

The Almanor Fisherman

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My First Year As A Guide

By Duncan McIntyre

I first fished Lake Almanor over 25 years ago. Our family took a weeklong vacation with friends and I was hooked on the beauty of the lake, the enjoyment of the fishing challenge and the friendliness of everyone I met.

For the next ten years or so, our only visits were arranged around my work schedule as a plumber for my cousin's company during the week and doing wood working for a redwood furniture company on the weekends. Some years we were able to make two one week vacations with long weekends sprinkled throughout the year and other years we were able only to get away a couple of times. During those busy years of work and family obligations I read everything I could about Lake Almanor fishing, talked to friends and dreamed of a time when I could look forward fishing this beautiful lake on a regular basis.

After one especially discouraging year I asked around and heard about a guide who sounded like my kind of fishing guide. I went out once with Mark Jimenez and had a fantastic day of fishing and learning. Mark was just the type of guide I needed to help me begin learning the secrets and techniques for successfully fishing the lake. Every year after that, I would book my first day of vacation with a trip on the lake with Mark. He taught me all of the essential skills needed to help me fish independently and to have a productive and enjoyable trip each and every time.

Over the next several years, life continued on as usual. I worked most of the year, but now we were able to commit to several regular trips to Lake Almanor. By now our family all loved coming up from the Bay Area to the lake. My sisters, their families and our parents also joined us during the summer for great extended family vacations. Friends of our family brought their children up as well and we often fished from the bank at the dam and Hamilton Branch with an assortment of children and adults. I enjoyed my three or more trips a year with Mark as I learned more and more about the unique set of skills needed to outwit the rainbows and browns that inhabited this area. Almost every year I took several trips to Eagle Lake as well, but always came back to Lake Almanor as my favorite fishing location. After the many years of traveling to Lake Almanor as our only vacation destination, our family had a dream of one day being able to live in the Lake Almanor area. As I was nearing retirement age I often thought of my options for making this dream a reality.

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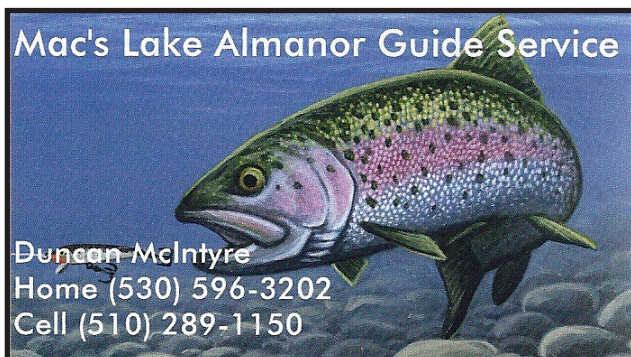


*Cute Little Client With His Catch While Fishing
With Guide Duncan McIntyre*

After another several years we finally were able to build a home in the Hamilton Branch area. Our son was now out of college and living on his own and my wife had been working for more than 17 years teaching in the public schools. I finally retired from the plumbing business, and continued working in the wood business full time. During this time I had been aggressively fishing the lake throughout the year, developing my own sense of Lake Almanor's seasonal fishing patterns.

The economic downturn of the past few years decreased the amount of custom made furniture people needed and I was going stir crazy at home. I spent a great deal of time fishing and making my wife crazy when I was home. I realized that over the past ten years while I had been taking family members and friends fishing on a regular basis, I had greatly enjoyed helping others learn how to have a successful and enjoyable fishing experience at the lake. This led me to seriously consider becoming a fishing guide. I wanted to provide fishing trips for people of all ages and abilities and most of all be able to share the joy of fishing with others. After many conversations with Mark Jimenez and his wife Nita, as well as everyone at Big Cove Resort Marina and other business people in the area I decided to take a leap of faith and begin the steps that would lead to my becoming a fishing guide.

I then looked into business responsibilities such as licensing, insurance, bonding, advertising, equipment needs and other seemingly endless details. Once the "nuts and bolts" were taken care of a friend helped me plan and organize my website. He facilitated the making of my advertising flyers and business cards. This first year of business has been a surprising journey. Even with the economy adding its challenges; this has been an exciting endeavor. I have had the pleasure of meeting many new people this year. Thanks go to the entire staff at Big Cove Resort Marina for making my customers feel welcome and by providing a safe and enjoyable environment for my fishing clients, (and their non-fishing family members who sometimes come along for the ride). I also have to thank my intrepid clients who were willing to take a chance on a first year guide. We never came home empty handed; and I think I had as much fun, if not more, than the folks I took out on trips.



