



Welcome to our newsletter



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FISH HERE, THIS SATURDAY.

With us. Begin with a how to at our office in Bellingham at 10:00 a.m., Saturday 9/22/07 (if you notify Dale prior to Saturday.) Then those who like will mount up and, an hour's drive and 45 minutes walk later...

It's one of Fishing Coaches basic rules—if possible, be ready to leave on 36 hours notice. We know that's not easy, or always possible. But there's a reason we add it to so many Gameplans.



And we mean you.

First, however...We have other rules, including one that prevents us from overtaxing a resource. So this particular newsletter won't give the exact location of the fishery, in fact, it's actually a select members' invitation, aimed to those who prefer aesthetics and small wild trout, to fish with us a pair of small waters that require care.



Char, actually. Last week, Dale carried spinning gear into lakes in the Mt. Baker National Forest. He'd scouted one of these twice before, without tackle, hiking in mostly because the trip itself is **one of the most scenic in the world (we're not kidding)**. However distracting the scenery, awe didn't prevent him from enticing 50 hits in five hours. That resulted in 24 hook-ups of six to nine-inch brookies, almost all of which came close enough for him to flick the



barbless hook free. Mountain gems, we're talking.

Acting on a tip, Dale tried another lake nearby, rumored to hold larger fish. Sure enough, he saw another fisherman hook one probably around 10.5 inches.



Let's call the altitude 5000 ft, and the hike just under two miles—you'll see snow drifts below you—and it is steep on the way out. Light or ultra-light spinning or fly fishing gear, to fish size 14 Adams dry flies, and small black nymphs. Or, bring small spinners, 1/16 Mepps or Colorados, for example. Waders would help, but you'd have to pack them in and out. Do wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots, and be sure to bring drinking water, lunch, and a \$5 parking fee.

If you're interested, let Dale know by 9/21/07, at 360 920 7667, or dale@fishingcoaches.org

Now you're invited to something completely different—*Next Saturday.*



"Never caught a salmon? Never caught 30 in a day? The Harrison is a great place to do either, or both. It's a fine day of fishing for anybody who owns a boat and likes action and more action—including such savvy and experienced masters as FC source Dave Vedder."

For countless years people have come to harvest salmon at the confluence of rivers Fraser and Harrison. According to National Geographic, the Fraser has the largest run of salmon in the world. And none is larger than that of the pink salmon, "humpies." They make superb sport for C & R anglers, and this close to the ocean are still bright enough smoke, can or grill.

That combination of means you'll find countless anglers—a fishery that's also a festival.

Dale will host a pink salmon seminar at the FC offices in Bellingham at 10:00 a.m., Sept 29, 2007. Shortly thereafter, he'll head to the Harrison, and in his boat play Mother Goose to other boating members who're interested. (Sorry, we're still trying arrange an insurance package for FC's boat. Something that costs less than, say, than the Louisiana Purchase.)

You'll need at least the following:

- 1. At least a 12-foot boat, preferably stable enough to fish while standing. Aluminum is best, since you may wish to beach occasionally. **Make sure you have an engine powerful enough to run up river against 4 mph current (and ideally, a kicker motor for emergencies).** Check gas prices: you may wish to carry a full tank from the US. You can fish from shore, but it's maybe only 1/10th as productive.
- 2. A break-away rock anchor system.
- 3. Boot/chest waders for launching.
- 4. A steelhead spinning outfit, reel spooled with 8 lb. test, also 10 lb test fluorocarbon leader material, 1.5-2" pink crappie squid, # 7 brass snap swivels, #2/0 to #2 hook on a 1/4 oz jig.



Have something to offer?

Fishing Coaches hopes volunteers will help us get bigger faster, so contact us if you can:

- 1) "Test" a Fishing Coaches scenario and report on your trip. (Photos welcome!)

OR

- 2) Make phone calls to help us research new fishing scenarios!

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If you're interested, you'll need to contact Dale no later than 9/28/07 for more info: 360 920 7667, or dale@fishingcoaches.org:

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