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HEAD HOOKER'S MESSAGE

PAUL WELLS



Hi Guys

Well on Thursday, July 8, **Wanda** and I left for Flaming Gorge. This is the first time I have been there. We took a day and a half to get there. The first day we went to West Wendover and spent the night at the KOA campground. We figured it would take 10 to 11 hours to get to Wendover but because of a shooting on the freeway near Reno (they closed the freeway at 6:30 am) and that cost us 3 1/2 hours.

The next day was smooth sailing to Evanston, Wyoming where we got our boat inspected. When we arrived at the inspection station, there was no line so the boat inspection was quick and easy. We got our fishing licenses at the local Walmart. Then on to Manila, Utah where we stayed at the KOA campground

The Gorge is noted as one of the top fisheries in the United States. The biggest draw is for Kokanee but also giving up some good size Trout and Mackinaw. The Gorge stretching over 91 miles, starts in the high desert in Wyoming then entering Utah where it narrows down into deep canyons with sides reaching near 800 feet straight up.

Our days typically started between 3:30 and 4 am. After breakfast and fixing lunch for the day, we would drive the 29 miles from Manila Utah to

Buckboard, Wyoming. We would arrive right at sun up which seemed to work out well as the ramp was not very busy at that time.

Our first day of fishing was on Saturday. The first couple of days was a bit slow, only catching a couple of fish worth keeping which were about 2 lbs. each day. On the third day, we were on the water shortly after day break. We had been fishing for about 2 1/2 hours with minimal luck when **Rick Schrichfield** radioed me to see if we were catching anything, He told me he was going to send me a set up on a floatie to try. When I got it, I realized that I had the same dodger and shrimp that he was using so I set mine up the way his was set up and an hour and a half later I had 3 Kokanee within 2 oz of three pounds. After that, it took 2 and 3/4 pounds to be a keeper.

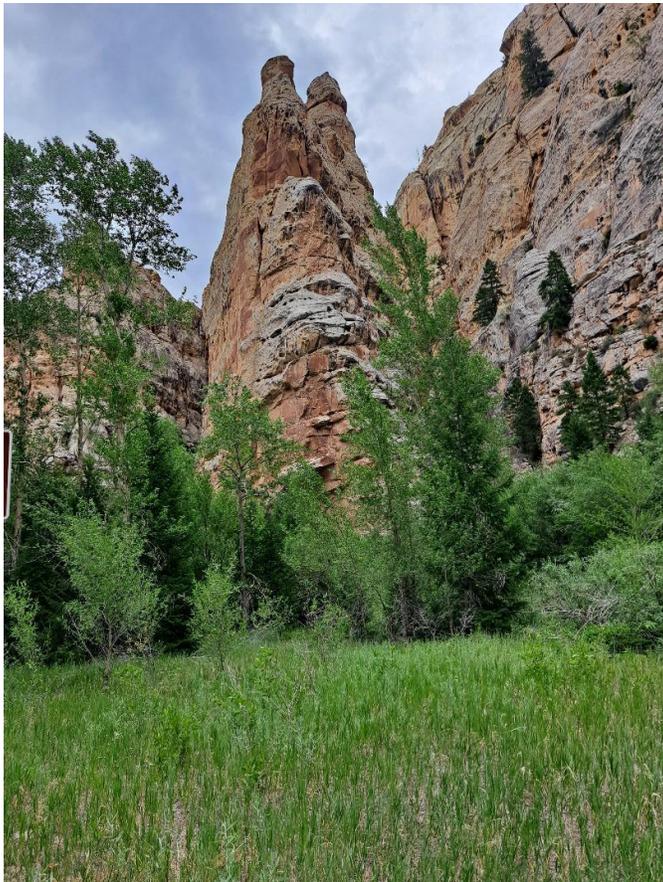


"3rd day limit, all within 2 oz of 3 lbs."

The fourth day, we were on the water for one hour and I had one fish in the box when we started hearing thunder. In my opinion, lightning and an

aluminum boat is not a good mix so we headed for the dock. We decided it would be a good day for sight-seeing.

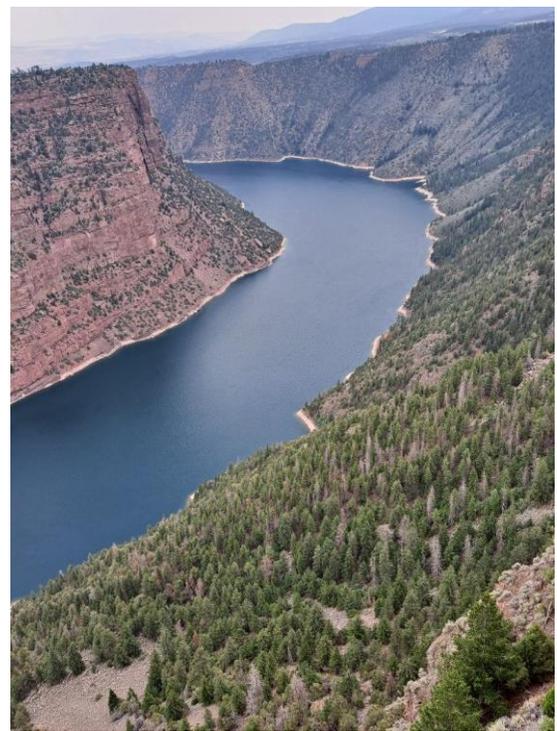
We drove the Geological loop. The rock formations that mother time has carved out of the rocks were amazing. There were many areas where you could see the many layers formed over thousands of years. Overall, it made for an interesting sight seeing trip.