Fish Of A Lifetime

By Rich Dengler

Here's the picture of the female brown I caught November 12th 2010. I didn't use a net as I wanted to release the fish. I used a boga grip which is in the picture. It has a maximum scale weight of 15 lbs and I could see the 15 on the scale, she weighed 14 ¾ lbs and was over 30" long. I used my measurement board and it goes to 30" and she was longer than that. I did not get the girth measurement as I wanted to get her back in the water as soon as possible but she was really wide and fat like a football.

I was fishing by myself off Rec #2 and was unable to get a better picture because the fish was too heavy to hold out at arm's length for the picture and there was no one to help. The fish was a really big one but not a pretty one. She had all kinds of scars and bleeding fins as you can see in the picture. I'm sure she was building her nest and fending off predators. She spit out a tiny crawdad that was only 1" long.

I was trolling a Red & Gold Speedy Shiner set at 4' down and was 180 feet behind the boat using 6 lb test line on an ultra light rod. She bent the swivel lock and as soon as I got her on the boga grip the lure came off the line. I was very lucky as it took several attempts to get the boga grip locked on her jaw as the grip jaws were too small for a fish that size.

I fought her for about 10 minutes while she circled the boat. There was no head shaking like the smaller fish, just a steady pull and stripped off line when she saw the boat. It took about another 10 minutes to get her back to where I was sure she could make it on her own, moving her back and forth in the water from the boats rear step platform. When I was sure she could swim on her own I released her. She swam off on the surface for about 20', and then headed for the bottom with a big splash and she was gone - FISH OF A LIFETIME
For a reference the cooler is 26" long and 14" wide.



Happy Fishing,
Rich Dengler

2011 Almanor Fishing Association Trout Pen Project

By Paul Garrido

Once again, in October 2010, the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) delivered 50,000 healthy Eagle Lake trout fingerlings to the Almanor Fishing Association (AFA) pens in the Hamilton Branch. This year's fingerlings were rather large and should be 10-12 inches by the time they are released in late May 2011. Almanor Fishing Association's pen project has planted well over one million Eagle Lake Trout into Lake Almanor.

As some of you may know, we started a refurbishment project on the pen's last summer. These pens/platforms have been in the water since 1988 and were in dire need of refurbishment. Each platform supports two pens that are each capable of holding 5,000 trout. With financial assistance from California Inland Fisheries Foundation, Inc. (CIFFI) \$15,000 and Kokanee Power (KP) \$7,500 plus an additional \$7,500 from the AFA we were able to commence the project. The project involved the refurbishment of five wooden platforms - each platform containing two 7 ft. X 10 ft. X 7 ft. deep aluminum pens. Unfortunately, we ran out of money after completing only three platforms due to the severely deteriorated support beams which meant that the platforms had to be disassembled, new beams inserted and reassembled. The six aluminum pens were re-drilled and new stainless steel bolts and washers were installed by AFA volunteers. The platform work was performed by Almanor Dock Supply at the old Lassen View Resort Boat Ramp.

Our Association is actively seeking grants to enable the completion of the last two platforms. Hopefully, we can complete the refurbishment by late summer in time for the next CDFG delivery of 50,000 Eagle Lake Trout.

I wish to thank California Inland Fisheries Foundation, Inc., Kokanee Power and many of our members who donated funds for this project. Also, thanks to Brett Womack and his crew from Almanor Dock Supply for their expertise.

See Trout Pen Pictures On Page 20



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Year Around Fly Fishing In The Lake Almanor Area

By Tom Maumoynier of The Lake Almanor Fly Fishing Company

This is a short article to help you fly fish the area and a guideline to when, where and what to use. The Almanor basin and surrounding areas have a lot to offer, it is vast and beautiful.

The fishing year can be easily split into quarters; January through March being the first. These are the toughest months and will test any angler. The local rivers are closed in the winter so we concentrate on the lakes; generally there are fish feeding somewhere. Small flies such as midges, and sparsely tied flies with a lot of movement can be surprisingly productive. Trolling streamer type flies this time of year is effective and can be a big help in locating pods of fish. Fish begin staging at water inlets around the lake; these are good locations to try. Suggested flies for winter are midges, woolly buggers and wiggle tails.

