Red, “Sockeye” Salmon

Red, “Sockeye” salmon begin to appear in Lake Creek near the end of King season. Small preliminary schools precede the major run of fish typically around the 20\textsuperscript{th} of July. Fishing is phenomenal for Reds when they first enter the creek in large numbers. A beautiful metallic green fish, Reds are acrobatic fighters and a superior game fish on the fly. Reds run continuously and rapidly up Lake Creek and abandon the lower river typically by the 1\textsuperscript{st} of August. These fish reach an average size of 6-10 lbs., but several fish exceed the 10 lb. category.

**Equipment**

- **Spinning/Bait casting:**
  - **Rods:** Typically 3-31/2 oz. Spinning rod geared to 8-10 lb line
  - **Reels:** Bait casting - we suggest Abu Garcia’s Ambassador C3 5500 series.
    Spinning – size = 120yds/8 lb test, ie. Shimano Spirex 2000 FD
  - **Line:** Berkeley Trilene XL – for castability 10# test
  - **Lures:** -Blue Fox Vibrax Spinners 3/8 oz
    -Blue Fox Pixee spoons 1/2 oz.

- **Fly-fishing:**
  - **Rods:** We use 7-8 weight fly rod/reel outfits
  - **Reels:** Ross Gunnison sz 4 reels are a favorite with Sage rod, 7-8 wt.

We usually fish reds in shallow water on the inseam of mid-river channels. Floating fly line with 4 foot, 10 lb. monofilament leaders and slightly weighted flies present extremely well.

**Fly line / leader:** Typically use a floating fly line with 3-4 ft. Maxima mono leader

**Flies:** Lake Creek Egg-sucking leech, purple and/or black w/ pink head.
Flash flies! Silver/Red Silver/Purple are killer patterns (Size 2). Marabou streamers with crystal flash.. A popular pattern is the “Victoria’s Secret”