

# Anglers gear for salmon spectacle

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Michigan's waters come alive with salmon — and salmon fishermen — this month, as the annual fall fishing spectacle gets under way.

According to the Automobile Club of Michigan, Great Lakes anglers will be packing the docks. Space at many marinas is expected to be tight, due mainly to the growth in popularity of trolling. Since 1973, the number of fish taken by trolling has doubled, and now accounts for two-thirds of the chinook and nearly 80 percent of coho salmon.

THE SALMON crowd has moved over the years from rivers to the Great Lakes, primarily because the lake fish are more willing to strike a lure. Lake fishing is as its peak now through mid-October.

Returns from plantings of nearly 4 million 12-pound cohos and 4 million chinooks of up to 40 pounds will darken the waters at "hot spots" around the state.

While stream fishermen should be

successful from mid-September through early November, a few rivers will be good until early January. The best river fishing in three years is expected on a trio of Lake Michigan tributaries.

In Lake Superior, northern Lake Huron and in rivers through the Upper Peninsula, runs of the pink, or hump-back salmon, will hit. Unlike other salmon or trout, the pinks — smallest of the six Pacific species — spawn only during odd years, spending 3-5 days in rivers and streams.

Once the fish have entered a stream,

anglers should look for gravel bars and deep holes nearest the mouth of the stream. When you spot a fish in the spawning area, work the bait in front of its nose. Use 2-4 pound test line with small spinners, bright streamer flies or single salmon eggs.

Best bets for the pinks in the Upper Peninsula are the Montreal, Black and Presque Isle rivers in Gogebic County; the Silver River in Baraga County; the Huron River, Laughing Whitefish and Harlowe Creeks in Marquette County; the Sable River and Seven Mile Creek in Alger County; and the Blind Sucker and Two Hearted rivers in Luce County.

ELSEWHERE IN the state, good chinook runs are expected at Au Gres and, for the first time, in the Flint River. A fish ladder in downtown Flint will allow mature chinook up to Holloway Dam.

A moderate chinook run should occur in the Tawas River at Tawas City, while moderate to good runs of Alaskan-strain coho will come off the Thumb's Diamond Creek near Port Hope.

On Lake Huron, try the Harrisville harbor and the Au Sable at Oscoda. Both will be good through October.

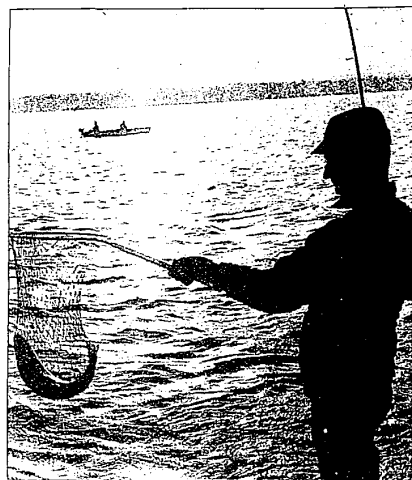
In western Michigan, excellent coho and chinook takes are predicted in the Muskegon and Grand Rivers. Coho also should be plentiful in the Platte River.

And on the Detroit River, coho are expected off Belle Isle sometime late this month.

BY THE WAY, I remind you that the Michigan Department of Public Health advises children and nursing mothers against eating any fish. Others are cautioned to eat no more than a half-pound per week. Salmon from Lakes Michigan and Huron may contain excessive amounts of PCBs.

For details on where and when salmon fishing is permitted in Michigan, consult the Michigan Fishing Guide, published by the Department of Natural Resources. Copies are available at fishing license outlets.

For more up-to-date information on fishing prospects, call the Michigan Travel Bureau's toll-free line, 800-292-2520.



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