The second quarter is when things really get under way. April through June are impacted by the size of the winter, runoff being the main factor. As the water temperature warms fish become active in feeding and movement. The main food source in the lake for trout is blood midges; smallmouth bass love the crayfish. A snow cone will work for a midge and clouser and woolly buggers for the crayfish will do the trick. The Feather River tributaries and Hamilton Branch do not open until the end of May as does Butt Creek to protect spawning fish. Deer, Goodrich, Mill and Yellow Creek's all open the last Saturday in April. As the rivers and streams become fishable various insects appear. Stonefly's, caddis and mayfly's are the most prominent. Some suggested flies would be stimulators, Elk Haired Caddis and Adams.

July through August is when the famous hex hatch is fully underway and should not be missed. Large fish, taking large dry flies off the surface is as good as it gets in fly fishing; Lake Almanor and Butt Lake are alive. The rivers and streams are in prime condition with miles of water to explore; grass hoppers and ants are blown in the rivers and should be fished. The high country lakes of Lassen Park and Caribou Wilderness are all fishing well and are pristine. The hex paradun for Lake Almanor, foam hoppers for the streams and river and the timberline emerger for the high lakes are all flies that work well.

September through December is my favorite time. Fall colors, few people and fish have an urgency to feed in anticipation of winter. Up until the rivers and streams close in the middle of November they fish well. The last big insect hatch is the October Caddis; when the big orange insects hatch, the fish feed. The lake has a few hatches still occurring, caddis being the primary insect, but the main food source is the pond smelt. Fishing thin two tone streamers in the lake and red fox squirrels in the streams and rivers will help you enjoy this time of year.

I hope this gets you out to enjoy some great fly fishing in our area, please stop by the Lake Almanor Fly Fishing Company at 181 Main Street in Chester for more information. I will see you on the water.

Pictured 1st below is Matt Maumoynier holding his Brown Trout catch.

Pictured 2nd below is Tyler Hernandez holding his Brown Trout he caught during the hex hatch.



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Welcome To Lake Almanor

By Doug Neal of Almanor Fishing Adventures

My name is Doug Neal, local year round resident and fishing guide here at Lake Almanor.

Winter snows packed the surrounding water shed, providing the Almanor Basin with what looks like another good water year. For the adventurous and hearty types Lake Almanor is a four seasons fishing lake, open to fishing 24/7/365. Winter can be a challenge at times, ice and cold will test ones resolve.

A six week long dry spell beginning last January allowed the ramp at Canyon Dam to remain open for the trolling crowd. There's always times during the winter when a window of opportunity opens, and combined with a small dose of cabin fever setting in, had me watching the weather for a chance to jump through that window. Almanor is quiet during the winter months. Most folks leave for the season, and fishing pressure is ultra light. Hotel rates are good value for the winter angler. We try to fish as much as possible during the winter, however I am always looking forward to spring conditions to begin. Enough snow already!

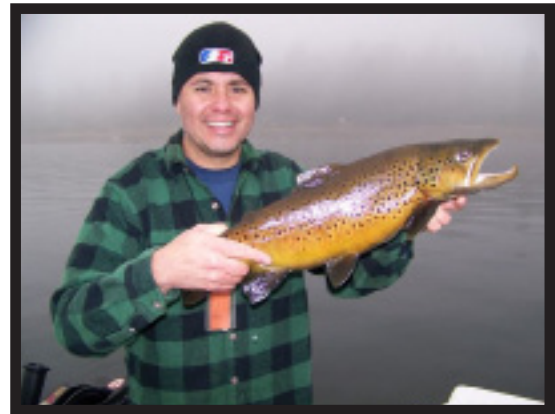
Longer days mean warming waters. Fish respond to the warming water and will become more active, looking to feed, and replenish reserves that were lost during the leaner winter months when food is always a little scarcer. Insect hatches begin, providing a fast food fix of power packed protein for trout and salmon to feed upon.

