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by John Martinis

June 2013

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## Seminars 2013

by John Martinis

### Dungeness Crab Seminar

June 20, 2013

At the Everett Steelhead &  
Salmon Club General Meeting

7PM

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### Chinook Seminar

July 26, 2013

At Harbor Marine

5PM

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### Coho Seminar

September 20, 2013

At Bayside Marine

6:30PM

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The Public is invited to all my  
seminars and the seminars are free.

## Fishing Derbies

### Lake Washington Trout Derby

June 15

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July 27-28

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August 24

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### Everett Coho Derby

September 21-22

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More Salmon Derbies

## First Ever "Digital Chinook Derby"

John's Sporting Goods will be having the first ever "Digital Chinook Fishing Derby". The derby will be based entirely on Chinook that are caught in Marine Area 9 starting July 16, 2013-until the closing date of Area 9 in August. Take a photo of your Chinook and send it to: [customerservice@johnssportinggoods.com](mailto:customerservice@johnssportinggoods.com). The winning fish will be determined by the quality of the picture not the size of the fish. I will post all the pictures on [John's Sporting Goods Facebook](#).

The picture must be taken on the water in a boat. The picture must be submitted the day it was caught. Your first and last name, time, date and the exact spot the fish was caught must be included with the photo. You must also include a brief description of the fishing tackle you were using.

The employees' of John's Sporting Goods will judge the Digital Photos. Prizes will include a \$500 shopping spree at John's Sporting Goods and St. Croix Rods.

Example of a winning photo: No blood on the fish. Land in the background so the area that the fish was caught can be identified. Good lighting. A fish that has not been in the fish box that has rigor mortis.



## New Puget Sound Salmon Seasons 2013

### Area 6: July 1-Aug. 15

CHINOOK - min. size 22".

Other SALMON species - no min. size. Daily limit 2 (combined) plus 2 additional PINK. Release wild CHINOOK, wild COHO, and CHUM.

**July 1-Aug. 15** No min. size. Daily limit 2 (combined) plus 2 additional PINK. Release CHINOOK, wild COHO, and CHUM.

**Aug. 16-Sept. 30** No min. size. Daily limit 2 (combined) plus 2 additional PINK. Release CHINOOK, wild COHO, and CHUM.

**Oct. 1-Oct. 31** CHINOOK - min. size 22". Other SALMON species - no min. size. Daily limit 2 (combined). Only 1 CHINOOK may be retained.

**Dec. 1-Apr. 10** CHINOOK - min. size 22". Other SALMON species - no min. size. Daily limit 2. Release wild CHINOOK. See Dungeness Bay Fishery and Closure below. Season may close earlier if CHINOOK guideline is attained.

**Area 7: July 1-July 31** CHINOOK - min. size 22". Other SALMON species - no min. size. Daily limit 2 (combined) plus 2 additional PINK. Only 1 CHINOOK may be retained. See Southern Rosario Strait/Eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca Closure below. See Bellingham Bay

**Aug. 1-Sept. 30** CHINOOK -

## Free Hats and T-shirts from John's Sporting Goods

### “Big Fish Thursday”

I give away five (total) hats or t-shirts every week to anglers who send in their fish pictures. The pictures appear on [John's Sporting Goods Facebook](#). The details are announced every Thursday on the John's Sporting Goods web site and Facebook. Send your pictures to [customerservice@johnssportinggoods.com](mailto:customerservice@johnssportinggoods.com). I publish the picture in the following days.

## June Fishing Opportunities Tulalip Bubble Salmon

### Area 10 Salmon Areas 6 Spot Shrimp

It seems that when June comes rolling around, it is a big let down after Puget Sound Halibut and shrimping ends. However, there is more to catch and things to do. Let me get you pointed in the right direction. Some of the items are obvious and some are probably not on your radar screen.

On May 31 and June 1, there are two salmon seasons that are opening: May 31, the Tulalip Bubble opens and June 1, Area 10 opens for catch and release salmon fishing. Please don't yawn when I mention catch and release Chinook

fishing. I will explain later.

