

Our dry weather has ended and we're back to the rains of fall. Our last storm dropped over three inches of rain over 36 hours and the rivers are running high. However, this high water coupled with larger tides expected later this week will be drawing more fish into the rivers. Our next system is coming in Wednesday night into Thursday and the weather generally appears wet going through the weekend.



Caption: High water in Alaganik Slough on a beautiful fall day. 9/13/16. Photo by Andrew Morin.

Ibeck: Fishing is slowing a bit and the crowds are declining a little, especially currently with high flows. With the high flows glacier water is once again joining the river at the bridge and clouding it up. I don't think this will change anytime soon and the better fishing will be upstream for most of the rest of the season. Roe fishing may once again be the go to method for helping fish find your hook in murky water.



Caption: High water at the Eyak Weir on a cloudy day. 9/13/16. Photo by Andrew Morin.

Eyak: The fishing has slowed on Eyak, but there are still fish moving through. Check the clear water side sloughs to see if fish are tucking in there. Another note to anglers, in partnership with the Copper River Watershed Project, the US Forest Service conducted a cleanup of Eyak Lake this past Saturday and removed over 10 yards of trash from the lake. Please do your part as you enjoy your National Forest!

Alaganik: Probably the most successful chance you'll have to hook into a coho will be along the clear water sloughs and rivers along the Alaganik. You can get access to these from either the Alaganik River or from the Copper River Highway. I've heard reports of successful boat trips being made from 22 Mile Recreation Area to the Alaganik Boat Launch. Be careful if you make this trip as there are a number of trees in the river that can tip your boat. Dress appropriately in synthetic or wool fabrics and be prepared for the weather. As always be

aware of bears as they are active in these areas currently. If you clean your fish cast the carcasses in deep fast moving water so you don't turn on a bear to your favorite fishing spot!

Some Recipes: I had a request for some recipes of what to do with those jars of smoked salmon you see in town and occasionally are given out as gifts so here you go:

Smoked Salmon Dip: an easy and tasty way to share your salmon with a group

1 Jar smoked salmon
12 oz cream cheese
1.5 tsp dill
1 tsp Worcestershire Sauce
1 tsp lemon juice
½ tsp hot sauce
Mix all ingredients together and let chill. Serve with crackers.

Smoked Salmon Pasta with Vegetables

1 Jar smoked salmon
6 oz. crumbled goat cheese
1 onion, sliced
2 cloves garlic, chopped
1 pepper, sliced
1 zucchini or squash, sliced
1 pint cherry tomatoes
Black pepper to taste
1 lb your favorite pasta

Cook pasta according to directions. While the pasta cooks, add olive oil to a large skillet over medium high heat. Sauté onion until just turning translucent at edges, add garlic, peppers, and zucchini and continue to cook until veggies are still a little crisp but slightly tender. Turn off heat. Drain pasta, add salmon and goat cheese to vegetables, stir for a moment to break up, then add pasta to the skillet and mix it all together. Season with salt and pepper and enjoy!

Let me know if you enjoy these recipes, if all else fails you can always enjoy smoke salmon straight out of the jar. Don't discard the oil or juices, just mix it up and eat it with crackers (I like mine with a dash of hot sauce).

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