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It's time once again to take a quick look around the state and see what's going on. In Homer it looks like the halibut fishing is steadily improving. For kings I suspect Anchor River and Deep Creek should do quite well this weekend and just so you know, The Ninilchik River is open 24/7 for hatchery kings and bait is allowed until September 1st. It also appears we will have some good clamming tides this weekend so you could easily make it a double header of clams and kings. Clams at low tide, kings at high tide. It appears Seward is picking up with their halibut catches and trolling for kings in Resurrection Bay is paying off. The Kenai and Kasilof Rivers are showing the kings as building but no huge numbers just yet. If you're planning on going to the Kenai please check the ADFG website for areas closed to fishing. Don't put yourself in a bad spot or you'll pay for it. In Anchorage, Ship Creek is producing a few kings, while not hot and heavy just yet; a few are being caught at high tide. Eagle River opens to king fishing on June 2nd thru the 4th but expect catching to be slow. In Valdez it looks like the halibut derby is in full swing and catching is also steadily increasing. It also looks like red salmon are starting to show up at the Eyak River. In the valley we have kings running all over the place however none of them are showing strong numbers just yet. Alexander, Dëshka, Little Su and Eklutna Tailrace are all reporting kings being caught but they are in fact few and far between, which leads me to believe the northern rivers such as Willow, Montana and Sheep will be very slow right now although anyone can get lucky at any time. I suspect things will start looking up this weekend as water levels rise and clear up, which just may be the best time to go for a shot at an early fresh king. All lakes are still reporting good to excellent fishing, and pike fishing in the Valley is reporting in as red hot. On a final note don't forget to get your 2007 Mat Su King Salmon Derby ticket! You don't want to be "That Guy" who didn't and caught a huge contender. This is Paul Reed for themasterangler.com wishing you all Tightlines & Screamin Reels!