

# Fishing Journal

Information For The Serious Angler

by John Martinis

September 2016

## Fishing Dates

These Seasons  
and Limits  
May Change

### Area 7

**August 1-Sept 30**  
**Daily limit one Chinook,**  
**Hatchery or Wild**  
**Plus two Addition Sockeye**

### 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

**Nov 1-30**  
**Daily limit two**  
**Chinook, Hatchery only**

### Area 10

**Nov 1-Feb 28**  
**Daily limit two**  
**Chinook, Hatchery only**

### Area 12

**South of Ayock Pt.**  
**July 1-Sept 30**  
**Daily limit four**  
**Chinook, Hatchery only**  
Details on pg 121  
Sport Fishing Rules Book  
**Daily Limit Four**  
**Hatchery Coho**  
**North of Ayock Pt.**

## September 2016 Newsletter

The September Newsletter is packed with new material. I have included four new maps: Hood Canal Coho, Hood Canal Chinook, Open Bay Chinook and Kingston Chinook. With the exception of Kingston/Area 10, these new maps will guide you to some new areas that perhaps you have not fished. With the closures that we have at hand, it is time to expand your universe to include some of the areas that I have outlined in the Newsletter. Good luck fishing!

## New Focus on Salmon Fishing

None of us enjoy fishing closures that happen in our own backyard. Anglers who **do not** live in the Seattle – Edmonds - Everett metropolitan area have more open salmon seasons and bigger limits on either Chinook or Coho. Say what? Increased limits? That's right, now there are increased Chinook limits (four Chinook per day) in the southern end of Hood Canal. Also, there is a four fish limit on Coho in the north end of Hood Canal. In addition, there is a four Coho limit on the (Big) Quilcene River which flows into Hood Canal near Dabob Bay. The Cowlitz River has been nothing short of spectacular for Summer Run Steelhead. The Samish River near Bow/Edison is open for Chinook, and the fishing has been reasonably good.

Marine Area 7 (San Juan's) is open for either hatchery or wild Chinook until September 30<sup>th</sup>. This is just a handful of fishing opportunities within driving distance from the Everett/Seattle area.

In this Newsletter I want to take a close look at some of the areas I mentioned previously and provide you with some new maps. I am going to make two Hood Canal maps (Area 12) and a Kingston map (Area 10). The Kingston map is in anticipation of the November 1<sup>st</sup> Area 10 Chinook opening.

## Hood Canal Chinook

**South of Ayock Point: July 1<sup>st</sup> - September 30<sup>th</sup> the daily limit is four salmon. However, you must release wild Chinook and Chum.**

On the southern end of Hood Canal south of Ayock Point the Chinook limit is four fish and you can use two rods if you have a two rod endorsement. Is this four fish rule just a gimmick or the real thing? It's the real deal! I know anglers who recently fished Near Union in Hood Canal and brought back six Chinook. You can certainly catch two Chinook with a bit of luck and a small amount of skill mixed in.

There are two areas I would recommend for Chinook fishing in the Canal: Eagle Creek just north of Lilliwaup and Ayers Point which is across the Canal from Union. Early in the morning you need to fish these areas in

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just thirty feet of water depth. Gradually fish deeper as the light hits the water, not to exceed sixty feet of water.

Rigs to use: Gibbs red racer flasher with a Silver Horde #340 Chartreuse Ace Hi fly rigged 36 inches behind the flasher or a Gibbs red racer flasher with a Goldstar 3.5 Cookies n Cream Spoon rigged 42 inches behind the flasher. Use 30 pound Pline fluorocarbon leader material to tie both rigs. If you need custom tied hooks for the Ace Hi Fly or squid leaders we have them at John's Sporting Goods tied by Busby Tackle.

## Hood Canal Coho

North of Ayock Point: The daily limit is four Coho but you must release Chinook and Chum.

On the north end of Hood Canal and south of the Hood Canal Bridge the limit is four Coho. When was the last time you saw a four fish limit on Coho anywhere in Puget Sound? Well here it is!

