

We've had a pretty wacky year of salmon runs this year, some say it's because of global warming others blame it on weapons of mass destruction whatever the case the runs have been harder to predict than our sporadic Alaskan weather. The last salmon runs of the year known as Coho, Kahanee, Blueback, Hooknose and most commonly known as silvers are without a doubt one of the most fun, exciting and acrobatic salmon to catch, and they are early. If you haven't gotten out there yet this year don't let this moment get away from you. Homer halibut fishing continues to be strong with an average size, called chickens, weighing 15 to 20 lbs being picked up just about everywhere you find water about 200 feet deep. The silvers have moved into the Homer spit lagoon and your limit there is 6. Snagging in China Poot Bay is still being reported as good and we have Coho showing up in the Anchor River. The Kenai has had a whirlwind of emergency orders released for red salmon to include cancelled dip netting and sports fishing. I did however see that, get this, hundreds of kings are being caught so chances of hooking up one of those guys is excellent. The early run of reds in the Russian has slowed down but your limit there stays at 3 per day. Now if you're heading to the Kaslof for reds, fishing is being reported as fair and your daily limit doubles to 6. I'm going to go out on a limb with Anchorage fishing and predict good silver fishing at both Ship and Bird Creeks and suggest you check your tide books for fishing an hour before and two hours after high tide. A word of warning to all of you heading towards Bird Creek I hear the crowds are large and the bears have been sighted poking around, so be careful and stay alert. Also in Anchorage, Campbell Creek has opened for silver fishing and your limit there is 3. In the Prince William Sound area if you're looking for large halibut and providing the weather holds out a trip out to Montague Island would be an excellent choice. If you're looking for reds in the Valdez area both Coghill River and Eshamy Lake are reporting awesome fishing. Dip netters on the Copper River are still doing well, and the Gulkana, Klutina and Tonsina Rivers are now closed to king fishing. If your looking for some large lake trout Lake Louise would be my pick but with waters warming up the best times to fish would be early morning or late evening and the deeper the better. For you valley fishermen and fisherwomen we have silvers all over the place Eklutna, Jim Creek, Little Su, Alexander Creek, Doshka, and slowly popping up pretty much in all Parks Highway Streams. Here's a tip from me to you stop by your local tackle shop and stock up on #4 Vibrax chrome pink and chartreuse being some of my lucky colors. Before I get to my picks I'd like to say all our favorite places to fish are becoming more and more crowded and I'd like to ask that all of us please respect one another and have a little patience. And when you are cleaning your trophy fish please take a moment to chop your waste up and toss it out into the current, leaving it laying around on the shore just attracts the neighborhood bears. The hot spot this week I'm going to have to say for boaters will be Alexander Creek and for shore fishing I'm have to go Little Su, Ill see you there. This is Paul Reed wishing you all tight lines and screaming reels.