

Fishing Journal

Information For The Serious Angler

by John Martinis

January 2016

Fishing Dates

These Seasons
and Limits
May Change

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, expected to
open for Chinook, daily
limit two, hatchery only

Area 10

Closed for Chinook
until further notice

Derbies

Everett Blackmout
Derby in March

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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!

Marine Area 9 Poised to Open for Chinook January 16

Area 9 will most likely be open as planned on January 16, as per the Sport Fishing Rule Book. If so, and I am confident it will, Chinook fishing might be a modest success. So let's plan on an opening.

Since Area 9 and 10 have been closed for such a long time, there are some things going in our favor when Area 9 opens. I believe, due to the closure and the absence of fishing, there should be a good population of legal sized Chinook moving about that have not seen a plastic squid or spoon. Also, it appears from the lack of fishing, a larger pool of Chinook should be here in January. It's like putting money in the bank and not making a withdrawal over time. Now is the payback for waiting to catch a Chinook out of Area 9. Remember Area 9 and 10 have been closed now for about 76 days. This is like closing half of Puget Sound to Chinook fishing.

Here is what I think will be found when Area 9 opens: fishing should be excellent on Possession Bar, Pilot Point and Useless Bay. Most likely Possession Bar will have the best Chinook fishing. Because of the near floods we had this winter, Mid Channel Bank at Port Townsend will probably be where the bait and salmon end up. We shall see. When/if the Area 9 Chinook fishing starts on January 16, I would bet on

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fishing Pilot Point and the west side of Possession Bar on any days when the tide is coming in before noon time. On the days that the tide is ebbing before noon, I would fish the west side of Possession Bar or Mid Channel Bank. As we get closer to the end of January and beyond, I would try to make it to Mid Channel Bank as often as possible.

Because Areas 8-1 and 8-2 remained open during the Area 9 closure, those two Areas sharpened our appetite while we waited for the main event to happen on January 16. There were some sporadic bursts of decent Chinook fishing between Hat Island and Camano Island. However, that Area just does not have the look and feel of Area 9. When Area 9 opens there will be twice as many trailers parked at the Everett 10th Street Boat Launch.

Marine Areas Open in January

- Area 6 December 1 - April 10
- Area 7 December 1 - April 30
- Area 8-1 November 1 - April 30
- Area 8-2 November 1 - April 30
- Area 9 January 16 - April 15
- Area 10 Check WDFW

I want to look at some particular spots in Area 9 such as Possession Bar and Pilot Point. Most anglers fish for Chinook in these Areas without understanding the tide effects and where fish are located. No matter how I lay it out, there is a good chance fish might be located differently from my recommendations. My recommendations are only good starting points for effective Chinook fishing.

Possession Bar is made up of several sub fishing areas

1. **West side of the bar near the Scatchet Head Buoy, sometimes called the inner Bar**
2. **West side of the bar southeast corner**
3. **Tin Shed Drift, very southern end of the Bar**
4. **East side of the Bar southeast corner**
5. **East side of the Bar near the Possession Point Buoy**

When heading out, there are a lot of places to put your line in the water at Possession Bar. How do you make a smart decision? Unless I have a hot fishing report to go by, these are a series of choices I would make. I always make a stop at the southeast corner of Possession Bar and look for bait near the bottom in 90 to 120 feet of water. If there are good concentrations of bait, I stay and fish. If there is little bait, I move on. A short distance away is the Tin Shed Drift (very southern end of the Bar). It is the same routine, look for bait on the southern end of the Bar and perhaps troll over or closer to the southwest corner of the Bar. Again this is a simple routine. Look for bait and try to stay in the same area as the bait. Most of the winter time I do not fish near the Scatchet Head Buoy or the Possession Point Buoy for Chinook. During the January 2014 Chinook season, there was almost no bait on Possession Bar. There is no logic for that situation except grinding it out and hoping for a stray Chinook to come by.

