

Alton Jones report:

What continues hot is bait fishing for Triploid Rainbow Trout on Rufus Woods Reservoir near the lower net pens. Also hot, is trolling the Narrows on Lake Chelan for big Lakers. Roses Lake is pumping out planter rainbows and jumbo perch for ice fishermen.

Fishing with Fire Bait near the lower pens on Rufus has been very good. Mallow Balls O' Fire was the flavor de jour on our last trip up there. We continue to be able to get fish to bite jigs for some catch and release action.

On Chelan, fish the deep water on either side of the Narrows near the Yacht Club. Our "go to" lure here is a T4 purple glow flatfish. Silver Horde's Ace Hi Fly and Mack's Lures Cha Cha Squidders in glow colors baited with a strip of Northern Pikeminnow also works great in this area. Fish out to the 380's bench before turning around. Most fish have been biting from 260 to 340 feet deep. Numbers of Lakers can be caught in the trench. Ace Hi flies and Worden Lures U20 flatfish are a great bet there.

Roses Lake has been getting fished hard by anglers for both trout and perch. The perch numbers really seemed to have climbed. Anglers are mostly dangling dough baits through the ice for planter rainbow trout. Worms and jigs will catch your first perch. Then a perch eye on the jig hook is a premium bait to use.

Your fishing tip and kids tip of the week is to attend those Sportsman's Shows to get new tools for your fishing toolbox or to learn more. The latest and greatest gadgets will be there as well as a variety of instructional seminars. Your younger kids will shake off cabin fever by catching a trout out of the ubiquitous kids fishing pond as well as looking at all the attention getting exhibits. The Yakima Show will have a live bear exhibit! We just finished at the Tri Cities show. As I write this we're preparing to travel to the

Western Washington Sportsman's show in Puyallup, followed by the National Boat Show in Spokane. We'll also attend the Yakima Sportsman's show in the middle of February.

Come see us at our booth.

Your safety tip of the week is to remember that four inches of clear ice is the minimum for safe ice fishing. Be very observant before venturing out on the ice. Carry spikes on a tether to haul yourself out if worse comes to worse.

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Pictured: 1/15/12 - The Burdette clan of Deer Park, WA with their catch of Rufus



Triploids.

Also Pictured: 1/15/12 - Laura Burdette again with her first Rufus Triploid!

