



Babine Special

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Tying Directions:

Hook: Gamakatsu T10-6H size 2

Thread: pink 3/0 (shown) or orange

Body: Tie in the rear egg using medium florescent fire orange chenille (or fluorescent orange or dark pink), tying an egg 6-7 mm. in diameter. Tie in a band of silver holographic chenille, 2-3mm wide. Tie in the front egg as done for the rear egg.

Veil: Tie in a veil of white marabou in front of the front egg. DO NOT make it too heavy. Whip finish the head and touch it with Hard As Nails (or similar).

Comments: This double egg fly traces its origin to the Babine River system in British Columbia, where it was originally developed as a steelhead fly. It has since been used to catch all Pacific salmon species. You can find several variations of this fly, including versions which use white marabou behind the rear egg and/or between the eggs. Another popular version uses red hackle between the eggs. And there is a version sold commercially featuring eggs that are 10+ mm. in diameter. Real Chinook salmon eggs are nearer 6-7 mm. in diameter. Fish this fly dead drift near the bottom under a strike indicator. I caught my largest fish ever, a 38 inch Chinook salmon, on this fly in the clay banks area of the Pere Marquette River, in October, 1987. If you need a reference, ask Steve Walker if this fly will catch salmon in Michigan. I have never fished it for steelhead.

Species caught: Chinook salmon