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## The Fishin' Magician

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Summer-run salmon and sockeye are surging up the Columbia River, and anglers are eager to get after them. I spent most of last weekend hanging out at Hooked on Toys in Wenatchee with the folks from Bob Feil Boats and Motors. Man, the salmon tackle was flying off the shelves! There were some great seminars provided on Saturday, plus there is another seminar coming up soon.

I had a lot of fun on Lake Chelan last Monday, taking the Anatatmula family fishing for kokanee. I fished in two shifts, taking a boat load of the guys out in the late morning. We had very slow fishing, and returned to the beach at Wapato Point without any fish. I then took a boat load of the girls out and we had much better luck. I was surprised when the bite came on about 4:30, off the blue roofs in about 90 feet of water. We had some good action before having to head back to the beach. One of the kokanee was about 16 inches. Having the girls beat the boys was a big deal. There are still kokanee to be caught on Chelan. Success is up and down and day to day right now, though.

It was a very busy day at Hooked on Toys last Saturday. The parking lot was full most of the day, and a big attraction was the seminars. Stuart Hurd, Jerrod Gibbon and Austin Moser all provided talks on their fishing techniques. There were differences in each of their approaches to catching summer-run salmon, but there was a common theme. They all are spending most of their time fishing Super Baits. These lures are now not only the favorite of recreational fishermen, but the guides as well. The Super Bait Plug Cut style has really taken hold. Super Baits behind a flasher, filled with scented tuna is how most of the pros are fishing for salmon in our region. When they talked about catching sockeye they emphasized short leaders and that you to be willing to experiment with color and speed.

Those who missed the seminars at Town Ford and Hooked on Toys will have another opportunity to learn from the pros at Bob Feil Boats and Motors. There will be a free seminar on Thursday, July 10th, starting at 6 p.m. Shane Magnuson, of Upper Columbia Guide Service, will be there to talk about catching summer-run salmon, and Austin Moser will be providing a presentation on catching sockeye. There will be plenty of parking available at the dealership on Sunset Highway in East Wenatchee. There will be door prizes and light refreshments.

One of the big hits at Salmon Fest's Outdoor Recreation Area every year is the Traditional Bow Hunters

activity. Myron Olson, who provides the activity, has told me that their jamboree, Wajam 2014, will take place in Ellensburg this year on July 11th through the 13th. People will be able to learn, practice and observe traditional bow hunting at the free event and 25 kids age 14 and under will be able to make their own bow. The event will be held at the property of Bob and Bernice Best, 210 Tomahawk Lake, Ellensburg, and if you have questions you can call Myron Olson at (425)359-7325.

I took some time late last Sunday and tried a new stream for the first time, by driving over Blewett Pass from Leavenworth to the Teanaway River. I have driven past this river on the highway a thousand times and have never fished it. I was eager to get out with my fly rod as I had a new one to try out, and some new wet wading shoes from Korkers to wear as well. I only saw two rises and had very few takes until just after 6 p.m., and then the small stretch of water I was casting on came alive. I was getting a hit on my Olive Elk Hair Caddis on almost every cast. I caught and released a bunch of 7- to 8 inchers, but also got both rainbow and cutthroat to about 12 inches. It was a blast. I was told that the Teanaway drops fast and should be fished early in the summer before it gets too low. It is just perfect right now. I was able to cross the river to fish both sides (my new Korkers wet wading shoes really helped) and there is plenty of water to fish. It is warm enough to go without waders. The river has been open since the last

Saturday in June, and it is a selective fishery, meaning no bait and barbless hooks.

The mission of the Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead Endorsement Board is to open and maintain selective fisheries. The opening of the Wenatchee River to spring salmon season this year is an example of how the program works. Another river that was opened for a pilot fishery funded by the program was the recent spring Chinook fishery on the lower Grande Ronde River. This is the first time is over 40 years that anglers have been able to fish for spring salmon on the stream. The four-day fishery will provide the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife important information that could allow more fishing seasons in the future.

Families with kids under the age of 15 are invited to Leavenworth and the Blackbird island juvenile fishing pond this Saturday. From 8 a.m. till noon the Icicle Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be there to help them catch fish. Bring your own tackle to this one. For information contact Jeff Phippen at 509-393-4940.

Boy, there is a lot going on here in Central Washington. Salmon season is open, our area lakes and reservoirs are producing excellent catches of walleye and other spiny ray species, and our rivers will soon be in fishing shape. Better make plans to get out and get in on the action before summer gets away from you. I am going to do my best to get out and try it all!

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