

Anton Jones report:

What's hot is bait fishing for Triploid Rainbow Trout on Rufus Woods Reservoir near the lower net pens. The Mackinaw on Lake Chelan have put on the feedbag. The Chelan Falls crew reported that Roses was stocked with 15,000 rainbows, but anglers have reported poor fishing.

While fishing at Rufus has not been consistently great, we are catching fish. Trolling and casting artificials has usually been difficult, while bait fishing and jig fishing near the lower pens has been productive albeit inconsistent. A thing to remember if you are fishing there is to use enough weight to get your bait down. This could be anywhere from three-eighths of an ounce up to 3 or more ounces depending on current. Also, if you don't get bit within a few minutes, I'd recommend reeling in and casting again. Never let the bait set more than 10 minutes. Wad a pretty good sized chunk of Green Pautzke's Fire Bait on a #6 single hook with a four foot leader for best success.

On Chelan, fish the South Shore side of the trench for good numbers of eating sized fish. This is getting to be the time of the year to explore around the Yacht Club for kokanee hunting bigger lakers. Up there, T4 Purple Glow flatfish are the ticket. In the lower basin try Mack's Lures Cha Cha Squidders in green and glow colors. Worden Lures U20 Flatfish in purple glow are also very effective. Silver Horde's Ace Hi Flies in glow colors with a Mack's Lures glow Smile Blade or an action disk by wigglesfin.com in front have been catching some fish too.

Roses is getting some ice around the sides, but the launch is still open. Anglers have been reporting poor fishing.

Your fishing tip of the week is to add some automotive de-icer to your bag of tricks. Sprayed on rod guides and sparingly on reels can smooth out your winter fishing experience.

Your kid's tip of the week is to consider a quality piece of fishing gear as a Christmas gift for that kid that is getting enthusiastic about fishing. I remember receiving a Mitchell 308 ultra light reel for my 11<sup>th</sup> Christmas. It was a prized possession through my teen years and a definite upgrade from the pushbutton reels that I had used as a little kid. It was a "coming of age" gift.

Your safety tip of the week is to add chains and a shovel for those trips to Rufus Woods. That icy ramp can be frustrating to deal with this time of the year without them.

Pictures: 12-5-11 - Bobby Loomis of Mack's Lures and Wenatchee with a nice Rufus



Rainbow.

Also Pictured: 12-5-11 - John Kruse of Northwestern Outdoors Radio and Wenatchee with a nice Rufus Rainbow.



Finally Pictured: 12-10-11 - The old man himself with his first Redfish caught near St.



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