This spring and into summer, salmon will be my first priority. I feel like I can get Browns and Rainbows every time I go out, but it's the Salmon I will be hunting. You can expect these kings to be holding around Canyon Dam, The Snag, and Red Banks early this spring before making the run to Big Springs, where we really pounded them last summer. I am anxious to see how big the salmon will be this spring. The bait fish in this lake are a smelt, and they are abundant, the salmon should be feeding well again this year. Make no mistake about it; salmon are the toughest fighting fish in the lake, including smallies. A few will be caught trolling smelt patterns like needlefish and such, and white jigs will work. However it is a properly presented anchovy tail that salmon like, especially mid April and into May. The last 6 spring seasons we were getting limits of 3 lb. Chinooks mooching bait and I'm expecting that pattern to continue. 2 1/2 to 3 lb Spring Kings are a good thing, these fish will continue to feed into summer and can easily go over 4 lbs by early July.

Most people that know Almanor think Brown and Rainbow Trout and why not? We definitely have them here. Brown and Rainbow Trout are all over the lake, and can be caught with a variety of applications. On anchor mooching baits off the bottom, jigging, crawlers on the drift, trolling lead core, or precision depth control using downriggers. Mealworms, power baits, crickets, can all be effective. It really boils down to what to use, where, and when. Lake Almanor is constantly changing as conditions improve over the course of the season. For current trends and Lake Almanor fishing information, or to book a guided trip with me, tap into my web page. www.almanorfishingadventures.com



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Early Memories of Fishing Lake Almanor

By Dick Mason of Dick's Guide Service

My 1st Almanor fish was a 3 lb Rainbow and I was hooked for life. I was 10 or 11 years old and eager to learn, still am, and still learning. My dad fished the Feather River channel below Chester. At that time, in the mid 50's they kept the lake level a lot lower than they do now. It was about a 2 mile drive on a dirt road down to the 1st fish camp. I say 1st fish camp because as the season went on they moved the camp a mile or so South. We were always on the lake at dead dark as you always wanted your favorite spot. Everyone carried a poke pole about 16 feet long as you needed this to locate the channel which was hard gravel and rock. Both sides of the channel were mud. Finding the channel you put down your anchors. In our case it was buckets filled with cement. Thinking back the poke pole made me realize that you have to know what is under your boat to catch fish. If you ever stop learning it is time to quit.

We fished with night crawlers & salmon eggs on the bottom. The fish had to root the bait out of the gravel. This was before anyone had come up with the idea of blowing up the night crawler to float it off the bottom. I would love to share a boat with the guy or gal that came up with this method; they had to be a genius. This would have increased our catch at least ten fold and probably more.

People I remember that on weekends there would be 20 or 30 boats lined up & down the channel. They were usually the same people. There was a guy that sticks out in my mind. He was there every day. He lived in Chester and I think his name was Joe Martin. He had an accent, maybe Portuguese. I will never forget this. Every day he would holler "Fishy, fishy come bite on Joe's hook, don't go down to those high binders down below". I didn't know what a high binder was then and still don't but knew I didn't want to be one.

Another name comes to mind was Bob White. Bob grew up in Chester. I'm sure he started fishing the Feather River from Chester to the lake as soon as he could walk. In those days when the water was lower this stretch of river from Chester to the mouth was famous for its run of Rainbow's. The Rainbow's came fresh from the lake and they were hot. Bob & I were the same age and fished together quite a lot. He always hooked 10 fish to my 1, maybe more. He fished a single white salmon egg, the brand was Titan. He would throw a handful in his mouth. He claimed it was a lot easier then getting out a jar & baiting up. I tried it however never could get used to the taste. I haven't thought of Bob in years but if I could find his address I will send him a copy of this newsletter. Bob was a legend by the time he was 16 years old.

Another person that I remember in the late 50's & early 60's owned a beer bar in Westwood called the Green door. He made a name for himself catching big trout out of Lake Almanor. Everyone that fished Almanor knew his reputation. Rumor had it that some of these big trout were caught on minnows, which were illegal then and are now. They say that he would buy the minnows from local youths and keep them in the sink behind the bar in the Green Door. I can't say for a fact that he fished with these minnows but I did see some minnows swimming in the sink. They also said he took 2 thermoses with him when he went fishing. One was for his coffee and the other is where he hid his minnows. This is all rumored. He was never cited for fishing illegally. He was another legend of my Almanor past. These guys were my hero's and I was young and already hooked on fishing.

