

Fishing Journal

Information For The Serious Angler

by John Martinis

February 2016

Fishing Dates

These Seasons
and Limits
May Change

Area 6

Dec 1-April 10
Daily limit two
Chinook, hatchery only

Area 7

Dec 1-April 30
Daily limit two
Chinook, hatchery only

Area 8-1

Nov 1-April 30
Daily limit two
Chinook, hatchery only

Area 8-2

Nov 1-April 30
Daily limit two
Chinook, hatchery only

Area 9

January 16-April 15
Chinook, daily limit
two, hatchery only

Area 10

Closed for Chinook
until further notice

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Seminar 2016

By John Martinis

Chinook Seminar

Wednesday March 16th
at Bayside Marine @7PM
You are invited, free to the public

Everett

Blackmouth Derby

March 19

Tickets Available at
John's Sporting Goods

Purchase your derby tickets and get in on the action March 19. This is your chance to strut your salmon fishing skills or just rely on "good old" fishing luck (Me, I prefer luck).

First prize for the largest Chinook is \$3000. You can get your lucky derby ticket at John's Sporting Goods. There are only 125 tickets. Each ticket costs \$100 and is good for one boat and up to four anglers.

All fish must be **GUTTED** and **GILLED** by the angler prior to being weighed. [Click here for all the rules.](#)

The derby weigh-in table will be in front of Bayside Marine at 1111 Craftsman Way on the Everett waterfront.

February Sage Salmon Advice

The Area 9 salmon season opening on January 16 started with huge anticipation from a lot of salmon anglers since the October closure. Even with the season opening, adverse weather conditions curbed a lot of angler's desire to fight high winds occurring throughout most of January. Hopefully February weather will be more promising.

What I did find out about the fishing this month was that most Puget Sound Chinook were just legal size to maybe 6 or 7 pounds. I caught Chinook each time I went out but nothing of any size.

I believe there are still a lot of legal hatchery Chinook to be caught in Puget Sound. I say this since there has not been a lot of fishable days. When

Just Fishing



weather has an effect on the number of days we have on the water, fishing remains good for a longer time period. There is just a certain amount of legal hatchery Chinook in the Sound at one time that are available. When the season is closed or the number of days available to fish are impacted by the weather, the population of catchable Chinook remains constant. I believe this fact should hold true for February Chinook fishing.

In this month's Newsletter I want to cover Chinook fishing in Area 9 and in Area 8-1. Just because Area 9 is open, it is not the only game in town.

Here's what is going on in Area 9. If you want to catch larger Chinook, you need to head out to [Mid Channel Bank](#) at Port Townsend. Mid Channel has been consistently producing larger fish. Before heading in that direction take a look at the tide book. This time of year the days are still fairly short. For that reason, it is nice to have a low tide between Noon and the end of the day. If you are running to Mid Channel from Edmonds or the Everett area, you need start back to the dock by at least 2:30 pm to make it by sundown.

At Mid Channel, fish on the ebb tide in 90 to 100 feet of water and really close to the bottom.

Tackle I recommend for Mid Channel

- [Gibbs Red Racer flasher or Farr Better Flasher](#)
- [#964 3.0 Kingfisher Spoon \(Green Spatter Back w/Red Stripe\)](#)
- [#964 3.5 Kingfisher Spoon \(Green](#)

[Spatter Back w/Red Stripe\)](#)

- [#675 3.0 Kingfisher Spoon \(Cookies n Cream\)](#)
- [#395 3.0 Kingfisher Spoon \(Herring Aide\)](#)

Fishing whole herring by itself or behind a flasher is also a basic staple for Chinook at Mid Channel. If there are two of you fishing, I would start with a herring on one rig and a flasher and spoon on another rig.

Rig either size spoon 42 inches behind the flasher. Fish herring 60 inches behind the flasher and insert the whole herring inside of a [Rhys Davis Anchovy Special](#) head (chrome or clear UV) with a 4 or 5 inch herring. [Click here for an illustration](#) on rigging the Rhys Davis Anchovy special. The illustration is depicted using an anchovy. Rig the herring using the same method.

There are fishing spots closer to the Edmonds/Everett area I also recommend when the tide is coming in for the next 28 days. On a flood tide, fish Useless Bay. I have been frequently fishing [Useless Bay](#) and it has been producing Chinook about 1 ½ hours before and up to high tide. There has not been much bait at Useless but the salmon fishing has been consistent.