There are two places where the Hood Canal Coho fishery takes place: first is just south of the Hood Canal Bridge and the second is in Dabob Bay. The fishing technique is similar to most places in Puget Sound. Fish in deep water for suspended Coho. Troll around until you find schools of Coho and then circle the schools until you draw strikes from these fish.

Rigs to use: Gibbs Purple Haze flasher with a Goldstar OAL12R Purple Haze squid rigged 36 inches behind the

flasher. Rig the squid using an Ace Hi Fly UV Needlefish Purple Haze #312 as an insert. If you tie your own hooks, use Gamakatsu Black 5/0 hooks for your squid hooks or purchase Busby Tackle squid leaders from John's Sporting Goods.

Here is a good map of Hood Canal which depicts the many boat launches, campgrounds and other services and their locations. [click here for map.](#)

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## Marine Area 7 Chinook

**August 1<sup>st</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup> the daily limit is one Chinook. Coho must be released. Two additional Sockeye may be kept. See Closure Areas**

In the San Juan Islands most of the

Chinook caught in the September period are caught on the west side of San Juan Island. September is the month when the large BC Harrison River Chinook sneak through the west side of San Juan Island. This is your chance to tie in to one of these jumbo size Chinook.

These Chinook can be caught in three places: Eagle Point on the ebb tide, Pile Point on the ebb tide and at Open Bay (Near Henry Island) on the flood tide.

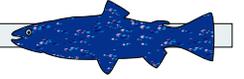
Rigs to use: Whole Herring, Gibbs Red Racer flasher with a Goldstar Herring Aide Coho Killer 42 inches behind the flasher or a Gibbs red racer flasher with a Goldstar #964 3.5 Kingfisher Spoon 42 inches behind the flasher.

## Most of Puget Sound closes to Crabbing September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Remember Summer catch reports are due Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>

OLYMPIA – Most Puget Sound areas close to recreational crab fishing on September 5<sup>th</sup> Labor Day. Anyone harvesting crab from a boat must retrieve all gear by one hour after sunset. Crabbers fishing from shore or from piers have until the end of the day on September 5th to retrieve their gear.

All sport fishers licensed to fish for Dungeness crab anywhere in Puget Sound have through October 1<sup>st</sup> to



submit summer catch reports to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW).

**Only two areas of the Sound that will remain open to crab fishing after Labor Day are marine area 7-North and area 7-South near the San Juan Islands.**

**These two areas will remain open Thursdays through Mondays each week through September 30<sup>th</sup>.** Sport fishers who crab in those two areas after September 5<sup>th</sup> must record their catch on winter catch record cards which are available at sporting goods stores and other license vendors across the state.

Crabbers can submit summer catch record cards to WDFW by mail at CRC Unit, 600 Capitol Way N., Olympia, WA 98501-1091. They can also report their catch online at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/shellfish/crab/> from September 6<sup>th</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup>. Crabbers who fail to file their catch reports on time face a \$10 fine when they purchase their 2017 Puget Sound crab endorsement.

"Catch reports play a major role in determining how much crab will be available for winter harvest." said Rich Childers, WDFW's shellfish policy lead. "It's important that we receive reports from everyone licensed to fish for crab in Puget Sound - whether or not they caught crab this year."

Childers said WDFW will announce winter crab seasons for Puget Sound in early October after completing the assessment of the summer fishery.

