

Overview 2007

2006 ended up being another unforgettable year for area 25. A great number of Tyee's showed up on the docks and Halibut fishing remained consistently awesome! With that said, now's the time start planning that 2007 fishing adventure.

May is the kick off of the charter season around Zeballos and with it comes the best Halibut fishing anywhere. Last year all of my clients were able to limit out on these tasty flat fish during May. The majority of these fish were taken in 60-80m of water working the underwater structure from Catala Island to Tatchu point. Most of these fish were in the 40-80lb ranges. My preferred set up for these bigger fish is a spreader bar rig with 150lb test mono leader around 18-24inches with two 10/O J hooks. Mackerel, Herring, Sardines and Octopus are all good bets. Hardware definitely has its time and place as well with Mud Rakers, Spinnows and Berkley or Hali hog's soft plastic baits a good choice. Don't forget about the fantastic Ling Cod and Rock Fish still abundant in our area. With Limits of three Lings and Three Rock Fish this can be a lot fun for the young ones and a great time to get them interested in fishing. The sand and gravel around Catala Island and Gilliam channel produced a good number of smaller chickens as well. Try trolling your salmon gear right along bottom here in 35-50m of water.

Some of the first runs of migratory Chinook pass through the offshore waters of Esperanza in May. Most of these fish will be taken in 80-120m of water at depths of 40-70m. Try running your favorite spoons on 4-5 foot leaders behind a flasher. Trolling around the surf line in late may through June produced some fantastic Salmon fishing last year. The majority of these fish were in the 15-25lb ranges. These fish were caught at 25m to bottom in 35-50m of water.

July and August is prime time for Zeballos and the surrounding waters. This is when our local Chinook Salmon are abundant and close to shore. Ferrer point, Pin Rock, Catala Island and Rosa Island are all great starting points. This is the time to start using bait. Anchovies and Herring trolled in a teaser head, with or without a flasher produce the most fish. These mature fish will be caught at depths of 6-20m. Coho will start to show up around this time as well.

If your looking for a world class fishing destination, come give zeballos a try, you won't be disappointed. For information on this great fishery please give us a call or check us out online.

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