

SALMON BUNGEE TECH SHEET

New Stretchy Snubber Helps Hook More Fish

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Although it might look similar to snubbers used as shock absorbers to keep hooks from tearing out of trout and salmon, the Salmon Bungee's extra-stretchy design allows fish to get hold of our bait or lure, which results in more hookups per strike. While the Bungee will keep hooks from tearing out of already hooked fish, similar to a regular snubber, its primary function is to initially help you hook more fish.

USING THE SALMON BUNGEE WITH HERRING

Salmon love herring, but the popular bait has always been frustrating to use given the fact that many salmon will take a swipe at your twirling bait only to miss or mangle it. This leaves you no choice but to reel in, rebait, and try your luck again, which may yield the same result. There are countless stories of anglers starting their day with "plenty of bait" but later running out. The frustration of using all your herring before obtaining your salmon limit can be solved with the proper use of the Salmon Bungee.

Surprising to some, your chances of actually hooking and landing a salmon while trolling herring is diminished if you move your rod or try to set the hook too soon. The best result can be had by leaving your rod in its holder and allowing the salmon to mouth your bait until he hooks himself, which of course doesn't always happen. This technique leaves your success up to the whims of these mostly finicky fish and you wondering (perhaps) how they can so expertly avoid getting hooked while stealing your bait.

The need for a Salmon Bungee is based on the idea that most salmon really do want to gulp your herring but have a hard time doing so because the forward movement of your boat is constantly pulling the bait away from the fish.

What guide Tim Juarez (the original inventor) first discovered was that a 12-inch section of surgical tubing placed between your mooching leader and diver, weight or attractor, flexed enough to make it

much easier for the salmon to get hold of your bait and hook himself - thus the name Bungee.

According to Tim, (503-801-0220) even when using the Salmon Bungee, you will need to leave our rod in its holder and wait until Mr. Salmon pulls your rod tip down firmly before setting the hook. The other important factor is to use super sharp hooks; so sharp the fish can't let go. (Try *Eagle Claw Lazer Sharp*® hooks).

If you combine the Salmon Bungee, super sharp hooks, and leave your rod in its holder until the fish is peeling line from your reel, you will likely hook and land far more salmon than ever before while trolling herring.

This same concept applies to other baits such as anchovy or prawns.

SALMON BUNGEE WORK WITH KWIKFISH®

Most Kwikfish users wait for Mr. Salmon to pull their rod tip down three or four times, just like when fishing herring, before setting the hook. Waiting on the bite generally increases the number of fish hooked per strike. It's also important to have your thumb firmly planted on the reel spool when you finally do set up on the fish.

Besides waiting on the strike, adding a Salmon Bungee at the head end of your leader can further increase the number of salmon you will hook and land with Kwikfish. Don't be shy about trying this. Although the Salmon Bungee is a fairly new product, which we are still learning about, several friends, guides and I all experienced better hookup and land ratios by combining it with a salmon-size Kwikfish.

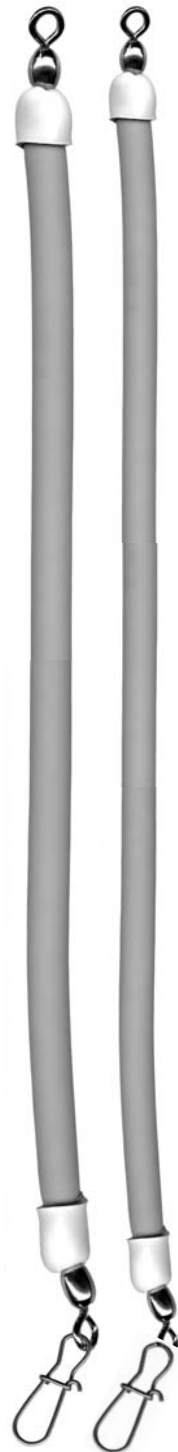
THE SALMON BUNGEE

The Salmon Bungee is available in two sizes, 000 light and 001 medium. The light model is the stretchiest and the best choice for Coho salmon. The medium size seems the better choice for Chinooks, especially when combined with a salmon-size Kwikfish.

Like divers, dodgers and other attractors, the color of the Salmon Bungee can attract salmon. Many anglers like to coordinate the color of their Bungee with their diver (*Deep Six*®, *Pink Lady*® or *Jet Diver*™). For example, I had the best success at Buoy-10 last fall with the *Chartreuse* Salmon Bungee rigged behind the same color *Double Deep Six*® diver. Guide Tim Juarez reported the best success for ocean Coho Salmon using a fire colored Bungee rigged behind the same color *Deep Six*. The *Black* Bungee seems the best choice for freshwater applications -- like with a Kwikfish.

The Salmon Bungee looks like a salmon-size trout snubber. The 12-inch section of surgical tubing with swivel attachments on each end, stretches to 32 inches before

Medium #001 Light #000



Blake Ramsey with a Buoy-10 Coho caught while using a Salmon Bungee.

coming up against an internal cord fashioned from a doubled section of 80-lb. test braided Dacron®. The long internal cord ensures that the Salmon Bungee will have plenty of stretch but not break should you hook into a monster Chinook.