While fishing Possession Bar for Chinook, try to stay in 90 to 120 feet of

water but not deeper than 150 feet. The edges of Possession Bar are quite steep, and it is easy to get out of the strike zone and easily wander off into deep water.

Pilot Point is also made up of sub areas for Chinook fishing. One of the best Areas is near the houses on the Beach at Pilot Point. In this area, the bottom has some unique contours and sharp corners that hold baitfish. When the tide is running hard I like to fish from the houses on the beach to a quarter of the distance to Point no Point. As the tide slows down, I like to fish the entire distance from the houses to most of the way to Point no Point. Don't get too close to Point no Point because the water gets weird and there will be a ton of seaweed waiting for you. I didn't follow my own advice this summer while fishing for Chinook and got into that seaweed mess close to Point no Point. Once again, look for bait and when you find bait don't move too far.

The bottom at Pilot Point is a more graduated contour compared to Possession Bar. You still have to be careful to not wander around too much. Try concentrating in 90 to 150 feet of water at Pilot Point. Looking for bait and sticking with the bait is the key issue for tracking down Chinook.

Incoming Tide

- [West Side of Possession Bar](#)
- [Southeast Corner of Possession Bar](#)
- [Tin Shed Drift, very southern end of Possession Bar](#)
- [Pilot Point](#)
- [Useless Bay](#)

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Ebb Tide

- West Side of Possession Bar
- Southwest Corner of Possession Bar
- Tin Shed Drift, very southern end of Possession Bar
- Point no Point
- Mid Channel Bank

Gear that I **would not** recommend for January fishing in Area 9.

Don't use small spoons such as a Coho Killer Spoon. These small spoons attract sub-legal Chinook. If we start catching too many sub-legal Chinook we will find ourselves in a Chinook deficit similar to the situation in November 2014.

I would recommend using these items:

- 3.5 Kingfisher Pro #964
- 3.5 Kingfisher Herring Aide #395
- 3.5 Kingfisher Pro Cookies n Cream #675
- 5" Herring w/Chrome or Clear UV Rhys Davis Anchovy Head
- Tomic 5" 602 Plug
- Tomic 5" 603 Plug

Flashers I recommend using:

- Gibbs 11" Red Racer UVGRMJRS
- Gibbs 11" Farr Better Flasher GRRS

Bahia la Tortuga Fishing Lodge

One of my many fishing adventures in 2015 was to Bahia la Tortuga (Bay of the Turtle) Fishing Lodge approximately 100 miles south of

Zihautenejo/Ixtapa Mexico. I went to this Mexican fishing lodge because of its remoteness and what I describe as an "off the grid" fishing adventure. This trip was definitely not roughing it. However, the lodge was without hot water, TV, internet connection or cell phone service for most phones, not even windows! Before you paint a picture in your mind of "What the...?", this place is one of the two greatest fishing lodges that I have ever fished.

Bahia la Tortuga Fishing Lodge is the neatest most well-manicured fishing lodge in all of Mexico. This place is a gem of a find! John Lorenzo and his wife Angie run the lodge. John is in charge of coordinating the fishing and Angie runs the kitchen. I hope that you can handle five meals and snacks each and every day.

The trip starts at the airport in Zihautenejo, Mexico. Salvador was waiting to pick up Anne and me and take us to the lodge, a two-hour drive through a very scenic and rural part of Mexico. If you have been to Cabo San Lucas, Puerto Vallarta or any of the other popular tourist destinations in Mexico, get ready for a cultural immersion in rural southern Mexico. Salvador made many stops along the way for pictures, purchasing locally grown bananas for us and showing us where his mother and father are buried.

