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Getting Rev'd Up For Spring and Fall Kings

by Chief Poggie Dick Kikuchi

Congratulations to Stan Freed, John Kamikawa and Don Silvers who are the "hard Corps" of our club. They left in the wee hours following our banquet to chase spring kings on the Columbia in the stretch from I-5 up towards the airport. They were treated to fishless days of cold and windy weather. Returning to the Columbia April 29th and 30th they fished Drano Lake from Don's open Lund and again were treated to extreme weather, but did score a fish apiece with Stan boating a 19 pounder. Be sure to ask Stan about his sure-fire "Snooze" technique!

Because Washington has instituted fin-clip marking of hatchery stocks, we will not be impacted to the extent of Oregon and California, who are suffering from a near-ban on Chinook fishing this year. North-of-Falcon has given us a king season and recreational quotas in areas 9 and 10 beginning in mid-July. We have already been following the successful outings of member Bob Michalja in previous issues. And I caught my first spring



Stan Freed and tasty 19 lb. Drano King

king this year with J&J Guide Service operated by Jim Stahl. Keep reading!

At the May general meeting, we are having a **DOUBLE HEADER**. We will have club expert Bob Michajla and Pro Guide Jim Stahl on our agenda. We are going to clear the decks and Bob will launch into a primer on how to catch kings in Area 9 using plugs, flies, and

other hardware. He explains why salt water fishing differs from river fishing. Read Bob's article on the next page and get ready for:

Poggie Club King Derby. To take advantage of this new knowledge, we are announcing a **club-only derby out of the Edmonds Marina, Saturday July 19th**. We haven't finalized all the details, but plan to arrange for guest moorage and let Dick know how many Poggies you can host on your boat. I hope a lot of you will participate in this POGGIE DERBY on July 19th at M dock at the Port of Edmonds. For those interested, consider guest moorage a day or two before as the season opens midweek on July 16th.

In our Guest Speaker slot is Professional Guide Jim Stahl and his wife Jen, who run J&J Guide Service. An early king outing with Jim near Kalama beat the early closure and got Dick Kikuchi his first springer of the year. Hear more about springer fishing with J&J on the 21ST.

POST-IT NOTES

The 2008-09 Fishing in Washington Rules Pamphlet is now available for download at <https://fortress.wa.gov/dfw/erules/erules/index.jsp>. Printed copies should be available at WDFW offices and the usual merchants.

Per Ken McElmeel, a boat safety class is scheduled at Chuck Olson Chevy in Shoreline on June 14th, 8:00am to 5:00pm. Course completion and passing the exam qualifies you for the State Boater Education card. Anyone over 60 is exempt for a few years. Please call Ken at (206) 542-8159 for details and to register ahead.

King Season in Areas 9 & 10 Opens July 16th!



By Bob Michajla

I'm so glad to find out we get to fish for our local Kings again this July. I'll be out every day until the season is over and hope it's as good as last year. For 30 years, I had only mooched for Kings, but trolled for Silvers most of the last 20. I caught incidental Kings during the previous Silver seasons, and kept track of depths, locations, tides, etc. So on opening day last summer, we headed over to area 10 first thing in the morning intending to mooch. The drift wasn't right, so we decided to try a couple of plugs I'd had for 20 years, but never used. Surprise, surprise—45 minutes later we had 4 fish to 25 pounds. I tell you this not because I'm some kind of great plug fisherman— I'm a beginner. What happened was that because of our experience, we figured it out

quickly. The fish were there and we got lucky. Over the balance of last year's short season we boated 30 Kings, almost all on plugs. Dick Kikuchi asked me if there were a few things that I could pass on to other beginning King fishermen, and I said sure.

There are probably hundreds of ways to catch salmon with all the different techniques and lures available. Just about all work at one time or another. Here are some tips that work for me. They are NOT rules, just a method based on awareness, experience, asking around, keeping my eyes open, common sense, knowing the water, and a willingness to experiment.

- 1) I try to concentrate my fishing from 2 hours before tide change until 2 hours after. The ideal times varies from spot to spot, tides, run timing, etc., but around tide change is a good basic rule.
- 2) Concentrate your efforts in 90-120 feet of water. A shelf, wall, drop-off, bar, hump, or any similar structure is a good bet.
- 3) Find the bait. Find the bait!
- 4) Think like a fish --where would you swim?
- 5) I rarely troll my plugs near the bottom, but look for bait and for

suspended fish. Inbound Kings are spread out throughout the water column. In early morning I fish shallow, going deeper as the morning passes. The reason for this is simple, the bait will frequently descend the brighter the days gets, and with them go the Kings.

6) Troll with the tide.

7) Go where the other boats are, especially if you don't know the water. Mark your GPS waypoints.

8) To determine ideal speed (somewhere between sockeye and coho troll speeds), string the plug out behind the boat and watch the action. If you are too fast or too slow the plug will have subdued movement. Be willing to experiment.