"The Tower, Sheep Creek Geologic Loop"

After fishing on our 5th day and catching our limit, Rick drove us to the Red Canyon Lodge. The lodge is set in a forest of big trees with a small lake nearby which was a fantastic setting from the outside deck where we ate lunch. The food was probably the best we had on the entire trip and reasonably priced. The service was excellent.

Near the Lodge was the Visitor Center grounds which had observation points that provided amazing views of the Gorge.



"Flaming Gorge at Red Canyon"

On Day 6, by 7:30 am I had my third fish of keeper size. Since it was so early, I decided it was too early to stop fishing so I released it and you can probably guess the rest. I lost the lead hook on both of my best shrimp, leaving me with one #6 hook which is a little small for this size of fish. I had another nice fish to the boat and missed it with the net and lost him. I had two or three take downs, then one fish broke the leader that hooked the shrimp to the dodger. This was my most active day but ended up with only 2 fish in the box to show for it.

On our 7th day, I told Wanda, who had been a real trooper through the whole adventure, that we would do whatever she wanted to do. We did some more sightseeing which included a trip to the Dam.

All in all, my only regret for the whole trip was that I would have liked for the trip to have been twice as long.

I want to thank Rick for making the trip successful and very enjoyable. Rick has been to the Gorge for many years and he has a whole host of knowledge in where to go and what to use which he generously shared with me. He was extremely helpful and generous with his time.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the next meeting. Till then " Keep your lines tight and your nets ready"

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

JOHN KINSLOW

August meeting speaker not determined at this time.

FISHING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

BOB SCHMIDT

Greetings everyone fishing is on the upswing once again. I'm starting to hear some good reports from our local lakes. As for the Sierra mountain lakes the smoke from wildfires is keeping everyone away from these lakes. I had a good month of July fishing at New Melones and New Hogan. Before I get into my report on these lakes I need to give you an update on the last two Kokanee Power Derbies.

Rene Villanueva and **Brian Hough** who maybe become new JH member have been doing very well at the last two Kokanee Power Derbies. Starting with the June 12 derby at Don Pedro they placed **First** in the Big King Side Pot with a 6.18 Lb. monster king. At the July 17 derby at New Melones they placed **Third** in the Kokanee division with a 3 fish 4.41 lb. weight. The winning weight for 3 fish was 4.92 lb. They also took **Third Place** in the trout side pot with a 3.83 pounder. The winning trout came in at 4.67 pounds. Congratulations guys of your wins. The next Kokanee Power Derbies are August 14 Pardee and September 11 Shaver Lake.

I was out on New Melones and met up with **Rene** and **Brian** as they were pre-fishing the lake for the July 17 derby. I fished for a few hours and landed 2 nice rainbows at 4.3 and 4.5 pounds just before the bridge. I was alongside **Rene's** boat when I landed the second fish. **Rene** told me later the information I gave him on catching that fish helped them in the derby. I was making it a 2 for 1 fishing trip that day by fishing New Malones and New Hogan in the same morning. I launched at New Hogan at 11:15 and before I left the 5 mph zone by the ramp I had my first Striper. It was one of the best days in a long time on this lake. In a 3 hour span I landed 18 stripers from 2 to 8 lb. Most of the fish were taken by trolling with 4" stick baits and rolling anchovies from the top to 50' down. I had two spinning rods ready to cast if and when any boils appeared. The boils don't last long and you have to be ready move-in in a hurry. Casting into boils is fun and I landed most of the bigger 4 to 6 pounders in them. Most of the boils last less than a minute and can happen once or several times in the same general area. You have to be ready when it happens. Scanning for boils with binoculars helps but getting your trolling lines in and downriggers up takes time. Most of the time when I rush to the spot I'm to late and fish have already gone deep again. The best way to do it is troll with one rod in areas where boils appear and cast into them when you go by. I

went back to New Hogan the following week and got only 9 stripers. I all of them before 9:00 and nothing after that. It was a bright full moon during the night and that might have played a big part in the slower fishing that day. There are almost no trout in this lake due to the stripers and there is a 10 striper limit per day and with no size limit. I enjoy this lake and try to go there about 3 times a year. The stripers don't fight as much as their cousins in delta and tend to come to the surface instead of going deep. It is still a lot of fun on light gear.

Salmon fishing is now open on the rivers in our area. Today I checked the Nimbus Basin area for fish and didn't see any. There was chop on the water and I couldn't see the bottom. I'll look again later this week. Good Luck Fishing and be Safe
Bob Schmidt

FISHING REPORTS

SALMON FISHING MARINE COAST JUNE 30 **BY PAST HEAD HOOKER PETER TINOCO**



Boat limited out by 12noon. 15 on board. 31 caught.

Peter is holding his 27 lb. biggest fish on the right. There were a lot of shakers. average 2-3 shakers per rod.

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