Lake Almanor in the late 50's & into the 60's had a thriving population of Kokanee Salmon. In the fall they would come into Big Springs to spawn. There were thousands of them. The males would turn red and developed a pronounced hook jaw. You have to imagine this. Some of my friends & I were already avid fisherman and this is the scenario. There were thousands of big fish that we

could see and they wouldn't bite. This was driving us nuts. Snagging was very effective however the game wardens kept a close eye on these fish. I don't know who came up with this method but it worked. Whoever it was had to be pretty smart. We would tie a rubber band on our hook and take a couple of wraps on 2 sugar cubes. Now we had enough weight to cast out into this teeming horde of fish that were not interested in eating. We would wait until the sugar cubes dissolved and then the kid with the best arm would throw the biggest rock he could find into these thousands of fish. The spooked fish would take off in every direction. Just about everybody got a spectacular hit at the same time. The fish would run with their hook jaws open. They would run into the lines with no sinker between the fish and the hook so then you had a fish hooked in the mouth. This is the same thing they are doing on some of our rivers now and they call it 'bead fishing'.

Who would have thought that some kid would come up with this idea on Lake Almanor 55 years ago? I don't condone this kind of fishing now and still feel kind of guilty 55 years later. My only defense is back then I was young & dumb and it was kind of legal.

These memories are a long time ago but I still remember them like they were yesterday. Hope everyone has a good 2011! If you see me on the lake give me a wave. I like people who like to fish.

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Chester High Fish Program Returns To Full Operational Status

Courtesy of Feather Publishing by Kate West - Editor

The Chester High School limnology program went operational again March 14 with the receipt of 500 pounds of Eagle Lake trout from the California Department of Fish and Game's (DFG) Crystal Lake Hatchery. This is the first time the tanks have held fish since the tragic loss of 18,000 fingerling trout occurred as a result of routine maintenance to the school's water lines last June. The loss was reported by teacher Dave Bradley who said, "A Plumas Unified School District crew uncovered an old line and shut it off not knowing it was connected to and supplied the fish hatchery housed in the old auto shop building." As a result of that inadvertent action, the fish suffocated from the lack of circulating water. Bradley discovered the dead fish June 19 when he arrived to do the evening feeding. The fingerlings were all spawned from the wild rainbow trout of Lake Almanor and were to be used for classroom study until the end of their first year of life, which would have been about April 2011.

New Beginnings:

Bradley said he received approval to have the school tanks restocked last October. "At that time I talked with Dr. (Bill) Cox, who is the state pathologist in charge of fish stocking and release locations. He gave us permission to receive more fish," Bradley said. Bradley said he called the hatchery Friday, March 11, and couldn't believe a truck would be rolling to the school by Monday. The 500 pounds of delivered fish yielded approximately 5,000 fish 6 - 9 inches in length.

The fish were divided up by the students and placed into 14 tanks of three different sizes. The six 100-gallon aquariums each received 150 fish. The four acrylic tanks, also called towers, hold 300 gallons of water and 500 fish each. The four largest tanks hold 500 gallons of water and 750 fish each. "We are going to grow fish out to capacity now. We can hold a half-pound of fish for every two gallons of water. We can probably handle 2,000 pounds of fish in these tanks and we have only 500 pounds now," Bradley said.

Immediate Concern:

"Right now we're watching oxygen levels in each of the tanks and we're doing fine," Bradley said. He said the primary concern creating the need for such close attention was ammonia spikes, which are lethal to the fish and are a result of waste products. "Our tank bio filters contain bacteria that break down ammonia and they haven't had fish near them for six months or in this capacity. They can't handle the load; we need to be careful as to how much the fish are fed and of the resulting waste," he said.

Into The Future:

These DFG-supplied fish will eventually be planted in the North Fork Feather River and Lake Almanor. Bradley said there are restrictions as to where the fish can be planted. "DFG will tell us where they want them," he added. As to more fish, Bradley said he hopes he and the students will be able to go out and complete a spring spawn. "We hope to collect 20,000 eggs. We have incubation trays that will hold them for six weeks and another two weeks after they hatch," he said. From the trays the fish next move into the program's two troughs. Bradley described the troughs as being 90 gallons each and only a foot deep.