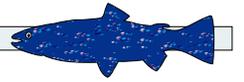
The destination we were headed to was Puerto Vicente. This is a very small fishing village in the middle of nowhere on the Pacific Ocean. When you arrive, you are in the middle of a different era in Mexico. It is very much like what it would have been

150 years ago, minus the outboard motors. This place is authentic and real! I felt privileged to be associated with these people for the short time we were there. Chickens and dogs were running loose everywhere. Pigs were in a front yard and a huge soccer field was at the marina. Small mom and pop stores dot the landscape. It is a village where everyone knows everyone. John Lorenzo and his wife settled here 19 years ago, moving from Texas to Mexico. They settled here to live and eventually turned their residence into a fishing lodge. This is a lodge where people from all over the world come to fish. When I was there, there were anglers from England, Alberta Canada, Wenatchee and us from Mukilteo. The reason people come to the Bahia la Tortuga fishing Lodge is because culturally and fishing, this is the real deal. The angling was outstanding and "Oh ya" with the most stunning silky sand and remote beaches in the world,

Do you want to fish inshore for Bonita and Sierra Mackerel or do you want to go off shore for Sailfish and Dorado (Mahi Mahi)? On a bad day of fishing, you might hook and land 2 to 4 Sailfish and Dorado. On a good day you might land 4 to 8 Sailfish.

On the first day, I hooked five Sailfish and landed four (all released). In addition, I caught a Dorado that was a little over 20 pounds that we kept for dinner. I could have hooked and landed a lot more Sails, but quit fishing at 11:30 AM because I accomplished my goal. I didn't go to see how many Billfish I could hook and land. Anne and I went there to immerse ourselves in the laid back life

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style and culture of a small fishing village.

The day at the lodge starts like this: wake-up is at 5:15 AM (if you want) and breakfast is at 5:30 AM. You can go fishing at 10 AM if you want to. At 6 AM the driver picks you up and takes you to the marina only five minutes away. The fishing guides are prompt and ready to go within minutes of your arrival at the marina. These guides are ready to get you out to the fishing grounds the minute you step into the boat. The morning is not wasted getting bait and making other unnecessary stops. This is all handled before you get to the boat in the morning.

Many of the anglers that I met at the lodge brought their own fishing tackle. If you want to do some light line fishing, it would be best to bring a fishing rod and reel rated for up to 30 pounds. The tackle the guides had was good quality; Shimano rods and reels. The reels were filled with relatively new line. The rods supplied by the guides were probably rated 30 to 80 pounds. If you choose to do some inshore fishing, then bring a 7 ½ foot rod rated for 12 to 20 pounds and a 4000 sized spinning reel filled with 30-pound braid.

If you are planning a warm water fishing trip in the near future, I would definitely recommend the Bahia La Tortuga fishing Lodge. This is really a different experience from fishing out of Cabo San Lucas. Picture this: Great fishing, great food, personal service and no beach vendors! [Click here for more information.](#)

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

There are only seven 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

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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

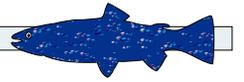
Cleaning, vacuum packing, flash freezing and boxing of your catch

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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Smoke Salmon Jerky

Needed: Smokehouse and food Dehydrator

Ingredients for 10lbs of Salmon
Brown Sugar
Kosher Rock Salt
Kikkoman Teriyaki Sauce
McCormick Montreal Steak Seasoning
Honey
Black Pepper

Bring four cups of water to a near boil. Slowly pour and stir two cups of honey into the hot water.

Mix four cups of water, two Cups of brown sugar, two cups of kosher salt, two cups of Kikkoman Teriyaki Sauce, four tablespoons McCormick Montreal Steak Seasoning, four

tablespoons of black pepper and two tablespoons of garlic salt. Stir until all the salt is dissolved.

Add the dissolved honey and other ingredients together into a food grade plastic bucket. Stir until everything is well mixed together.

Slice the Chinook into ¼" slices while still half frozen with an electric meat slicer. If you do not have a meat slicer thaw the salmon and cut with a sharp knife.

Put the pieces of salmon into the brine and stir to get good coverage. Add cold water as needed. Leave the fish in the brine for 24 hours.

Pour the fish into a large colander to drain the brine off of the fish. Do not wash the fish off with water.

