

# Pink & Chum Salmon



**Pink, or "humpback" salmon** enter into Lake Creek by the end of July in large numbers. Pinks are the smallest of the salmon species, but are the most numerous. Pinks run 3-6 lbs and provide an excellent fight on light trout tackle. Being extremely aggressive, they attack any lure or fly presented in the correct manner.

**Chum, "Dog", "Tiger", "Calico" Salmon** run into Lake Creek in late July. These unique salmon are mottled with vertical parr marks that become more apparent as they prepare to spawn. They are known for their fierce strikes and powerful runs and are a thrill to catch for both spin and fly fishermen alike. Chum salmon **average 10-15 lbs.** in Lake Creek.

## **Equipment Needed for Chum Salmon fishing: Spinning/Bait Casting**

<b>Rods:</b>	Typically 3-3 1/2 oz. Spinning rod geared to 10-14 lb line
<b>Reels:</b>	Bait casting - we suggest Abu Garcia's Ambassador C3 5500 series Spinning - size = 100 yds/15 lb test, ie. Shimano Spirex 5000 FD
<b>Lines:</b>	Maxima Ultragreen 12-15#
<b>Lures:</b>	Blue Fox Vibrax Spinners 3/8 oz - Blue Fox Pixee spoons 3/8 oz

## **Equipment Needed for Fly-Fishing Alaska chum salmon**

We usually fish chums in main river channel seams and pools just off the main river current. They are often in slow moving to still water that might not be much over a foot

deep. In these conditions, use a floating line and a sparsely tied and lightly weighted fly pattern.

<b>Rods:</b>	We use 7-8 weight fly rod/reel outfits.
<b>Fly line / leader:</b>	Typically use a floating or 10' or 13' T-2 Type III sink tip lines depending on fishing location

### *Flies Used in Fly Fishing Chum Salmon*

<b>Flies:</b>	Lake Creek Egg-sucking leech, purple and/or black w/ pink head. Green or Pink colored marabou flies size 2-1/0
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### **Pink Salmon: Equipment Needed for Spin-Fishing**

<b>Rods:</b>	Typically 2-2 ½ Spinning rod geared to 6-10 lb line
<b>Reels:</b>	Bait casting - we suggest Abu Garcia's Ambassador C3 5500 series Spinning - size = 100yds/8 lb test, ie. Shimano Spirex 2000 FD
<b>Lines:</b>	Berkeley Trilene XL - for castability 6-8#
<b>Lures:</b>	Blue Fox Vibrax Spinners 3/8 oz, Blue Fox Pixee spoons 1/4 oz

### **Equipment Needed for Fly-Fishing Alaska pink salmon**

Pinks are fished in main river channels, eddies, and backwater pools typically in shallow water. They can be effectively fished with floating fly line and a 6-8#, 4 foot mono leader.

<b>Rods:</b>	We use 5-7 weight fly rod/reel outfits
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### *Flies Used in Fly Fishing Pinks*

<b>Fly line/Leader:</b>	Typically use a floating WF or DT sz 5-7 fly lines
<b>Flies:</b>	Lake Creek Egg-sucking leech, purple and/or black with pink head,

various colored marabou flies size 2-4, Flash flies sz 2-4.

