Otter Eggs Alaska 2011 Naknek River – King Salmon, AK

Alaska is one of the best salmon and rainbow fisheries in the world.

2011 brought another great fishing season to the Naknek River and <u>Naknek River Camp</u>. Millions of Sockeye Salmon, King Salmon, Chum Salmon, Pink Salmon, Silver Salmon, Char, Dollies, Grayling, and trophy rainbows provided great action for many anglers.

Alaska fishing can be pretty easy with the numbers of fish, but fishing just like other places can get tough! Fish learn, and being able to adapt can make or break an anglers day.

Most anglers who visit Alaska bring leech patterns, mouse patterns, beads, and egg patterns such as glow bugs. Beads have become a favorite among guides and painted beads seem to be the favorite. When fishing gets tough, many fish do not even want to look at a bead, or hit it soft and are experts at spitting the bead! The <u>Otter Egg</u> is the solution for tough fish! The pegged otter egg worked on all species of trout and salmon, even when the fishing was tough. When the egg drop started in late summer, the bite was easy using the <u>"Pegged Otter Egg System."</u>

Clear colored Otter Eggs worked better early in the egg drop, and opaque colored Otter Eggs worked better weeks into the egg drop and in low light. The pegged Otter Egg fooled more fish, and the fish would hold onto the egg long enough for the anglers to react. More hookups and more fish were landed using the Otter Egg!

Fishing to trophy rainbows still took some work at times, but with so many <u>colors of Otter</u> <u>Eggs</u> to choose from, one color would always fool the fish.

Field Report

Here are some of the color choices and sizes that worked best for me in Alaska. I found that as a general rule I used clear eggs in clear water, and glow and sparkle eggs in colored water. Clear eggs and clusters worked best early in the runs, and the opaque colored eggs worked best in low light, dirty water, and later in the run. Most fish were willing to pick up the Otter Egg fly patterns, but when the fishing got tough, the "Pegged Otter Egg" was the trick.

Thank you Jon

Walt.



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Otter Egg Color Selection

Alaska

Sockeye Salmon 4mm – 6mm Single Eggs

TANGERINE RED FLASH CLEAR / TANGERINE CLEAR / APRICOT CLEAR TANGO CLEAR / KIWI CLEAR

King Salmon 8mm – 10mm Single Eggs APRICOT - SILVER FLASH CLEAR / KIWI - SILVER FLASH CLEAR TANGO - SILVER FLASH CLEAR /APRICOT OPAQUE GLOW KIWI OPAQUE GLOW / TANGERINE OPAQUE GLOW (Egg Clusters worked well on early run fish!)

Chum Salmon 8mm – 10mm Single Egg

APRICOT - SILVER FLASH CLEAR / KIWI - SILVER FLASH CLEAR TANGO - SILVER FLASH CLEAR / APRICOT OPAQUE GLOW KIWI OPAQUE GLOW / TANGERINE OPAQUE GLOW (Egg Clusters worked well on early run fish!)

Pink Salmon 4mm – 6mm Single Eggs

TANGERINE RED FLASH CLEAR / TANGERINE CLEAR / APRICOT CLEAR TANGO CLEAR

Silver Salmon 4mm – 6mm Single Eggs

TANGERINE RED FLASH CLEAR / TANGERINE CLEAR / APRICOT CLEAR TANGO CLEAR (Egg Clusters worked well on early run fish!)

Char & Dolly Varden 4mm – 8mm Single Eggs

TANGERINE RED FLASH CLEAR / TANGERINE CLEAR / APRICOT CLEAR TANGO CLEAR (Egg Clusters worked well on early run fish!)

Grayling 4mm – 6mm Single Eggs

TANGERINE RED FLASH CLEAR / TANGERINE CLEAR / APRICOT CLEAR TANGO CLEAR

Rainbow Trout 4mm – 10mm Single Eggs

TANGERINE RED FLASH CLEAR / RUBY CLEAR / TANGERINE CLEAR / APRICOT CLEAR TANGO CLEAR / SALMON EGG CLEAR BUFF CLEAR / ROBIN EGG BLUE CLEAR APRICOT OPAQUE GLOW / DEAD EGG WHITE GLOW TANGERINE OPAQUE GLOW / KIWI OPAQUE GLOW (3 Egg Clusters worked well in dirty water!)

The season on the Naknek starts in early June with post spawn Rainbow Trout





June is also the time for fresh Sockeye Salmon

Dolly Varden love eggs. Egg clusters worked well.







Otter Eggs are the best egg imitation for Rainbow Trout

Fishing Rainbow Trout below spawning King Salmon, and can't keep the Pink Salmon off the line!

Even Grayling eat Otter Eggs





Fresh Silver Salmon like single and cluster eggs

Pegged Otter Eggs





Sockeye Salmon in full spawning color.

Fall Char starting to get spawning color.









