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## The Fishin' Magician

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I had a great week sampling some of the fishing that is available to us here in Central Washington. I spent a day on Potholes Reservoir fishing for walleye, and also traveled to Bridgeport to fish for kings and look for steelhead. Fishing was great in both locations, and it doesn't look like it is going to end soon.

My buddy Brian Nielson, BJ's Guide Service, called and told me that the walleye bite was amazing on Potholes Reservoir. I had to get down there and see for myself. I met Nielson and James Labow at Mar Don Resort, who put me up for the night so I could get an early start. We ran across the reservoir to the upper Medicare Beach area and began to troll.

Nielson had us set up with Slow Death Hooks with Motor Oil or Emerald Green Smile Blades. These were fished on 2 ounce bottom walkers and the hooks were tipped with nightcrawlers. He had told me to expect to catch a lot of perch along with the walleye, and we did. We were into fish immediately, getting a mix of perch and walleye. The perch bite was something else, and they were so fat that we decided we had to keep some. We agreed that nothing smaller than 11 inches would go in the live well.

We worked our way up this shoreline into what Nielson called the corner. There were a bunch of boats in this area, and when we got there we could understand why. The walleye were everywhere. We caught fish at 20 feet. We got fish at 10 feet. We even got walleye as shallow as 6 feet in this area. The bottom here is rolling dunes and goes up and down constantly. It didn't matter on this day, though. The walleye were on the bite and would chase baits down at



every depth.

When we got to the cleaning station we had our limits of walleye that were 14 to 21 inches. We also had 28 perch, all over 11 inches. What a day. We had a lot of work ahead of us filleting all these fish, but boy was it worth it. The walleye bite that has been going on since this spring on Potholes just keeps on going. If you want to get a meal or two of fresh walleye, there's no better place to get just that than Potholes Reservoir.

The next day my friend Jim Passage and I headed up to Bridgeport. I had promised to show him how to catch kings on the Columbia River, and this would be a good place to do it. We also threw in our steelhead bobber and jig rods.

We launched at the City Marina and ran up river and started fishing almost in the middle of the river off the area

some call The Pines. I rigged us up with flashers and Super Baits. If Passage was going to have a good chance at catching kings anywhere on the Columbia River, this would be a technique that he would want to know.

I don't think our lines were in the water more than ten minutes when the first rod went down. I grabbed it and brought a king of about 20 pounds to the boat. We carefully released it and put our gear back out. The same rod went off a short time later and Passage brought a jack to the net, which we also released. I had a Super Bait Plug Cut on one rod, and the fish weren't interested. The good old standard Super Bait Hot Tamale color was what they wanted, and when I put it on both rods they each got hits. We caught eight fish, releasing most of them, and then switched to bobbers and jigs.

We ran up to the bridge and made a long drift through here. At the very bottom end of this area Passage's bobber went down and it took forever to get the fish close enough to the boat to see what we had. It was a whopper king, and easily the biggest fish he had ever caught on a bobber and jig. Next, we ran across to the other side to one of our favorite steelhead drifts and at the end of this drift his bobber went down again. The fish took a terrific run and when it came up to the surface it slashed and broke the ten pound line. It was another king. The flasher and Super Bait rigs sure worked great, and if you want to have some fun catching kings, Bridgeport is a good place to do it. They

may be scarce now, but steelhead will be showing up here very soon.

Last Wednesday I traveled up to Pateros and met with some folks about a great event that will happen here in November. Pateros is going to Celebrate Steelhead with a night of free seminars. Everyone is invited to come to the Central Building on Friday, November 14th. Starting at 6 p.m. a buffet dinner is being offered, and then at 7 p.m. there will be three presentations on how to catch steelhead on area waters. Kevin van Bueren will show everyone how to rig to catch Methow River steelhead on a fly. Next up will be Keith Roe and he will show you his techniques for catching steelhead on the Methow and Okanogan rivers with a bobber and jig. Finally, Shane Magnuson, will be there to show you how to catch steelhead on the main stem Columbia River on a bobber and jig. These are all experts and anyone that wants to be more successful this steelhead season should be there. In addition to the buffet and speakers there will be some great prizes handed out through drawings. These will include overnight stays at local hotels and meals at local restaurants.

This weekend I am going down to check out the King of the Reach Derby being put on by the Tri-Cities chapter of the Coastal Conservation Association. In between I hope to find out where the steelhead are hanging out and get a couple!

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