"They are our holding tanks for our very young fish and their being shallow makes management much easier," he said. And when it comes to the potential spawn, Bradley said he had great news to share.

"We will have three more 500-gallon tanks set up by the end of March and this will allow us to grow fish larger," he said. He also said the new tanks could hold the program's future breeding stock.

"When fish reach their capacity in our current tanks, especially those we receive from DFG, we are required to release into the required stocking locations. If we

can get some breeding fish in our own hatchery we can raise eggs and sell fish, a major step to our sustainability," Bradley said.

The breeding stock would come from spawning the wild Lake Almanor trout. Bradley said with the extensive stocking down by the Almanor Fishing Association it might be likely that some of the breeding stock would be the much-desired Eagle Lake trout.

Still Needed:

Bradley said one thing remains to be completed in the lab: the polishing treatment needs to be hooked up.

He said the polishing process includes an ultraviolet light and water sterilizing, an ozone generator and an oxygen generator. "Once the system is in place we will have no further oxygen problems," Bradley said. He said everything that had been accomplished to date was due solely to the generosity of many community partners, organizations and foundations. He said the Thomas Family Foundation and Feather River College provided the funds for the final three tanks. Looking forward Bradley said, "The next immediate need on the horizon will be funds to help with the cost to feed the nearly grown fish." He estimates that each bag of food costs \$25 and with shipping the cost rises to \$40. "As a rough estimate, the fish eat 3 percent of their body weight. When the tanks are filled to the 2,000-pound capacity we will need to feed 60 pounds of food a day," Bradley said.

For more information about the program or how you can contribute to the fish food cost, contact Bradley at 530-258-2126, ext. 224.



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Fish For A Wish

By The Make A Wish Foundation

A.J. Casella, with lots of help from his dad Gary and the entire crew at Lake Almanor's Big Cove Resort, will again be hosting Fish for a Wish, a fundraiser for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Scheduled for Saturday, August 6, the event will feature prizes for the greatest total weight and largest fish and will include a complimentary lunch, followed by a prize ceremony for the winning anglers, a silent auction and a raffle. The tournament begins at 6:00 a.m. and will end with a weigh-in at noon.

Entering its seventh year, the event has become a major fundraiser for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Last year A.J. raised over \$40,000 in cash and in-kind donations, meaning the event funded a record number of wishes for children with life-threatening medical conditions.

"A.J., his family and the entire team at Big Cove Resort are quite simply rock stars," said Greater Bay Area Make-A-Wish Foundation Executive Director Patricia Wilson. "Their compassion and their commitment to our wish children are nothing short of extraordinary."

Now 18 and a freshman at the University of Southern California, A.J. remains committed to the event he founded seven years ago following the death of his friend John. As he battled leukemia, John was granted his wish to attend the MLB All-Star Game at Fenway Park in Boston. A.J. saw first-hand the positive effect the wish experience had on his friend and the entire family and decided then that he would combine his passion for fishing with his desire to help others. At that moment Fish for a Wish was born.

In six years, A.J. has raised over \$200,000 in cash and in-kind for Make-A-Wish.

In 2010 Fish for a Wish funded the following wishes:

Matthew's wish to go to Greece

Riley's wish to visit Harry Potter's Wizardly World

Kayla's wish to go to Ireland

Rosetta's wish to be a fairy

Riley's wish to go to South Africa

Wishes provide hope for sick children and offer something positive to focus on while they battle an illness. Wishes also serve as a rallying point for families and communities as they deal with the stress of a life-threatening medical condition for one of their own.

For tournament information, questions, or entry forms please contact Big Cove Resort at 530-596-3349. Also please see their web site at www.bigcoveresort.com. Click on Special Events then on 2011 Fish For A Wish Tournament.

Checks can be made payable to Make-A-Wish. Entry forms, donations or auction item/prizes can be sent to:

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"We encourage everyone to find a way to participate in this wonderful event again. We are looking forward to another magical tournament this August 6th and to seeing you there."



FLATS/MOUTH FEATHER RIVER

9. Mouth of the Feather River.

Again extreme caution, stump fields & very shallow, lots of grass and other vegetation can stop your prop. Fish the stumps for smallies.