Pour the salmon back into an empty brine bucket. Pour as much Kikkoman Teriyaki sauce over the fish so that the Teriyaki sauce covers the salmon. Leave the salmon in the Teriyaki sauce

for eight hours.

Now pour the salmon into a colander to drain off the Teriyaki sauce. Do not wash the salmon.

Lay the salmon pieces to dry for 8-12 hours on a table that is covered with foil. I do this in the garage where it is cool.

Bring your smokehouse up to 150 degrees. I use a Bradley Smoker and I use alder pucks. Lay the salmon on the smokehouse trays and smoke for two hours. Rotate the trays after one hour.

Take the trays out of the smokehouse after two hour hours.

Bring the temperature of your dehydrator up to 145 degrees prior to placing the salmon on the dehydrator trays. Leave the salmon in the dehydrator for 1 ½ hours. Take the salmon out and vacuum pack or eat fresh.



Englefield Bay
50lb Boxes of Fish
John Martinis
w/30lb Chinook

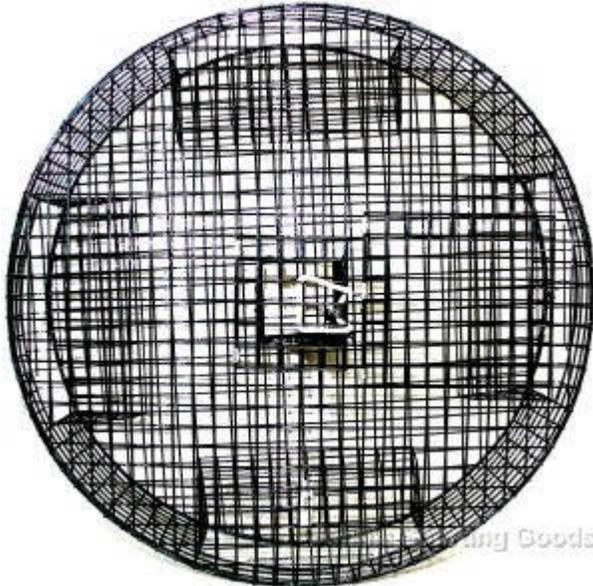


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Shrimp Pot Sale January 1-30

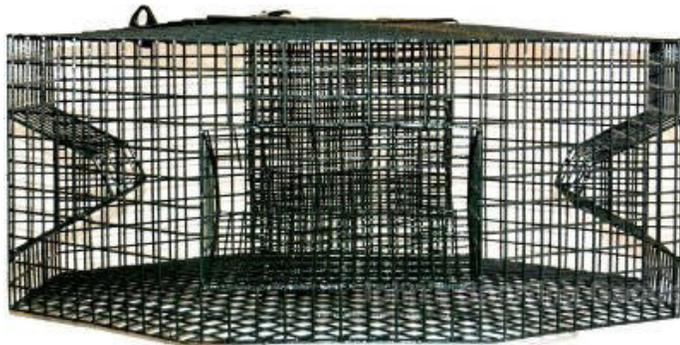
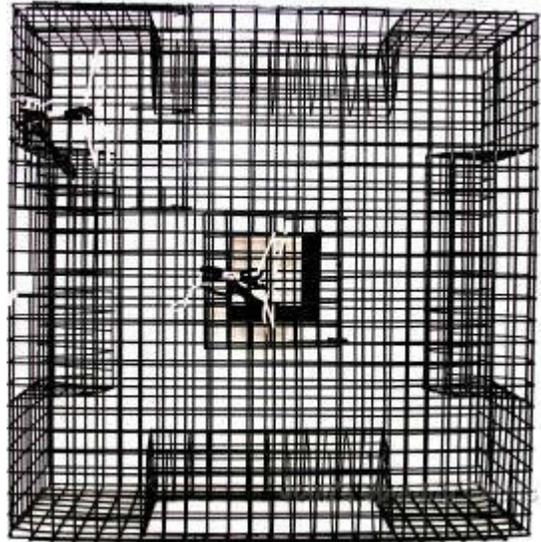
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