## Maps

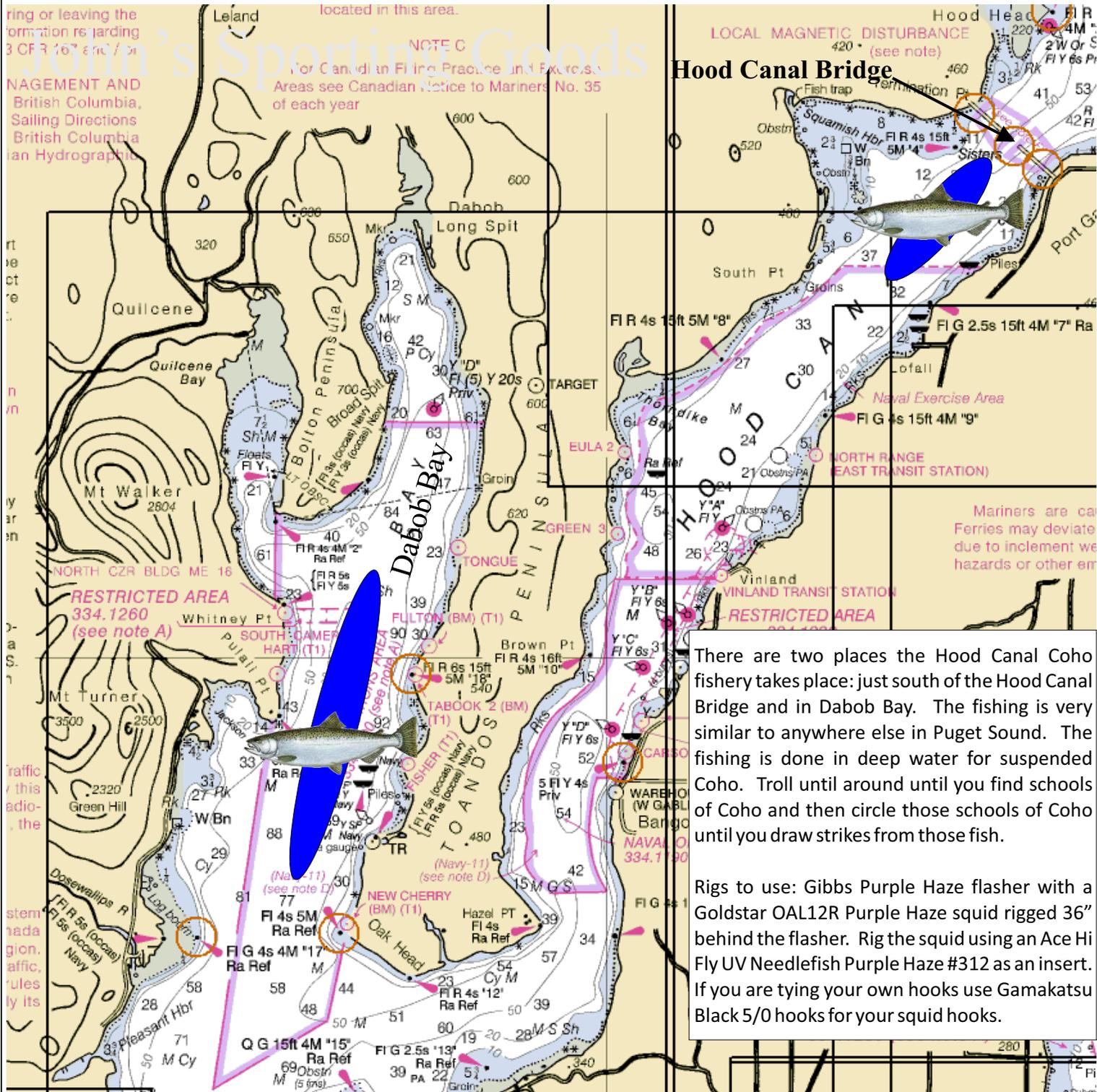
The four new maps that are in the September Newsletter can be found for future use in the Map Section of the John's Sporting Goods Web Site.