### Tulalip Bubble

The Tulalip Bubble opens May 31-September 2: Open Fridays through Noon Mondays only. Closed June 15. Chinook - min. size 22". Other salmon species - no min. size. Daily limit two, plus two additional Pinks

The Tulalip Bubble gets a bum rap because the fishing is slow and it is a relatively small area to fish. But it is the only game in town in the north or central sound where you can catch and keep a salmon of any specie. In fact you can keep any Chinook. To many anglers either new to saltwater fishing or just new to fishing, this is a good chance to get their gear in the water and get comfortable with the gear. To the rest of us, this is a chance to get on the water and catch that first Chinook of the season.

Tackle that I would prefer using at the Bubble: [Green Gibbs UV flasher](#) with the [Goldstar OG 142R](#) squid. Most of the Chinook are non-feeding Chinook, therefore it seems that squid work quite a bit better than spoons in this situation.

I would place my squid 42 inches behind the flasher and rig the leader with the 30 pound monofilament leader material. I prefer using [Pline fluorocarbon leader](#). I would also try lengthening my leaders out from 42 inches to 60 inches just as an experiment. The longer leaders worked quite well this winter while we were fishing winter Chinook.

Trolling at the bubble is quite a bit different than fishing Possession Bar. These fish are waiting to enter Tulalip Bay; so you will find these fish suspended as well as near the bottom. When the tide is going out you will find these fish suspended at 65-75 feet, while you may be trolling in as deep as 200-250 feet of water.

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min. size 22". Other SALMON species - no min. size. Daily limit 2 (combined) plus 2 additional PINK. Only 1 CHINOOK may be retained. Release wild COHO, and CHUM. See Southern Rosario Strait/ Eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca. See Bellingham Bay Closure and Fishery, Samish Bay Closure, Lummi Reservation and Bay Closure, and Yellow and Low Islands Preserve

**Oct. 1-Oct. 31 CHINOOK** - min. size 22". Other SALMON species - no min. size. Daily limit 2 (combined). Only 1 CHINOOK may be retained. Release wild COHO. See Bellingham Bay Closure and Fishery, Samish Bay Closure, Lummi Reservation and Bay Closure, and Yellow and Low Islands Preserve.

**Dec. 1-Apr. 30 CHINOOK** - min. size 22". Other SALMON species - no min. size. Daily limit 2 (combined). Release wild Chinok. See Bellingham Bay Closure and Fishery, and Yellow and Low Islands Preserve on

**Area 8-1: Aug. 1-Sept. 30** No min. size. Daily limit 2 (combined) plus 2 additional PINK. Release CHINOOK.

**Oct. 1-Oct. 31** No min. size. Daily limit 2 (combined). Release CHINOOK.

**Oct. 1-Oct. 31** No min. size. Daily limit 2 (combined). Release CHINOOK.

**Area 8-2: Aug. 1-Sept. 30** No min. size. Daily limit 2 (combined) plus 2 additional PINK. Release CHINOOK. See Tulalip Terminal Area

As the tide starts to come in, these fish will hug the contour of the bar and you'll find them in 65 to 90 feet of water and closer to the bottom. When the tide is coming in, this fishing will mimic more of your typical Chinook fishing.

Many anglers find that jigging works quite well right at high tide and on top of the bar in 30 to 60 feet of water. This just adds another opportunity for those of you who don't have downrigger's. Jigging can be an effective way to fish and have a reasonable chance of catching a Tulalip Bubble Chinook. [2 1/4 ounce Point Wilson Darts \(White\)](#) would be a good choice of jigs.

One other unique characteristic of fishing for Chinook at the Bubble; I believe that the trolling speed for Chinook at the bubble is better if you troll 2.0 to 2.5 mph versus the typical trolling speed for Chinook which is 2.5 to 3.0 mph. These fish are not feeding Chinook, these fish are lazily hanging out just waiting for high tide so they can swim to the salmon hatchery that is in the backside of Tulalip Bay.

If you have not been to the Tulalip Bubble, I would start fishing at the red buoy that is at the entrance of Tulalip Bay. Troll in a northwesterly direction and follow the 90 foot contour along the bar. Troll to the northwesterly most boundary then turn back and troll back to the place that you started. Of course always keep in mind the tides. I had mentioned earlier you may be trolling out in deeper water depending on which way the tide is moving. So, adjust your strategy according to the tidal flow.