While fishing Useless start trolling deep inside the Bay in front of the houses which has not been producing too many strikes. The better Chinook fishing has been on the extreme southern end of the portion of the bar extending out from Double Bluff in depths of 100 to 125 feet.

Gear that has been working at Useless Bay

- [Coho Killer #675 Cookies and Cream\)](#)
- [3.0 #675 Kingfisher Spoon \(Cookies and Cream\)](#)

Fish either rig 42 inches behind a Gibbs Red Racer flasher (regular flasher or Farr Better Flasher).

Area 8-1 has also been solid Chinook fishing. I mean catching at least one legal Chinook per day of fishing.

The largest Chinook I have heard caught in the Sound since mid-January was by Jeff Audett at Onamac Point (Camano Island) which topped the scales at 19 pounds. You might have seen Jeff and his fish on John's Sporting Goods Facebook.

In Area 8-1 there three places I recommend fishing

- Green Bank
- In Front of Camano Island State Park
- Onamac Point

I have been catching my Chinook at Green Bank. While not great fishing, it has been turning out some legal Chinook on a regular basis.

Let me give you a good tip on fishing any of the three spots I suggested. Don't fish the typical 90 to 120 feet deep sections. I have been fishing 65 to 75 feet deep (water depth). Jeff Audett has been successfully fishing 50 to 55 feet of water. This seems counterintuitive to what I normally recommend for fishing in Puget Sound but it works in these areas.



On the first trip I made to Green Bank, I could not find any bait in 90 to 120 feet of water. I had a total blue screen on the fish finder for the first two hours. I got into shallow water by accident and found enormous schools of bait. I stuck with the bait in 65 to 75 feet of water and started catching fish.

When fishing Green Bank, I recommend fishing south of the houses on the beach. Look for the large house with the tin roof on the bluff. That's the spot. Troll this area until you find bait and then stay on top of it the best you can. The Chinook will not necessarily be on the bottom as normal. Look for larger fish marks on your fish finder and fish those depths.

Recently I talked to several Chinook anglers who do quite well right in front of Camano Island State Park. This is not in Elger bay, but right in front of the Park. Fishing does not get any easier since there is no need to fire up the big motor on most days to fish this spo if you are launching your boat at the state park. The good salmon fishing is right in front of the boat launch.

February Fishing Tip

If you want a simple and fast way to cure whole frozen herring try this. The night before, thaw herring out in the refrigerator. In the morning coat them with Kosher rock salt. I have found this works about as well as any of the more exotic herring cures. I use this method whenever I use whole herring or in a Rhys Davis Anchovy head. On cool days there is no need to chill the herring. On warmer

days, put them on ice.

Spot Shrimp Success

OLYMPIA – Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) announced that recreational spot shrimp fishing in Puget Sound will open May 14 on a Saturday – one week later than usual.

Shellfish managers are delaying the popular shrimp fishery until May 14 due to very low tides which are expected midday on the first Saturday in May which traditionally marked the start of the season in Puget Sound. See the complete press release from WDFW, [Click here](#).

[Shrimping Rules Click here.](#)

Good news, the recreational spot shrimp season was announced more than three months in advance.

In the next three Newsletters I will include spot shrimp advice and tips that will get your 80 spot shrimp limit a certainty.

First of all, here is a list of the items you need for a successful spot shrimp harvest. Before I get started let me give you the best tip possible: If you are going to cut corners on rigging your spot shrimp gear, don't go. If you try to cut corners one of two things are likely to happen:

- 1) You will lose your gear**
- 2) You will not do very well (not fun)**

Rigging your shrimp pot correctly is a good idea since losing your gear can become very expensive.

I rig my shrimp pots with the anticipation that I will not lose my pots. Shrimp pots

should weigh at least 30 pounds. There are two reasons for 30-pound shrimp pots:

- 1) The pots are more effective when they are stable and do not move because of the rope tugging on the shrimp pot.**
- 2) Once a shrimp pot weighs 30 pounds it is unlikely the pot will float away.**

Many novice spot shrimp fanatics want to cut corners by not purchasing enough floatation. Remember, a completely rigged shrimp pot costs between \$225 and \$300. The floats attached to the end of the 400 feet of rope are the only life line to the shrimp pot. Have enough floatation so it will float the shrimp pot in the event the pot breaks loose from the bottom. The pot floating away can be caused by two events:

- 1) The current moves the pot**
- 2) Someone gets tangled in your gear. They untangle the mess and drag your pot into deep water**

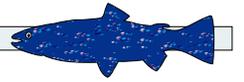
Without sufficient floatation, the result of a tangle with someone else's line is usually not good.

