

August Fishing Report for Zeballos BC on Vancouver Island 2006

If I could only fish one month of the year, August would be the month. This is when the best charter fishing on Vancouver Island occurs. Zeballos and area 25 are expecting good returns of three-year-old Chinook salmon this year. Most of these fish will be in the 20-30lb range, with larger exceptions of course!

Ferrer point is renowned for being Salmon heaven at this time. Large schools of Chinook salmon make this a staging area while gorging on baitfish like Sardines, Herring and Needlefish. Other great fishing spots to try are Pin Rock and around Catala Island. When the summer westerly winds come up or you have a smaller boat, Rosa Island will see good fishing action. Anchovies trolled with or without a flasher is the preferred method for targeting those Tyee's. Longer leads when using a flasher tend to catch more fish later in the year. I also find as the fish get a little darker now, that gold flashers work well. Small to medium sized herring trolled in a teaser head will also catch fish. If you prefer hardware, try larger sized spoons. Five and six inch Coyote's, Tomic Road Runners and Wonder spoons are a good bet. These larger spoons fish better without a flasher. The majority of fish will be taken trolling at depths of 7-15m inside the surf line.

Good Coho action will be found at the same spots as the Chinook. Try to find schooling baitfish and you should find the Coho. By now these ferocious feeders are gaining a pound a week and will almost hit anything. Your trolling speed should be double or more than when Chinook salmon fishing. Try your favorite spoons or buck tails from ten meters to surface. Jigging and Fly Fishing in around the kelp beds is becoming more popular for these silver bullets.

If Halibut fishing remains half as good as it was earlier in the year plenty of this fine table fare can be had by anglers willing to put in some time. Try any of the under water structure from Tatchu point to Ferrer point in 30m of water or more. In the past few years we have seen our largest fish caught in August with a few 200 lb plus. If interested in fishing Vancouver Island I guarantee Zeballos has some of the best charter fishing anywhere in BC.