

June 09 report

June is a great time to fish Zeballos BC. This is when the first runs of Chinook salmon start showing up along the beach. The last couple of years we have had some of the most consistent salmon fishing of the year at this time. The majority of the fish are in the high teens and twenties, but when you have constant action like we have had you can't beat it. With little fishing pressure and good weather June is the perfect time for a west coast adventure.

Good spots to try are the south side of Catala Island off of low rock and ferrer point. Try fishing at depths of 15m to bottom and watch the sounder for bait. These early season fish hold around the bait. If there isn't any bait around there probably aren't many fish either. These fish are bulking up fast and need a constant food source to keep them energized along their migration. The bait is usually small at this time, so match your lures accordingly. If you are running bait try Anchovies and small herring trolled in a teaser head. Coyote spoons in glow/green, cop car and various silver half and half patterns will all catch fish. Try leader lengths of 48-72 inches behind a flasher when running spoons. Hoochies in white, purple haze and various greens and blues will produce fish. You can't seem to go wrong with a green flasher, but red, blue and purple are worth trying.

Halibut fishing remains excellent with most fish in the 30-60lb ranges. Esperanza reef is a great spot to try. Fishing the south side and surrounding structure is your best bet. There are plenty of rockfish and ling cod around here to keep you busy if the halibut bite is slow. Octopus, herring and sardines are all working great, fished off a spreader bar. Power bait in white, glow and root beer fished on a lead head or spreader bar are a good choice when bait is fishing slow. Another good reason for using power bait is that it holds on your leader much better than most bait.

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