I believe that you will find the Tulalip Bubble fishery to be an early morning/late evening event. Plan your fishing around the first two hours of the day and the last two hours of the day. Also, remember that if you catch a Chinook in the Tulalip Bubble you must

return to the dock and not stop anywhere else between those two points. If you do could find yourself with a violation.

The Tulalip Bubble rules are a bit complicated much like the rules elsewhere in the Puget Sound area. You're only allowed to fish Friday through noon on Monday. Yes, that means that the fishing is open all day on Friday. Basic Rules for the Bubble: Barbless Hooks, Chinook can be hatchery or wild, two fishing rods allowed if you have the two pole license endorsement.

## [Tulalip Bubble Map](#)

### **Area 10 Catch and Release Chinook**

In the past and I have mentioned the catch and release fishing in area 10 as a good option to be participating in. This is a robust Chinook fishery. Many anglers who participated in the Area 10 catch and release fishery last year realized that this is a for real and exciting Chinook fishery. This is not one of those Chinook seasons where we are given some time on the water with a hopeless chance of catching a Chinook. Remember that most of the spring Chinook than enter Puget Sound, enter the sound in May and June. This is one of the only opportunities to participate in this Chinook fishery with a reasonable chance of catching fish every day. If you have not put this on your list of things to do in the past, you need to put this high on the list this year.

You are already participating in a catch and release fishery in Area 9 (when it is open) and don't even think twice about it. When Area 9 is open, you have to release all wild Chinook which greatly adds to the fishing enjoyment while you are waiting to catch a hatchery Chinook. Enjoy Area 10 June 1!





Fishery.

**Oct. 1-Oct. 31** No min. size. Daily limit 2 (combined). Release CHINOOK. See Tulalip Bay Closure.

**Nov. 1-Apr. 30** CHINOOK - min. size 22". Other SALMON species - no min. size. Daily limit 2(combined). Release wild CHINOOK. See Tulalip Bay Closure. Season may close earlier if CHINOOK guideline is attained.

**May 31-Sept. 2** Open Fridays through Noon Mondays ONLY. CLOSED JUNE 15. CHINOOK - min. size 22". Other SALMON species - no min. size. Daily limit 2 (combined) plus 2 additional PINK.

**Sept. 7-Sept. 22** Open Saturdays and Sundays only . CHINOOK - min. size 22". Other SALMON species - no min. size. Daily limit 2 (combined) plus 2 additional PINK.

**Area 9: July 1-July 15** No min. size. Daily limit 2 (combined) plus 2 additional PINK. Release CHINOOK and CHUM.

**July 16-Aug. 31** CHINOOK - min. size 22". Other SALMON species - no min. size. Daily limit 2 (combined) plus 2 additional PINK. Release wild CHINOOK and CHUM. Season may close earlier if CHINOOK guideline is attained. CLOSED south of a line from Foulweather Bluff to Olele Point, except lawful to fish from shore contained within the boundary of Salsbury Point Park; daily limit 2 (combined) plus 2 additional PINK. Release

If you are fishing out of the Everett or Edmonds area, the best fishing will be at Apple Tree Point. As with most Chinook fishing areas in Puget Sound fishing at Apple Tree Point is only good on one particular tide. I would plan all my fishing around the incoming tide. If you take a look at your marine chart you will find that Apple Tree Point is only a little bit south of Pilot Point which I talk about all time for winter Chinook fishing and August Chinook fishing. Along that shoreline, migrating Chinook travel that area only when the tide is coming in. Don't waste your time trying to reinvent the wheel and fishing when the tide is going out at Apple Tree. If you do, you will find limited fishing success.

If you are going to fish at Apple Tree Point, make a note that the line that separates Marine Area 9 and Marine Area 10 starts at Apple Tree Point and goes to Edwards Point in the Edmonds area. Be careful not to troll North of Apple Tree Point because then you will be in Area 9, which is closed until July 1.

