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Coho Seminar

By John Martinis & Mike Greenleaf
& the Everett Steelhead &
Salmon Club

Place: Bayside Marine

Date: September 21

Time: 7PM

Free to the Public

My biggest Seminar of the year is coming up, September 21. The Seminar is on Coho Fishing. The seminar will be at Bayside Marine @ 7PM. This event is held in conjunction with the Everett Coho Derby (September 22-23). Close to 400 salmon anglers attended the Coho Seminar last year. My good friend Mike Greenleaf will be giving his very popular presentation on fishing "Cut Plug Herring" at the Seminar. This is an event you do not want to miss. Learn the secrets of successful Coho fishing in Puget Sound.

We will be giving away a Scotty Downrigger and other fishing tackle at the conclusion of the seminar. The Everett Steelhead and Salmon Club will be helping me put this event together. Please shop at Bayside Marine for all your boating needs and dry storage for your boat. Directions to Bayside, [Click Here](#)

August Chinook Opportunities

Puget Sound

Don't give up on Chinook yet, there is still plenty of fish to be caught. During the first ten days of August there are two

areas to fish Chinook in Puget Sound: Pilot Point and the Buoy at Scatchet Head. [Click Here](#) for Pilot Point Map, [Click Here](#) for Possession Bar Map

Chinook are now starting to stage up to make their final run to their river of origin. They are starting to get that distinctive gunmetal color with a little bronze color mixed in on their backside.

Pilot Point has had some very good days lately. Keep going here as long as the tide is coming in. Chinook are going to come through in batches, so don't give up if you do not hit a bunch of fish in one trip. Stick to it! As I always recommend, start fishing at the houses on the beach at Pilot Point and work the area from the houses to half way to Point no Point

Snohomish River Chinook stage up at the Scatchet Head Buoy the first week of August every year. You can count on these fish like clock work. This place only fishes well on the outgoing tide. Fish the contour of the Bar in 90-120 feet of water and work the area from west to east of the Buoy. Do not fish bait in this area because it is Dog Fish city in here.

I have given you two good choices to fish on two different tides. I think this will work out well for you.

[Click Here](#), for Chinook Fishing w/Downriggers Video.

San Juan Islands

Chinook fishing is at its best on the west side of San Juan Island during the first couple of weeks of August. This is a good place to have a chance at catching



Puget Sound Salmon Seasons 2012

Area 5: July 1-August 15
Daily limit two salmon,
release wild Chinook wild
Coho and Chum

Area 6: July 1-August 15
Daily limit two salmon,
release wild Chinook wild
Coho and Chum

Salmon Area 7: July 1-July 31 Daily limit two salmon,
only one Chinook. See
additional rules on page 109 in
the WDFW fishing pamphlet

August 1-Sept 30 Two
salmon limit, only one
Chinook. Release Chum and
wild Coho.

Area 8-1: August 1-October 31 Daily limit two salmon,
release Chinook.

Area 8-2: August 1-October 31 Daily limit two salmon,
release Chinook.

**Tulalip Terminal Fishery:
May 4-June 8** Open Friday
until noon Monday. Closed
June 9. Daily limit two
salmon.

June 10-Sept 3 Open Friday
until noon Monday. Limit two
salmon. Closed June 9.
Anglers may fish with two
poles with the two pole
endorsement.

Sept 8-23 Open Saturday and
Sunday only. Two salmon

and landing a large Chinook. You can keep any Chinook you catch here from August 1 to September 30. This is the place to be if you want to land that one "Big One".

Two choices to fish: Pile Point when the tide is going out and Eagle Point on either tide. The fish will be suspended in either area. Look for bait and adjust your gear accordingly. Most often, you will find salmon here suspended between 30 and 60 feet. There is no need to try and fish any structure in either area. This is strictly fishing pods of suspended bait.

Eagle Point Map, [Click Here](#)

Chinook on the west side of San Juan Island are gorging themselves with 2"-3" needlefish. So, I would recommend using Red Racer flashers or Purple Haze flashers rigged with needlefish squid (NG142R) for both these areas.

Larry Carpenter from Master Marine in Mount Vernon likes fishing the west side of San Juan Island area with herring. Herring is good alternative to using flashers and squid. There are a few dog fish in this area, but it is tolerable.

August Crabbing

Puget Sound: The beginning of the crab season was certainly not as good as last year. However, it has been much better recently. The crabs have now had time to regroup and it has gradually gotten better crabbing.

The best place in Puget Sound to crab has been between Kingston and Jeff Head. These two areas have been excellent right from the beginning of the season.

In the Everett area, you don't need to go very far at all to catch a limit of crab. The best area to crab has been just west of the

southern tip of Jetty Island. This is the area where the barge tie-up is. Drop your traps in 30-40 feet of water in this area. Crabbers have been reporting easy limits in this area.