10. Chester Causeway / North Shore Campground.

Both sides of the causeway good for rainbows, browns, & bass. Bass anglers work the stumps on the east side of the campgrounds. Parking is along the causeway.

PENINSULA/WEST SIDE

11. Bailey Creek.

This seasonal creek can flow from May into mid July.

Good trolling area in front of the mouth, & south to Bailey Springs & back. Shallow area around the mouth & close to shore, watch for hazards. Browns, rainbows, & bass from Bailey Creek to Rec. Area #2.

12. Almanor Peninsula (Recreation Area #2).

Good trolling from Rec Area #2, north to Bailey Creek, or south to the tip of the peninsula. A couple small springs just outside the log boom hold browns & rainbows almost all year. Bait fish on anchor or drift crickets, mealworms, or night crawlers 5 ft off the bottom.

NORTHEAST SIDE OF PENINSULA

13. Almanor Peninsula (Recreation Area #1).

Excellent fishing opportunities, troll close to shore early and move out to deeper water later in the morning and afternoon. Dodgers with a nightcrawler, or flashers for deeper darker water. Good area for trolling deep with downriggers, the bottom is consistent with few very few snag possibilities. Small mouth bass are abundant along rocky shore line areas.

14. The A-Frame.

Some have said that this is the best spot on the Lake!

A deep water cold spring located just off the shoreline brings them in. The A-Frame is a local land mark, it's easy to spot that aqua marine green roof. This area is famous for some really big fish and limits of browns, rainbows and King Salmon from time to time. Bait fish off the bottom or troll along the shore, both can be productive.

15. Big Cove Resort Marina,

Boat gas, boat rentals, bait/tackle/worms and other retail services are located at Big Cove Resort Marina. Good trolling from the marina South past the A-Frame, & down to Rec Area #1 and back or work the shoreline toward Big Springs.

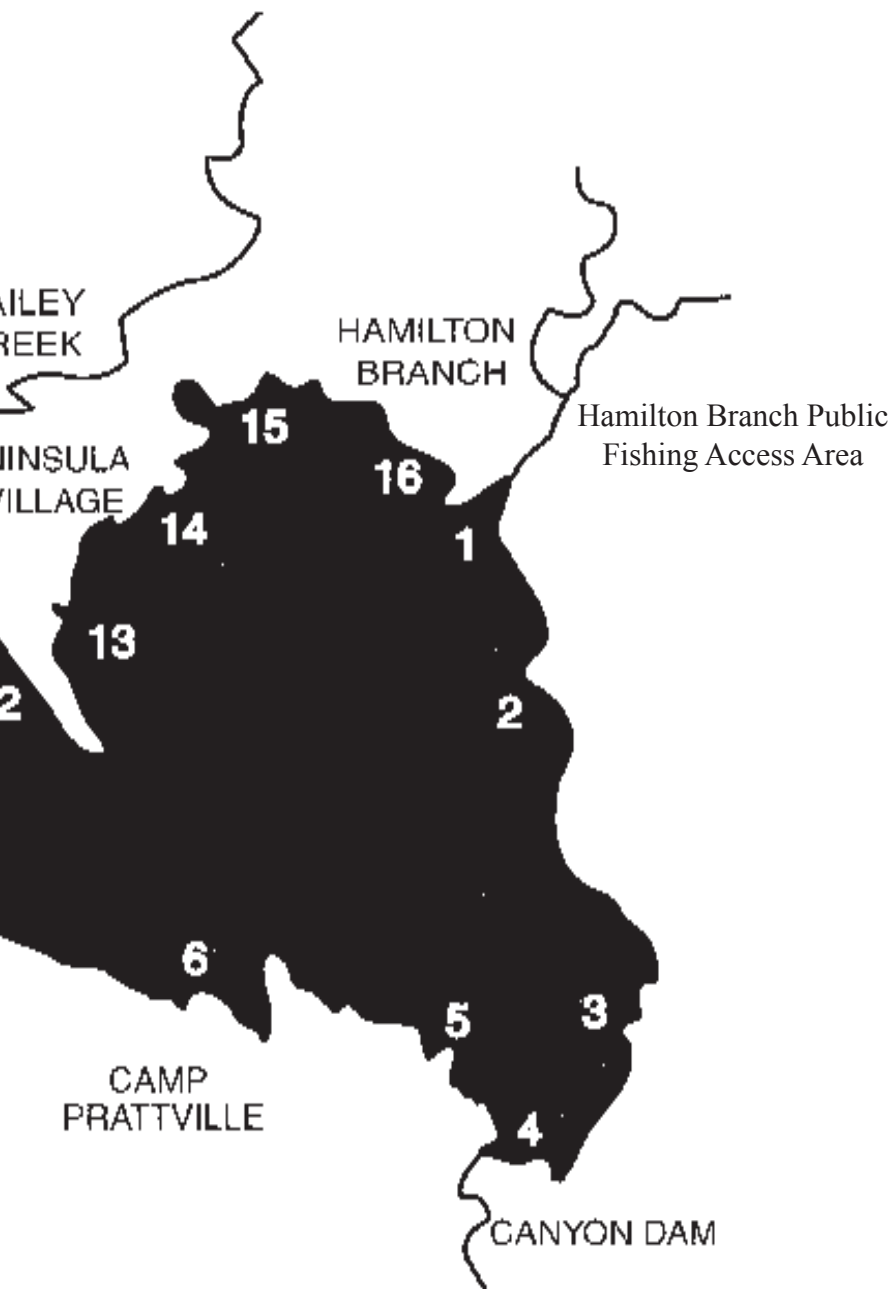
16. Big Springs.

