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Flint Creek flows directly out of Georgetown and is a beautiful, meandering stream. It winds its way through a scenic valley to the west of Georgetown, and past the historic mining town of Phillipsburg. My fishing partner Tom Verschuren, of Issaquah, and myself marveled at the amount of great water we found. However,

the thunder and rain storms that hit the area just as we arrived muddied the water, and fishing wasn't that great. We each caught several small brown trout, and vowed to visit this stream again when conditions were better.

We next tried Warm Springs Creek. This is a very fast flowing and shallow stream that follows the highway from Silver Lake, which is a reservoir to the west of Georgetown Lake. There were very few places that offered slow enough water to hold fish. The stream is lined with heavy thickets of Aspen and brush. I got some dandy scrapes just trying to get to the water on my first attempt. It was worth it though. From a very small pocket of water I had a 14 1/2-inch cutthroat take my Stimulator. I caught another nice cutt of about 12 inches in this small stream the next day. I know that Montana is known for much larger trout, but this was big game fishing for me compared to what I catch on the Icicle.

If you haven't heard, the sockeye season on Lake Wenatchee is scheduled to close on Tuesday, August 31st. The season was a good one for local anglers. There is something special about fishing for sockeye in such a scenic spot. It is no surprise that anglers travel from the west side to experience it. The crowded launch that we deal with at the State Park is nothing compared to the mayhem of the Lake Washington sockeye fishery, where thousands hit the water in search of sockeye.

When I caught up with Shane Magnuson, Upper Columbia Guide Services, he was putting his boat in for a jaunt to the area above Wells Dam. He had started his day off the mouth of the Okanogan and was going to try to fill his quota of salmon for his clients by moving to this area down river. He mentioned that the fishing had really improved the past week, and he was boating four to eight fish for the clients on his boat. I am going to join him one morning, with camera in hand and video the action for my Fishing TV Show. You'll be able to see how we do when you tune in the program. Just check the Fishing TV Page on my web site to see when it will air.

Here's an item in the "mark your calendar" category. The annual Fish and Wildlife Roundtable is to be held in Brewster this year on Wednesday, September 8th. Most every year now the Director of the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, Phil Anderson,

makes a trip over here to listen to the public's concerns on a variety of hunting and fishing issues. High on the agenda for this meeting will be the Upper Columbia salmon and steelhead selective fishing management plans. The Roundtable is known for lively discussions and frank exchanges from the community on how the department conducts its business in this region. The meeting will be held at the Columbia Cove Recreation Building, 508 W. Cliff Avenue, in Brewster. It is scheduled from 5:30 to 7:30 that evening.

I am hearing some buzz on the fall run to our region. People are already watching the counts, as they are beginning to tickle up stream. The forecast for fall Chinook is outstanding. There are 653,000 fall salmon expected to enter the Columbia River this year, that's 234,000 more than last season. This is welcome news for anglers who like to fish the Hanford Reach and below Priest Rapids and Wanapum Dams. Last year the fall fishing ended early due to the lack of fish, which was very unusual. It appears that there will be no shortage this season.

I have a busy fishing schedule, with plans to fish the Icicle for small rainbow, the upper Columbia for kings, Lake Chelan for lake trout and even another trip up to Fish Lake to get another mess of yellow perch. Maybe I can't do it all, but I do what I can!

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