Begin trolling in 90-120 feet of water and even with the ferry terminal at Kingston. Troll in a northwesterly direction towards Apple Tree Point. Maintain your depth and troll 2.5 to 3.0 mph and set the gear within five feet of the bottom. I would recommend using a [Gibbs 11" Green UV Red Racer flasher](#). Behind a flasher I would recommend a [Goldstar 3.5 Red Racer Kingfisher spoon](#). A good alternative to the red racer spoon would be a [Goldstar 3.5 Cookies'n Cream spoon](#). After experimenting with long leaders this winter with rather good success I would recommend the leader length to be 42 to 60 inches long. I would definitely "Dress" my spoons with 1.5 Goldstar squids. I would highly recommend the Goldstar 1.5 purple UV squid. Simply glue the squid on the hook with Loctite Gel Super Glue. See the February Newsletter for this application.

As I mentioned earlier, I would recommend Pline 30 pound fluorocarbon leader material.

## Apple Cove Chinook Map

## Spot Shrimp is Open Area 6 Spot Shrimp

Don't put your spot shrimp gear away yet; Area 6 is still open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. One caveat to shrimping in Area 6, is that the tides control when you can go shrimping in this area. I prefer shrimping in this area when the tides are 6 feet or less. Which means that the tidal flow between the high and the low tide or between the low tide and the high tide is less than 6 feet. I have found that the shrimping is not very good when there's too much tidal flow. In fact, I prefer to go shrimping at Partridge Bank or Eastern Bank only on the last two hours of the incoming tide. If you have not experienced Partridge Bank or Eastern Bank shrimping you're in for a real treat.

At Partridge Bank, I prefer shrimping on the very southern end of the Bank. If you take a look at your marine chart of Partridge Bank you will notice that the shipping lanes converge on the southern end of the Bank in approximately 250 feet of water. Set your shrimp pots in that area.

At Eastern Bank, I prefer shrimping on the South East corner of the Bank. In this area I like to set my shrimp pots in 300 to 325 feet of water.

Any time you are shrimping in the Straits Juan de Fuca you must set your shrimp pots up differently than you would for shrimping in Puget Sound. Your shrimp pot must weigh 30 pounds and you must add a small 1.5lb anchor to your pot. If



CHINOOK and CHUM.  
**Sept. 1-Sept. 30** No min. size. Daily limit 2 (combined) plus 2 additional PINK. Release CHINOOK and CHUM.

**Oct. 1-Oct. 31** No min. size. Daily limit 2 (combined). Release CHINOOK.

**Nov. 1-Nov. 30** CHINOOK - min. size 22". Other SALMON species - no min. size. Daily limit 2 (combined). Release wild CHINOOK.

**Jan. 16-Apr. 15** CHINOOK - min. size 22". Other SALMON species - no min. size. Daily limit 2 (combined). Release wild CHINOOK. Season may close earlier if CHINOOK guideline is attained.

**Area 10: June 1-June 30** Catch-and-release. Open only north of a line from Point Monroe to Meadow Point.

**July 1-July 15** No min. size. Daily limit 2 (combined) plus 2 additional PINK. Release CHINOOK. See Shilshole Bay Closure and Elliott Bay Closure.

**July 16-Aug. 31** CHINOOK - min. size 22". Other SALMON - no min. size. Daily limit 2 (combined) plus 2 additional PINK. Release wild CHINOOK. Beginning Aug. 1 release CHUM. See Shilshole Bay and Elliott Bay Fishery and Closures. See Sinclair Inlet Fishery. Season may close earlier if CHINOOK guideline is attained.

you fail to do so, you stand a very good chance of losing your shrimp pot. By attaching 10 foot length of rope to the anchor and snapping one end of the rope to the bottom of the pot this will give you some good insurance of not losing your shrimp pot. Many people have not heeded this cautionary advice and have had to purchase multiple shrimp pots after one day of shrimping. The shrimping areas that I mentioned are mud and clay bottoms so there is no fear of the anchor getting stuck to the bottom.

I would recommend an one hour soak in either of these two areas before retrieving your shrimp pot. If you put your shrimp pot out in the middle of the tide, I would extend that soak to two hours.