Spot Shrimp Gear

- **SMI Shrimp pots round (19001) or octagon (19027)**
- **400 feet of leaded rope either 1/4" or 5/16"**
- **Heavy duty pot harness**
- **Shrimp pot weights**
- **Molded buoy**
- **Inflatable buoy**
- **9" Bait barrel**

[Click here to see shrimp pot gear](#)

Those are the basic items you need for rigging a spot shrimp pot. From there the pot can be accessorized to make the pot easier to handle and store when the



shrimping day has ended. Click here to see rigging a shrimp pot.

2016 Ways to Make a Difference

**Jennings Park
Kids Fishing Derby
May 2016**

Everett Lions Club Derby for the Blind September 2016

This is the time of year to contribute to two great events: The Jennings Park Kids Fishing Derby and the Everett Lions Club Derby for the Blind.

I will match any donation dollar for dollar that you contribute to either event.

I have been involved in the Blind Derby for many years. The Blind people who are involved in this derby will pull at your heart strings. They are so full of enthusiasm and excitement. Can you only imagine what it is like to be on the water salmon fishing and being blind? Please help. 100% of this money will be given out as cash prizes.

Including my matching money (2015), we raised \$3000 for the Blind Derby and \$1,500 for the Jennings Park Kids Fishing Derby. Thank you for your donations!

Contact John Martinis (425-259-3056) to contribute to either event. Thank you for your help!

Englefield Bay/Queen Charlottes Island June 19-22 You are invited

There are only a couple spots left to fish with Tom Nelson and John Martinis at the West Coast Resorts Englefield Bay Lodge on Queen Charlotte Island, British Columbia. Last year I experienced some of the best Chinook salmon fishing at Englefield Bay ever!

This is what I enjoyed about the trip; I could fish as many hours as I wanted. The boats were cleaned each day. Bait, tackle and lunch were ready and in the boat by the time I got there. There were hot lunches brought to the fishing area each day. There was no need to go back to the lodge for supplies or drop off fish caught in the morning. The same crew that brought lunch out also picked up and tagged the fish then took them back to the lodge to be cleaned and vacuumed packed. This is a well-orchestrated lodge. You get everything they promised you and more.

The best way I could describe the success of the 2015 fishing trip to Englefield Bay is this: Our group of 30 anglers brought back nearly 3000lbs of filled Salmon, Halibut, Ling Cod and Rock Fish. Each angler had two 50lb boxes of fish fillets.

Included in the package:

Hotel accommodation in Vancouver on June 18

Complimentary shuttle from the hotel to the airport on June 19

Complimentary parking

Round-trip airfare from Vancouver BC to Sandspit via chartered jet

Helicopter flight from Sandspit BC to Englefield Bay Lodge

Deluxe accommodations based on double occupancy

All chef-prepared meals, snacks and soft beverages

Unlimited fishing

Trips including 5 hours per day of guided fishing

Fully equipped 18-foot center console boats, 90 hp Mercury outboards, GPS, VHF radios and electric down riggers

All-weather gear, boots and personal floatation collar

Cleaning, vacuum packing, flash freezing and boxing of your catch

If you are considering a trip, make reservations now. If you need more information, stop by John's Sporting Goods and talk to me.

[Click here for more information](#)



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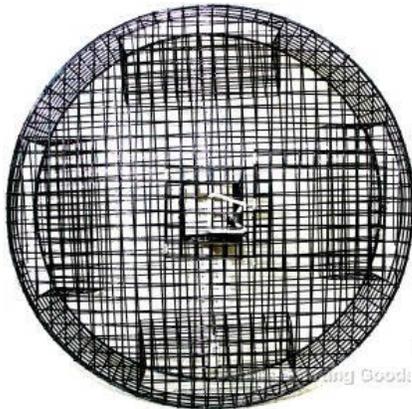
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Tackle For The Serious Angler

Shrimp Pot Sale February 1-28



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Large Size Available Mid-February
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300ft 200lb Braided Spectra
#1148 Ball hook
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