San Juan Islands: Saddle Bag Island area has been as good as crabbing can be. You have to go here to experience just how good crabbing can be. Promise yourself that you will go crabbing here before the end of the crab season. Every time I crab here I am at awe at how many crab can fit into one crab pot. Must be the crab version of fitting college students into a phone booth? Saddle Bag Island Crabbing Map, [Click Here](#)

I like to crab at Saddle Bag in 50 feet of water. Don't crab to near the Island, start about a 1/2 north of the Island: About equal distance between Saddle Bag Island and the buoy that is north of the Island.

I have been using a combination of fish and chicken in each pot, this seems to work quite well.

August Coho and Coho Gear Area 8-2 Opens August 1 for Coho

This will be a short wrap on August Coho and then in the September Newsletter I will go into more depth on Puget Sound Coho and Snohomish River Coho fishing.

By the last week of August, Coho will be showing up in catchable numbers on the west side of Possession Bar and out in the shipping lanes of Admiralty Inlet. Coho take a completely different path into Puget Sound than Chinook. They either swim right down the middle of the channel or the swim along the northern side of the Admiralty Inlet. Knowing that fact, that will give you an idea on



limit. Anglers may fish with two poles with the two pole endorsement.

Area 9: July 1-15 Two salmon limit release Chinook and Chum.

July 16-August 31 Two salmon limit. Release wild Chinook. Release Chum. See additional rules on page 115 in the WDFW fish pamphlet.

Area 10: June 1-June 30 Catch and Release. See boundaries in the WDFW fish pamphlet

July 16-August 31 Limit two salmon, release wild Chinook. See closure areas on page 117 in the WDFW fish pamphlet..

where to target these fish.

Lagoon Point, Bush Point, down the middle and the west side of Possession Bar are all good areas to fish for Coho.

When Coho opens the first week of August in Area 8-2, this might be a couple weeks early to start fishing the Shipwreck for Coho. This area usually gets its first batch of Coho in the last week of August.

If you are gearing up to fish for Coho, it is not too much different than fishing for Chinook. Use the same flashers that you have been using: Red Racer flasher and Purple Haze flasher. Rig the flasher with a Green/Glow Squid (OG142R). I like to tie the squid leader with two 4/0 Mustad Stainless Hooks #92553SS 4/0. Tie the hooks so that they do not extend beyond the end of the squid. I also like using the Silver Horde Ace Hi Fly UV as an insert for the squid. Any color of Ace Hi Fly will work as long as it is UV.

This is how the rig goes together: Slide the Ace Hi Fly down the leader until it rests against the top hook. Now, slide the Squid down the leader until the Ace Hi Fly is inside the squid. Put a herring strip on the first hook and now you are ready to catch a Coho.

Coho Rigs Illustration: [Click Here](#)

Making Herring Strips

Making Herring strips is relatively is to do. This is what you need: Small plastic container with a lid, rock salt and 6"-8" herring.

Fillet the herring just as you would a salmon. Cut those fillets (the long way) in half. Place those fillets in the plastic container and put rock salt on each layer

of fillets. If you are using larger herring, you can cut each fillet into three pieces.

Leave the fillets in the refrigerator overnight and they are ready to go fishing the next morning. The fillets can be frozen again for future use.

Baker Lake Sockeye

So far there have been 12,048 Sockeye transported to Baker Lake. I have been getting mixed reports on the fishing. Some days the fishing can be very good and other days you have work really hard to scratch up a fish. This is still a fishing opportunity worth pursuing because more sockeye will be transported to the lake. I expect the fishing to be good through the middle of August.

Most of the Sockeye anglers that I have spoken to have been doing best on a #0 Chrome/Prism dodger with a 2/0 red hook. They are putting the pink micro squid on the hook and a pink smiley blade.

Brewster Pool Sockeye 20,000 Sockeye per day going over the dams

I have talk to quite a few anglers lately who have fished the Columbia River near Brewster for Sockeye. If you want to see all kinds of salmon being boated, this is where it is happening. As many as 20,000 Sockeye a day are going over the upper Columbia River dams. That's correct 20,000 a day!

Use the same Sockeye gear that I mentioned for Baker Lake.

Most of the people that I have spoken to who have fish the upper Columbia, have said that it is easy limits of Sockeye if you get on the water at daylight

Check out this Sockeye article in the Crescent Bar Chronicle: [Click Here](#)

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Coho Seminar
September 21, 2012
By John Martinis

“High Percentage Coho Fishing”

John Martinis will be presenting his very popular Coho Seminar at Bayside Marine. The public is invited to the seminar. There is no charge for the Seminar. Spend an hour with John Martinis and Mike Greenleaf discussing how to be a successful Coho Angler.

The Everett Stealhead and Salmon Club will have a raffle for a Scotty Downrigger, Shrimp Pot Puller and some other fishing tackle at the conclusion of this seminar.

September 21 @ 7:00 PM
Coho Seminar at Bayside Marine
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