The word about the Salmon Bungee has spread fast as anglers,

guides and charter captains (tired of losing bait and salmon) try to get their hands on this relatively new product. If you want to put nearly one salmon in your boat every herring used as bait, land more fish with prawns or anchovies or salmon-size Kwikfish, consider trying the Salmon Bungee.

COLUMBIA / WILLAMETTE SPRING CHINOOK SETUPS

Forward Trolling: Wire Trolling Spreader/Weight setup

Best Salmon Bungee Size/Color: 000 light or 001 medium., *Black*

Bait Wrapped *Kwikfish/Eric's Prawn Rig/101 Cut Plug Herring Rig* or Size 007 or 008 *Clearwater Flash Spinner* in finish *3152 "Blaster"*

PLUNKING OR TROLLING SETUP

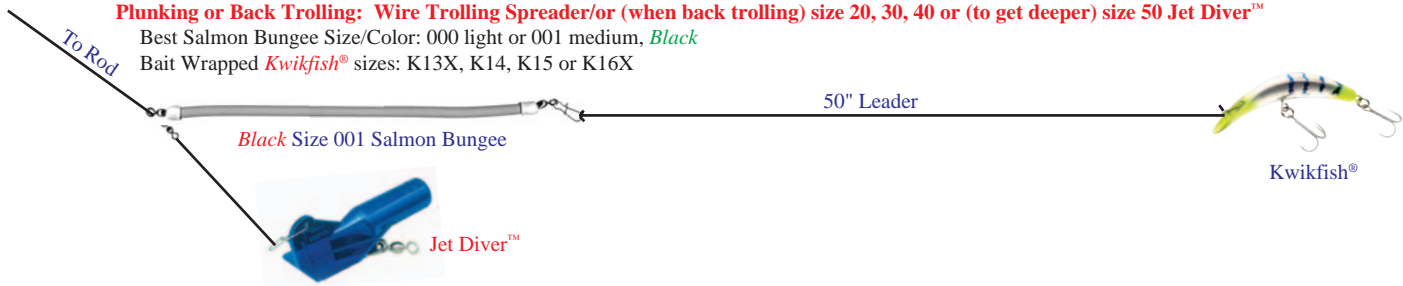


BACKTROLLING SETUP

Plunking or Back Trolling: Wire Trolling Spreader/or (when back trolling) size 20, 30, 40 or (to get deeper) size 50 Jet Diver™

Best Salmon Bungee Size/Color: 000 light or 001 medium, *Black*

Bait Wrapped *Kwikfish®* sizes: K13X, K14, K15 or K16X



OCEAN SALMON TROLLING SETUP

When targeting Coho, which can usually be found near the surface, try a size 000 or 001 Pink Lady®/Deep Six® or size 000 (3-oz.) Double Deep Six® Diver

Best Diver Colors: *Pink* or *Clear/Silver "Disco Tape"*

Best Salmon Bungee Size/Color: 000 light *"Fire"*

Whole/Cut Plug Herring with *101 Herring Rig* or *Coyote™ Spoon*

To prevent line twist: Rig *Luxon Swivel Chain* halfway down leader.

TROLLING SETUP



When targeting Chinook, which will usually go deep after the sun comes up, try a size 001 or 002 Deep Six®, or when they are running extra deep, use a size 001 (4-oz.) or 002 (7-oz.) Double Deep Six® Diver

Best Diver Colors: *Pink, Chartreuse, Green* or *Clear/Silver "Disco Tape"*

(Note: Match Salmon Bungee color to diver)

Best Salmon Bungee Size/Color: 000 light *"Fire"* or *"Chartreuse"*

Whole/Cut Plug Herring with *101 Herring Rig* or *Coyote™ Spoon*

To prevent line twist: Rig *"Luxon" Swivel Chain* halfway down leader.

BUOY-10 TROLLING SETUP

To get down for Coho: Rig Size 000 or 001 Double Deep Six® Diver

Best Diver Colors: *Pink, Chartreuse, Green* or *Clear/Silver "Disco Tape"*

Best Salmon Bungee Size/Color: 000 light *"Fire"* or *Chartreuse*

(Note: Match Salmon Bungee color to diver)

Whole/Cut Plug Herring with *101 Herring Rig™* or *Tom Mack™ Spoon*

To prevent line twist: Rig *Luxon Swivel Chain* halfway down leader.

To get down for Chinook: Rig size 001 (4-oz.) or size 002 (7-oz.)

Double Deep Six® Diver

Best Diver Colors: *Pink, Chartreuse* (my favorite), *Green, Orange* or *Clear/Silver "Disco Tape"*

Best Salmon Bungee Size/Color: 000 Medium, *"Fire"* or *Chartreuse*

(Note: Match Salmon Bungee color to diver)

Whole/Cut Plug Herring with *101 Herring Rig, Tom Mack™ Spoon* or *009 Clearwater Flash Spinner* in *"Fire 'n Ice"* color.

To prevent line twist: Rig *Luxon Swivel Chain* halfway down leader.

TROLLING SETUP

