

The Fishin' Magician

Welcoming

Dave Graybill

To The Nickel Ads Classifieds



while we tried to get the sockeye in, clear the other rods and land the king.

I was up in the bow shooting video for one of my Fishing TV shows, and when Redifer and Tolman both had a limit of sockeye and a king in the fish box, they offered to let me join the rotation. I gladly put the camera down, and in less than an hour I had a king and a limit of sockeye! We weren't the only ones keeping busy. Fish were being caught all around us. Sockeye were coming through in waves and you could see them flipping around next to the bank at the top of the eddy. Not only were people getting sockeye, the king bite was the best I have seen in the four years I have fished down here with Magnuson. Even better news for those who have a particular interest in sockeye is that, according to Magnuson, the smallest fish we landed was larger than

the biggest sockeye taken last year.

On the king rods Magnuson was running Plug Cut Super Baits behind Pro Troll flashers. He had a tub of tuna handy to stuff the lures, and the tuna was scented with his Graybill's Guide Formula in the salmon flavor. One thing that he did that seemed to help spur the bite was to change the length of his leader. A slightly shorter leader was more productive on this particular morning. On the sockeye rods he was using a size 0 silver dodger with the bright prism overlay. Behind the dodger he had a lead of about 15 inches and a bright pink squid with a double hook tie, baited with shrimp.

If you would like to get more details on exactly how Magnuson rigs for summer runs kings, you will want to attend the seminar at Town Ford on Wednesday, July 25th, starting at 6 p.m. If you have never been to one of these you will be amazed at how much detail Magnuson shares about his salmon fishing techniques. Also at the seminar will be Ron Oules of Reel-Lentless Guide Service in Brewster. Oules will be focusing his presentation on how to fish for sockeye at Wells Dam and in the Brewster Pool. Oules has been fishing and guiding in the Brewster area for years and will have some valuable information to pass on to anglers. There should be plenty of both kings and sockeye available to anglers in the Wells to Brewster Pool stretch of the Columbia by then, so this seminar will really help give you an edge on how to catch good numbers of them.

I want to give trout anglers out there a reminder of a couple of rule changes that occur after the 4th of July. Popular Beehive Reservoir in the Wenatchee Heights switches to catch and release fishing with no bait allowed. This often catches some anglers by surprise so I wanted to let you know. Also, another very popular trout lake, Jameson, is now closed to fishing. It will reopen in October for a month, and for many serious trout anglers the fall is their favorite time to fish Jameson.

The Icicle Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be holding a Kids Fishing Derby at the Acclimation Pond on Blackbird Island in Leavenworth sometime in the next few weeks. They are waiting for the steelhead in the pond to smolt and enter the Wenatchee River. I will keep you posted and get you a date when I get one.

Also, click on the Travel button on the navigation bar on my Home Page. I have added a fishing calendar for the Sea of Cortez. This will give you an idea of the kinds of fish we will be chasing on the trip in November. You can learn more by calling Journey Travel and Tours at 877-335-1153.

My next trip will be to Banks Lake. I hear the bass fishing is fantastic and I am going to try for some walleye, too!

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