk fly fishing with our local experts. We'll also have a fund raising raffle with proceeds going to our philanthropic activities. Hope to see you all there.

Fly of The Month

Credit to FFF Website

AVALON PERMIT FLY



Comments

This pattern looks a bit complicated, but it is really straight forward when you get into it. Just fish it so the rattles work. Let it sink and then give it a quick retrieve. It was designed for the saltwater world, but it might work on some of my bass and brown trout lakes.

Opening Comments

This is a departure from the usual freshwater patterns in the Fly of the Month. Bobb Cannella, Jr. of Jackson, Wyoming tied this shrimp pattern at the 2013 East Idaho Fly Tying Expo in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

First a little history. Mauro Ginevri completed developed of it in 2009 to target the one day grand slam: permit, tarpon and bonefish in Cuban waters. Much of the following came from an article by Hans van Klinkin in the 2011 February-March issue of Fly Fisherman. Mauro and other anglers were aware of how easily permit were spooked by the patterns in use at that time. Also he saw that many patterns tied to be retrieved point up actually rolled over to their sides, which he felt spooked the fish. He didn't have success with many flies given to him. Finally, in 2001 he started tying his own flies. His early patterns didn't work much better. Then in 2007 one of his customers showed him a monofilament beaded keel fly. By 2009 Mauro was satisfied with his design and gave copies to six customers, and the results were great. Knowledge of the Avalon Permit Fly spread through the Cayo Largo area. Then it spread outside of Cuban waters.

When fishing it let the fly sink. The eye of the hook will sink faster than rest of the hook, and the beads will slide forward making a rattle. On the retrieve the beads will slide back making more noise. Repeat the retrieve/pause process until you catch a fish or are ready to cast again. A lot of fishing is on the flats so you do not cast until you see a fish. Quickly cast ahead of the fish so the fly has time to sink. It has caught permit, bonefish, tarpon and other species throughout the saltwater world. For many anglers it is their go-to pattern. While size 2 is the original size specified some anglers are using larger sizes. One angler reported that he caught 37 species of fish before he changed his fly.

This is a heavy fly so you need to be careful casting it.

Materials list

Hook: Dai-Riki 930 stainless size 2

Thread: Kevlar, cream or tan

Casing for rattle (keel): 20 pound mono

Mouth (Head): Zelon, orange (Original called for Artic fox)

Legs: Round rubber, small and medium, orange

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I would appreciate help setting the library up before each meeting. Frequently the clubs storage closet is blocked by bowling alley materials and accessing it is a problem. Since we are not charged for the space we utilize, we can't complain to Tower Lanes and I, for one, very much appreciate all the do for us. So...if some of you that are early arrivals at the meetings would give me a hand, I would be very appreciative.

Shellback: Pearl braided core

Antennae: Krystal Flash, Heron Blue (peacock and black used on this tie)

Body: Marabou; tan, cream, pink or olive

Wings (Claws): Rabbit strip, 1/8-inch, same color as body

Rattle: 3 beads (Original called for four beads)

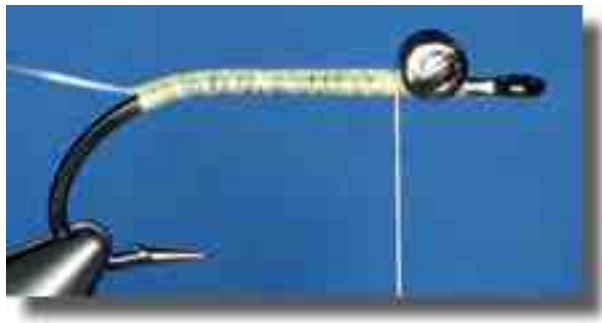
Finish (Head): Orange flat waxed thread coated with UV cement

Tying steps



Step 1

Tie lead eyes on with figure eight and some loops under the eyes. This puts a little platform under the eyes. Really cinch down with the thread. Glue is not needed.



Step 2

Straighten mono with your fingers. It ties in better. Place on top of shank behind the eyes. Wrap rearward while holding mono on top of shank. At a point over the barb, wind forward to eyes. Want to have a little curve in the fly.



Step 3

Turn fly over to tie in the Zelon. Trim to about a gap length Zelon head. Spread out the Zelon a bit so it will move better. The originally specified Artic fox didn't move as much as Zelon, so Bobb changed the materials. With the hook upside down it is easy to tie the Zelon on the inside of the bend.



Step 4

Tie in the legs or feelers. Bobb has tied so many of them that he knows the length of rubber to use. Keep rubber on the side of the hook. It seems to help if you pull on the rubber a little as you tie it on. Trim so there is 1-1/2 inches of rubber sticking out. (Bobb trims to the D on his Dr. Slick scissors.) Flip over fly and tie on the other piece of rubber. It is handy to have a vise that rotates.



