

August 2008 report for Zeballos BC

The season has been in full swing for a couple of months now, but the best of the best is now upon us. August is peak time for fishing Vancouver Island and Zeballos.

Ferrer Point, Pin Rock, Twin Island and Rosa harbor are major staging grounds for mature Chinook fish entering Nootka Sound and Other Vancouver Island river systems. Trolling at depths of 7m-20 m will see the most action. Anchovies and herring trolled in a teaser head produce the majority of fish taken. Chartreuse, Betsy, Clear green and Blue are some of my favorite teaser head colors. I always run a gold flasher at this time of the year as it starts to match the color of some of the fish that are starting to turn. Tomic plugs, Clendon Stewart, Wonder and Tomic Road Runner spoons in 6-7 inch are worth a shot at times. I find on certain days these larger lures produce some big fish. You might not get as much action as you would with bait, but the reward could be well worth it.

We should have some good Coho action through out the month as well. Early in the month try fishing the outside of Low Rock all the way along the surf line to Ferrer point. By the end of the month we should have fish moving through the middle of the channel between Rosa Island and Double Island.

Last season we saw some unusual fishing patterns around Esperanza. Our off shore water was so warm (61-64 degrees) that we were catching the odd albacore tuna where we normally catch our migratory salmon. There was an abundance of sunfish and blue sharks as well. Someone from the Thasis area even landed a giant Ono that wasn't far off the world record. Although it is interesting seeing these different species it makes one wonder what the future holds for our salmon with so many different environmental changes happening. For an unforgettable Vancouver Island fishing charter give us a call or check us out online.

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