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IT'S TIME!!! We have all had a long cold winter season; some of us are just chomping at the bit for sunshine and soft water. Well the time is now so without further delay let's get down and dirty with the forecast. Let's take a quick look at Steelhead first; we have three or four really good steelhead runs in the state. Most of which are in the south central Kenai area but the biggest and best run from what I understand is in Yakutat and from what I'm hearing they are having a fabulous start to wonderful year in fishing in Alaska. What an awesome trip that would be and stories to last forever. Funny, some friends just came back from there with some excellent photos and now I have some friends heading that way. I'm going to have to re-evaluate my guidelines for friends because I wasn't invited!!! Taking a look in Homer, fishing has been slow, but hey we just started. Kings are expected to start showing any time now. In Anchorage we have an emergency order prohibiting the harvest of rainbow trout in Campbell and Chester Creek but are open to catch and release. There are currently no reports of any salmon being seen. Pike are in spawning mode and a good shot at those guys would be Chaney, Sand or Lower Fire Lake. Out in the Mat Su area first off we should go over a few regulations to help all our fellow fisherman stay out of trouble. With the exception of the Little Susitna River all flowing waters inside the Palmer Wasilla areas are closed to ALL fishing until June 15th. This doesn't affect rivers such as Alexander and Deshka. Also don't forget bait isn't allowed on the Deshka until June 15th. With the start of the season don't forget to get your 07 fishing license and king stamps! Looking for kings? It's real early but I believe they should start trickling in any time now. Good choices to catch an early king would be the mouths of the Little Su, Deshka and Alexander. If you can't get there you should be able to pick up a fish in just about any lake right now, Finger Lake would be my pick for a variety of landlocked fish. Also don't forget its spawning time for the toothy devils so get out your spears and bows and head out to the Nancy Lake and give Prator and Memory lakes a shot. That about wraps it up for reports that I'm looking at, remember...it's early. So where is my pick for this upcoming weekend? Well I'll be cruising around Big Lake test running the boat cleaning out the tackle box and basically getting my ducks in order for this coming year. For you die hard king fisherman I might suggest taking a close look at the line on your king club, personally I replace mine every year you never know when that monster is gonna hit and to get nothing more than a blood curdling snap as he breaks your old shoddy line laughing his fins off at ya, which is not something I want to talk about. Until next week Take care, be safe and let us know how you did this is Paul Reed for themasterangler.com wishing you all tight lines and screaming reels!!!!