## Coonstripe Shrimp June 1 through October 15

DAILY LIMIT OF 10 POUNDS, heads and tails, of all shrimp species combined (maximum of 80 spot shrimp - if open for spot shrimp). Shrimp heads may be removed, but must be retained while in the field, until ashore and finished fishing for the day.

The minimum mesh size for shrimp pots is 1" mesh unless the area is closed for spot shrimp, but open for coonstripe and pink shrimp, then the minimum size for shrimp pots is 1/2" mesh (click here for current gear rules).

As you have noticed, the rules for Coonstripe Shrimp are much more liberal than for spot shrimp: shrimp pots starting on June 1 (in most areas) can have a 1/2 inch mesh size and the limit is 10 pounds of shrimp. That is a lot of shrimp! If you try to use your 1 inch mesh size shrimp pots, they will not work for Coonstripe Shrimp because the

shrimp are too small and they will swim through the mesh of the pot. I know that you did not want to hear that you have to purchase new shrimp pots for the Coonstripe Shrimp season. You must also set your shrimp pots in 150 feet of water or less. However, I have found that 120 feet of water is ideal for catching Coonstripe Shrimp. If you're looking to catch Coonstripe Shrimp in the northern Puget Sound area, the North end of Camano Island is one of the better areas to find Coonstripe Shrimp.

Last year, I set my Coonstripe Shrimp pots out near Burrows and Allan Islands in Area 7 and found moderately good success. One thing that you will notice when you're shrimping for Coonstripe Shrimp there are more critters in 120 feet of water, including small crabs and sculpins that will get in your shrimp pot and start eating your shrimp. I would highly recommend pulling your shrimp pots every hour. Last year when I left my shrimp pots out for several hours I found quite a few heads with no tails. The critters got in my shrimp pots and started eating my shrimp.

When you pull a Coonstripe Shrimp pot up it appears that there are not many shrimp in the pot and the ones that are there seem to be rather small. At first glance you look at them and think, "this looks like a lot of work to clean these small little critters." However, they are much easier to clean than spot shrimp and they are very delicious.

[Burrow Island Coonstripe Shrimp](#)  
[Camano Island Coonstripe Shrimp](#)  
[1/2" SMI Shrimp Pots 19023](#)

# Just Fishing



## Pink Shirts w/"Pink Salmon" Exclusively at John's Sporting Goods

I had these shirts made and they just arrived. Pink t-shirts for ladies with "Pink Salmon" on the front of the shirt. These are great looking shirts. You will see Julie and Anne wearing these shirts at the store. I have the shirts in most sizes. My thought was, if I am selling Pink Fishing rods, I better have shirts to match. If you think that this Pink theme is kind of silly, "It is a big thing with the ladies!"

## Halibut Coated w/Almonds

by Anne McCreary/Martinis  
Prep and Cook time  
30 Minutes

1. Sift together 1/3 cup flour  
2 T wheat germ  
Dash of Chopotle Pepper  
1/2 t Season Salt  
Dash of black pepper
2. Place mixture in a plastic bag and add Halibut to coat.
3. In a separate bowl, beat 1-2 egg yolks with a whisk till frothy.
4. Crush 1/2 cup Almonds and put them on a plate. ( Buy almonds already sliced from Costco as they crush easily)
5. Heat oven to 425 degrees. Foil line a baking dish and coat the bottom of the foil with 1 T Olive Oil.

6. Dip one side of the Halibut into the egg white mixture then into the crushed Almonds. Press to insure Almonds stick to the fish. Place fish Almond side down in baking dish.

7. Bake for 20 minute or until done.

John and I love this method of cooking Halibut. For an added flavor sensation, make a batch of Knorr Hollandaise sauce (pre-packaged powdered mix in the Gravy and sauce aisle at Freddie's) and cover Halibut just before serving; top with fresh lemon juice. Delicious!

## Skykomish River Opens June 1 for Steelhead

## Puget Sound Ling Cod Most areas of Puget Sound stay open for Ling Cod through June 15

## Spring Chinook Selective Fishery opens on the Icicle River May 18 through July 31, 2013

[Details](#)

## Puget Sound Dungeness Crab Opens July 1



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