Step 5

Tie in a piece of Krystal Flash on each side just like the rubber legs. Make them the same length as the rubber legs. Be careful to avoid stretching the Krystal Flash or you will lose the flash. Heron Blue color is preferred by Bobb's clients



Step 6

Tie in pieces of pearl braided core on the side of the hook like the rubber legs. Tie them a little bit more around the bend. The bulk of everything at the rear of the hook will be covered in a couple of steps. You should have noticed that everything so far has been tied on the sides of the hook. This is to allow room for the rattle to work.



Step 7

Tie marabou by the tips on top of shank as shown. Wetting the fingers a little helps control the marabou. Do not need super quality marabou for this. It just needs to be long enough to wrap up to the eyes.



Step 8

Wrap marabou forward to the eyes, secure and trim.



Step 9

Tie rabbit strip on side of hook right behind the eyes. Catch the smallest piece of the leather with the thread, and put on two additional thread winds. Slide the scissors through the fur and cut the leather at a point one half of the distance between the back of the body and the back of the hook's bend. Secure the second wing on the other side of the hook. The Kevlar thread lets you really secure the wings without covering up a lot of fur. Bring thread in front of eyes.



Step 10

Turn fly over and bring the one piece of pearl braided core forward go around the eye and secure in front of the eyes. You can put some tension on the core as you do this. Then bring the other piece of pearl braided core forward, tension it a little, wrap around the eye and secure in front of the eyes. Trim excess.



Step 11

Thread three beads on monofilament casing. Doesn't make any difference which way you thread them on (smaller or larger hole first). Bobb used the smaller hole. Secure mono in front of eyes. For hook sizes 2 - 4 use 1/8-inch bead for larger hooks go up one size for the bead



Step 12

Tie off Kevlar, trim and tie on orange flat waxed thread. (Beads are hiding in the wing.)



Step 13

Make a nice head to cover up the Kevlar. Whip finish and trim excess thread. Coat head with UV cement, clean off any excess and cure with UV light. Last step hold rubber legs and touch them with permanent marking pen. Make marks random, and try to avoid marking wings or orange Zelon.

PSFF CALENDAR

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Puget Sound Flyfishers

Club was founded in 1956 and has a long and proud history of involvement, action, camaraderie, and fun. The club's website is located at www.psff.org

Aims and Purposes of the Club are:

1. To improve and encourage the sport of flyfishing by social, educational and political means.
2. To encourage flyfishing and other selective fishing techniques as a means of conservation and increasing fishing opportunity.
3. To encourage the conservation, enhancement of sport fishing.
4. To promote "Sportmanship" in all aspects of club and individual activity.
5. To aid in the eradication of pollution and other practices destructive to fisheries.
6. To actively assist and encourage the public to become flyfishers, and to adopt the club's philosophies.

General Membership Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month (except August). These meetings are for social, entertainment and educational purposes.

Educational Activities: The club offers classes and instruction in fly fishing, fly-tying, fly-casting and rod building. The club has an extensive library of books and videos. The club sponsors an annual Spring Clinic to promote flyfishing.

Outings: The club organizes monthly outings to various lakes, rivers, and estuaries. Experienced ghillies provide expert information and instruction on how, when and where to fish.

Conservation Activities: The club has a long and proud history of encouraging flyfishing (and other selective fishing techniques) as a means of conserving and increasing fishing opportunities. The club is active in many of the important conservation issues of the day and in helping to fund local conservation projects.

Membership / Dues: Membership is open to anyone 18 or over. Dues are \$40 (Family \$60) per year plus a one time (\$10 Initiation Fee) per member.

Affiliations: The club is an active member of the Washington State Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers

HOW TO JOIN THE PSFF YAHOO GROUP.

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In your browser search for or go to Yahoo.com and look for the button asking if you want to join Yahoo. Click on the button and follow the instructions to join Yahoo. You will need an email address, a user name, and a password. Remember these as periodically Yahoo will ask you to use them to resign in.

Once you are a member of Yahoo look at the top of the Yahoo page and find the search box. Enter PSFF in the box and press the 'Search' button. There will be a number of results as PSFF is used by several entities. Scroll down through the list until you find Puget Sound Fly Fishers. Select the Puget Sound Fly Fishers and Yahoo will take you to the group site. You will notice a small box that asks you if you want to join the PSFF group. Select (yes.)

Another page will open up seeking your sign in information for the PSFF group. This information is separate from the information you entered for Yahoo itself. There will be a box for you to enter a short message telling the moderators why you want to join and basically who you are. Again you will be asked to select an email address where the PSFF group messages are sent.

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