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We are in the twenty-first year of publishing our monthly newsletter with updates on the great fly fishing venues, trip reports and insights for our traveling fly fishers. We’ve been to most locations and pride ourselves on our ability to research new destinations. Whatever unbiased information on timing and locations we can provide comes at the same cost to you as booking direct – i.e., NO EXTRA COST.

TROPHY BULL TROUT ADVENTURE – SE BRITISH COLUMBIA



Our newsletters of the last few months have carried some stories of a unique opportunity to take giant Bull Trout in southeast British Columbia rivers during a short timeframe from late September through mid-October. The timing coincides with three events occurring at the same time:

- Bull Trout return to spawn in the protected small streams and rivers where they were born during early-mid September. These are fish of 8 to 20# that come out of the large rivers and lakes and school up in selected small waters for their spawning. Following the spawn, they drop back, as very hungry critters, into the large rivers to recover. Note: for many years, B.C. has done an excellent job of protecting/closing these Bull Trout spawning streams which is the reason this fishery still exists.
- In certain areas, Whitefish are spawning during late September through mid-October.
- Also, Kokanee Salmon are returning to their home waters to spawn and then die, providing two food sources for foraging Bull Trout.

Jim Hine, Jeff Reinke, and Steve Simco joined me to sample this fishery in mid-October on the west slope of the Canadian Rockies. Scenery was spectacular. Our accommodations were in ski condos. This area (similar to Fernie, B.C.) was soon, with the winter snowfall, to become a jet-setter skier’s paradise and that atmosphere provided several interesting dining choices every evening. The fishing: if you’re looking to take a large Bull Trout, the opportunity certainly exists as the photos below illustrate. We took several double-digit fish with the largest being in the un-weighed 16-18# class.

Photos below, l to r: Great scene; Steve with one of his large Bulls; Jeff with fish on; yours truly with my largest.



Photos below, l to r: guide with one of our fish; at dinner, from left, me, Jim Hine, Steve Simco, Jeff Reinke: Jim brings one to net – with fish.



Below, l to r: we left the big river for one day and did a raft trip looking for Bulls and native Cutthroat. Only found Cutts – Jeff with his first ever native West Slope Cutt; Fall colors were vivid; A young lady, Sammy Braig, with a nice Bull from the week before us.



BIG REDFISH IN SOUTHERN COMFORT



L to R above: Harry Hendricks, Eric Nelson, and Steve Voss with big Reds taken in the Mississippi Delta area of southern Louisiana. Even with one day of lousy conditions (which closed down the fishing) they were able to take several good fish which included some 20+ pound Black Drum.



Harry, Eric, and Steve were part of a group of nine guys that recently visited southern Louisiana in search of the opportunity to sight fish for big Reds. For many years, this group has taken an annual fly fishing trip together, sometimes in the USA, but more often internationally. They do know how to have fun!

The headquarters for access to the flats, bayous, and bays of this rich marshland was an old southern plantation about 45 minutes from New Orleans. The plantation was originally built in 1834 and more recently, restored in 1998. The proximity to New Orleans also offers easy airport access and the chance to spend time enjoying the

ambiance of The Big Easy.

The group leader, Steve Voss, sent us these comments on the overall experience (his full report is available – just ask if you’d like to see it): “The food at the Plantation is SUPER...beyond what anyone expected....we had a choice between 3 entree’s every night. Beef, seafood and another beef dish.....all food cooked to perfection. The guides were all independent with vast experience and were paid by the lodge....high end boats and rigs. There is a lot of water and you’re site casting to the fish in 2 feet of water. Everyone had a great time....this was a unique experience, and if you can put together at least 3 or 4 clear days, you can catch a lot of fish. This is a great place for couples since the food is exceptional and the fishing is fun....casting around 30 ft.” Eric Nelson added these thoughts: “I had a great time. The old plantation was very cool: accommodations, food, and service were all top notch.”

ANNUAL TRIPS – A YEARLY HIGHLIGHT



The two smiling mugs at left have a lot of reasons to smile, but the major reason at the time is they are on their annual trip to fish streams and small rivers in northeast California (that’s Scott Muelrath on the left and Kim Laur). Scott and Kim have been doing this trip every October for about 30 years, ever since their college days, only missing two years. This trip is a fixture on their calendar, one of the enjoyable and predictable things they can count on in their lives.

There are many advantages to returning to familiar waters year after year, rather than chasing the next great “discovery,” which often turn out to be disappointments rather than discovery. It takes years to really learn a fishery and that knowledge creates reliable anticipation which makes every return trip exciting. There are always new surprises because one thing you can count on in fly fishing is there is very little that is predictable.

They always camp out (part of the tradition) and over the years, they have camped in many different fall weather conditions.....sometimes very nasty! This year provided exceptionally good conditions and outstanding fishing with several feisty rainbows brought to net before release.



WHAT WE DO AT FLY FISHING ADVENTURES

This is a link with a description of who we are and what we do.....also, listing the destinations around the world that we can provide reliable information regarding the experience and how to prepare for your visit:

[Fly Fishing Adventures - About What We Do](#)

NOVEMBER MEMORY PHOTO



That’s Chad Lyon with a beautiful Red that was taken the week after the group (referenced above) visited these waters. Chad reported that they encountered pods of 3 to 5 fish cruising the surface – all large fish. The winds were up so the cast was difficult and had to be made quickly as the pod was angling away. He only got one shot and his cast was 6 feet short.....that big Red did an instant 180 and inhaled the fly. Wish it always worked like that!

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