# Fishing Maps



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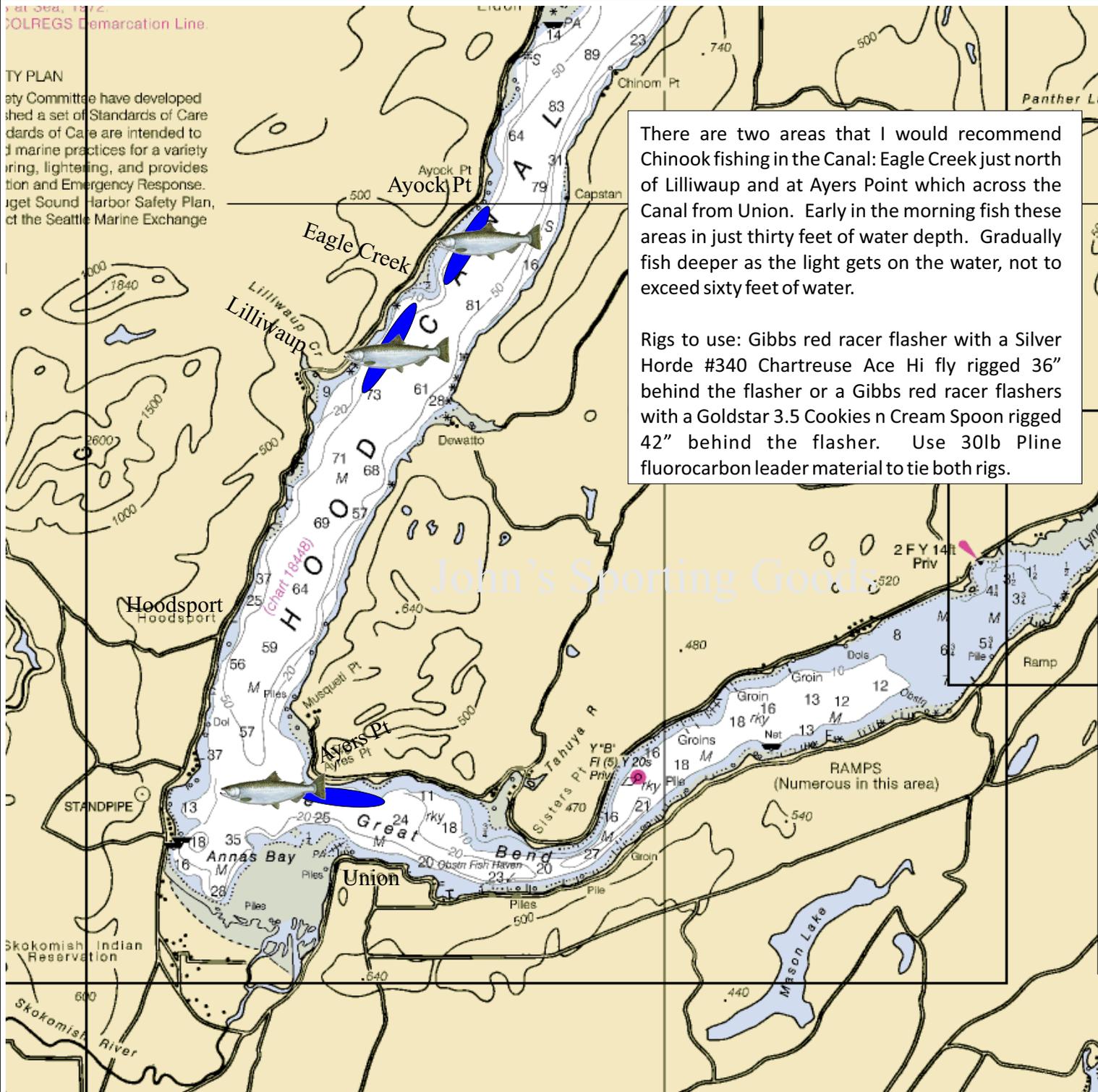
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Chart No. 1872  
COLREGS Demarcation Line

**SAFETY PLAN**

The Safety Committee have developed a set of Standards of Care cards of Care are intended to provide marine practices for a variety of boating, lighting, and provides information and Emergency Response. Hood Canal Harbor Safety Plan, published by the Seattle Marine Exchange