9) I rig my plugs on 20# main line tied directly to the plug, with no swivel.

10) I like to run my plugs out a full 45 feet behind the boat before I hook the line to the downrigger. That way the plug will move and dance the way it's intended to.

11) My plug of choice is a #140 TOMIC, pure white with a pink shovelnose, available at Ted's in Lynnwood. The 3 1/2 and 5 inch sizes are my favorites.

The boat launch at Magnuson is being improved and completion is expected around May 15, 2008. The 2-level deck will be replaced. The north float will be extended for better ADA access . A welcome improvement. **\$6.00 launch fee.**

Do you recall Tim Dodd? Some time ago, we received the following query from his daughter "Virginia Dodd Carlson, and my father, Edward D. Dodd (Tim) passed away in 1950 but was then an active member of the Poggie Club. He would have been most active probably between 1940-1949 or so?" If anyone remembers Tim, let John Mataka or John Kamikawa know so we can respond, especially if you have some pictures or some personal anecdotes we can share with Virginia Dodd.

Walt Eckman of the Everett Salmon and Steelhead Club sent me a clipping saying a "Pogie" is a nickname for Menhaden, and is not to be confused with Porgies. Thanks, Walt, but I am still a little unclear where "POGGIE" was derived. Can you Poggie members help clear this up?!! And we DO KNOW what "Poggie Bait" is used for, and it ain't fishing, Walt.

MAY SPEAKER: J&J Guide Service

J&J Guide Service, operated by Jim and Jen Stahl will be our guest speakers for May. A group of us fished with Jim from his Alumaweld sled last month near Kalama. Yours truly came home with a fish, and had a chance to get to know this pleasant and patient professional.

Learn more about Jim and his fishing

adventures by calling him at (425) 347-1615 or by going to his website at <http://jandjguideservice.com/index.htm>. Jim says "J&J Guide Service is a dedicated year round full time sport fishing guide service where the customer is our first priority. We make every effort to ensure your trip meets or exceeds all your expectations. We fish the wild and

scenic rivers of the Pacific Northwest in a 23' Alumaweld Jet Sled accommodating up to 4 anglers and a 16' Alumaweld Drift Boat accommodating 2 anglers."

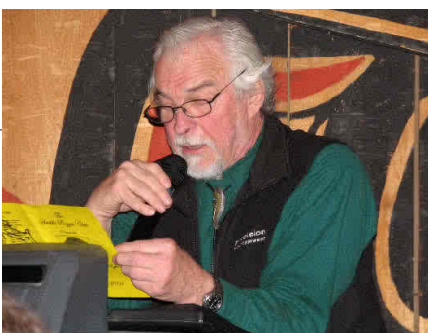
Jim will review this year's springer season and his best bets for summer and fall.

Poggie Annual Awards Banquet a big success.

Here are some pictures...



Claude and Mrs. Elerding scan the program



Our M.C., Henry Zebroski, former Chief Poggie, welcomes us.



We honored sponsor Thom Dolder of VacUPack and his friend, Holly.



"Aw shucks, Ken, I thought you promised me a sure winner!" Thanks to all who bought raffle tickets and to Ken McElmeel who is the big guy with the big heart and big smile.



Poggie of the Year Recognition Trophy awarded to Past President Tom Nue.



Chief Poggie Dick thanks Tom and Denise Neu for their great service to the club and newsletter.

A special "thanks" to all members and spouses who donated baskets, chocolates, tackle, desserts, etc. to our Annual Banquet/Fundraiser. Your generosity made an impact and will enable us to continue our activities. Thank You! And "Thanks Again" to Michele Wells for a job done well.

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Mark Your Calendars

- May/June** Annual Trout Outing at Lake Ki! DATE TBA. Triploids!
- May 13** Board Meeting - Location may change, watch your email.
- May 21** General Meeting: City Light Auditorium, 1300 N. 97th St. -Seattle WA. Top billing is J&J Guide Service. Club expert Bob Michajla—kings in Area 9/10.
- June 10** Board Meeting - Location may change, watch your email
- June 13-14** Halibut Outing Canadian Waters: Jambo's Sportfishing. See Don Silvers
- June 18** General Meeting: City Light Auditorium, 1300 N. 97th St. -Seattle WA. Dr. Chuck Wischman delivers his "Perils of Wisdom" humor and insight.
- July 19** Poggie Members only King Derby from Edmonds Marina. M dock, near Bob Michajla's and Poggie Logie's slips. Winner takes all.

ATTEND! Meetings are held the Third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Seattle City Light North building at 97th & Stone Way, one block east of Aurora Avenue. The street address is 1300 N. 97th St., Seattle, WA. Meetings include refreshments, a raffle, Guest Speaker, and sharing stories & tips with fellow sportfishing enthusiasts. **Non-members are welcome!**

Join the Poggies! One year membership is only \$20. Contact John Mataka at 425-742-7948.

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