

Now that we've had our long Fourth of July weekend, its time to regroup and take a look at what's going on. For you die hard fisherman out there lets prepare for another great weekend of Alaskan fishing. What's hot, what's not, where to go, what to do... Starting down south, due to first hand experience I'm here to tell you the fishing in Homer Alaska is Awesome! The weather over the weekend was beautiful and the fish were plentiful. Homer halibut are being picked up everywhere you can find one to two hundred feet of water. I didn't see too many barn doors but everybody was loaded with chickens. Trolling for kings in saltwater is productive between Bluff Point north to Anchor River. I also watched a lot of anglers fishing in the lagoon on the spit to which they weren't doing so well, those kings weren't going to bite anything, however snagging in the lagoon opens July 6th at noon and lasts until midnight July 9th. Dip netting in China Poot Creek is open thru August 7th for reds only and your limit is 6 per day. The Russian River is full of reds and your daily limit there is 4. The Kasilof River kings continue to slow down while the Kenai River is still reporting good to excellent king fishing. Looking at the Anchorage area, Ship Creek is your only choice for kings and fishing has been reported as slow, fishing the high tide is your best chance. There has been a lot of stocking of rainbows and dollys in all your favorite lakes and streams but remember your limit there has been decreased from 5 a day to 2 a day with one over 20 inches. Venturing over to the Valdez area we have good to excellent red fishing being reported for Coghill, Eyak Lake and fly fishing only on the Robe River. Pinks are making their presence known in the bay and when I say the pinks are in, in Valdez I mean they are everywhere with no exaggeration intended, needed nor implied. Now lets take a look at our local Mat Su area fishing. King fishing at Eklutna Tailrace is still being reported as fair to good, also the tailrace is open for sport fishing all year long. It looks like we have one more fishing weekend for kings on the parks highway streams. If you're thinking Deshka you better have an airboat because you're going to have to go up river to get em, if you're looking at the Little Su you need to look north of Houston. Other than that you need to be looking in the Sheep Creek, Kashwitna, and Montana creek areas. Looking at escapement numbers for kings shows we have had more kings this year than the last ten years average. However in my case finding that elusive derby winning monster is still well...elusive...but I did get the chance to meet a lot of his friends. My pick this final weekend would have to be Clear Creek, Ill see you there. This is Paul Reed wishing you all tight lines and screaming reels!