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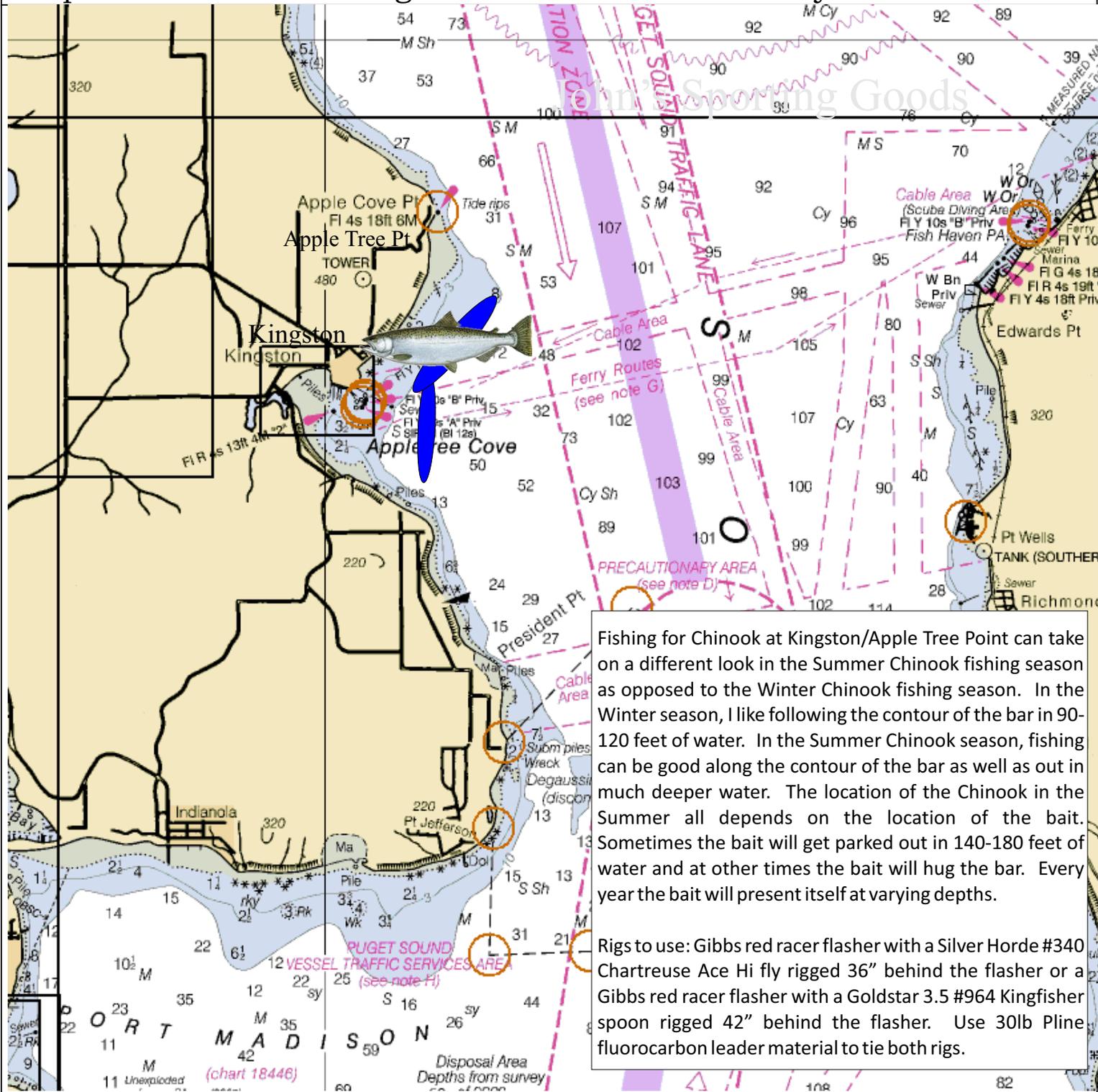
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## Kingston Chinook

January	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Chinook	Chinook					Chinook	Chinook			Chinook	Chinook



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