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Then it can be used as a fishing pond for kids under the age of 15 through the summer. This year's event was

found a good number of perch on my depth sounder would toss out a marker buoy; then back to the buoy and hit Anchor Mode on the I-Pilot. This would keep me within five feet of the marker. I caught a bag full of fat perch, and quit when I had enough for a good meal for the two of us. Remember, there is a 25-fish limit on perch at Fish Lake.

My plan for the coming weekend is to be at Hooked on Toys. If you haven't heard the Berkley Experience Trailer is returning to Wenatchee and will be at Hooked on Toys from Friday through Sunday. This is a very big deal. The Berkley Experience came to Wenatchee for the first time last year, and they don't make many trips to small markets. They had such a great time in Wenatchee last year they scheduled another appearance, and that's good news for anglers, no matter what kind of fishing is your favorite. There will be some super deals on tackle, and the way it works is if you buy something you will get something for free, in most cases. I liked the videos and demonstrations that were going on all weekend. I learned a lot about the gear that I use that is distributed under the Berkley banner.

I'll be showing off the Jetcraft that I have been driving this year from Bob Feil Boats and Motors. Come by and see me, this great boat and others that Bob Feil will have on display over the weekend. Looking forward to seeing you at Hooked on Toys!

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This was a big week for salmon anglers here on the upper Columbia River. Fishing for summer run Chinook took a definite turn for the better, and sockeye numbers soared. It may be late, but our summer season for Chinook salmon and sockeye has finally taken off, and it's about time. Anglers have been frustrated by very high currents and low fish counts since the July 1st opening day of summer runs salmon season. Even the adjusted forecast for the summer run season promised even more Chinook than last year. Sockeye numbers for this year were going be down from last year's record return, but still high enough to provide good action on the upper Columbia, and perhaps another sockeye season on Lake Wenatchee.

Wanapum once again provided the best action in the early season. It was a wild ride for the anglers that fished down there, but at least there were fish. Now there are decent numbers of fish being taken in the Wenatchee area. Pete Flohr, of Hooked on Toys sent me a great photo of his young daughter Isabel with her first king, which weighed over 30 pounds! Reports have gone from hit and miss to daily success from the Wenatchee area all the way up to Wells Dam.

Above Wells is another story. Fishing in the famed Brewster Pool has yet to light up. This is mainly due to the fact that significant numbers of summer runs have just started to appear in the Wenatchee area. They are now making their way up stream and will be arriving in the Brewster area very soon—just in time for the big derby actually.

The Sixth Annual Budweiser-Lowrance King Salmon Derby, sponsored by the Brewster

Chamber of Commerce is all set to start on Friday, August 5th. I hope that you have your tickets, because they are getting scarce. Only 275 total adult tickets will be sold this year, so I would log onto www.brewstersalmonderby.com and get ahold of the folks of there and get your order in for tickets. This is one of the best-run derbies that you'll ever participate in. That's why it has grown so fast. About everyone that has fished in this one has come back, and brought their friends! Don't miss your chance to fish in this one. Get your ticket order in right away.

I spent the weekend close to home. On Saturday I was one of the many members of the Icicle Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited that helped put on the Kids Fishing Day at the Juvenile Pond on Blackbird Island. This annual event has been made possible by a joint project between Trout Unlimited, Chelan PUD and the Department of Fish and Wildlife. The pond is first used as an acclimation pond for young steelhead in the spring. When they have smolted and left to make their journey from the pond, down the Wenatchee to the Columbia and the Pacific Ocean.

Sunday was spent at Fish Lake, with my wife Eileen. The word was that there were some nice perch being taken there now. It has been a long time between perch feeds for me, not since this past winter, and was eager to get a mess. It was a perfect summer day to be at Fish Lake. We poked around the lake, trying different spots, and as it turned out we probably could have stayed at the first place I tried and done just fine. I would cruise around on my I-Pilot, bow-mounted electric motor, and when I

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