Several deep underwater springs are scattered along this area, and a couple in closer to shore. King Salmon, browns & rainbows all can be found moving around this entire area. Trolling can be very productive, but bait fishing is often the method that produces faster action. Crickets, mealworms, crawlers are effective for trout. Salmon like anchovy tails 5 ft off the bottom.



Lake Almanor

EAST SHORE FISHING



1. Hamilton Branch Area and Powerhouse.

Probably the best bank fishing at Almanor. Bait, jigs and spinners all can be effective. Fisherman's access, parking, picnic tables and restrooms at the intersection of A13 and Hwy 147. Provided by the Almanor Fishing Association.

2. East Shore.

Trolling from the Hamilton Branch into Lake Cove and on to Canyon Dam. The east shore offers great rainbow and brown trout action. Try rainbow runners, speedy shiners, needle fish, or z-rays. Threaded night crawlers are good also. Troll top water early, deeper later in the day.

3. The Snag.

While trolling the east shore beware of the "Snag". It's a point that juts out and it get shallow there quickly, hence the name. Many a downrigger ball and tackle have been lost here; keep your eye on your depth finder. Deep salmon hole on the south side of the snag, use anchovy.

4. Canyon Dam also known as "Geritol Cove".

Another good bank fishing area is in Geritol Cove. For browns and rainbows use inflated nightcrawlers or powerbait off the bottom. Trolling can be great right from the ramp to the east shore and back. Public boat ramp, parking, handicap access, restrooms, picnic tables.

WEST SHORE FISHING

5. Rocky Point Campgrounds.

Good trout and bass fishing right off the point. Crickets, inflated crawlers, powerbait, or spinning tackle.

6. Prattville.

A good place to start you trolling or have breakfast. Head west toward the jetties for browns and rainbows.

6A. USFS Public Boat Ramp.

West of Prattville, in the old town of Almanor. Offers easy access with plenty of parking, 2 ramps with dock, and restrooms. Very good spring and summer time trolling from Prattville to the tip of Almanor West peninsula. Browns and rainbows will hit threaded crawlers, lures, behind blades or a dodger, or just by themselves.

7. Almanor West.

Excellent spring time trolling for rainbows and browns, close to shore or out in deeper water. Lead core or down-rigged threaded night crawlers are recommended. Good bass fishing later in the summer along rocky areas and around docks. Lots of hex activity beginning late June and through July.

8. Goose Bay - West Shore area.

Extreme caution shallow areas, stump fields, and grassy bottom. Rainbows and browns. One of Almanor's best bass areas, largemouth bass, and small mouth bass. From Goose Bay back into the airport flats. Best early morning and late evening. Use plugs lures bait or white jigs for trout. For bass use crank baits, rattletaps, or plastic worms.

Almanor

Map Details Provided By Doug Neal

Some Thoughts About Giant Trout

By Mark Jimenez of Big Meadows Guide

I often think about catching giant trout in the winter months while tying my streamer flies. Streamers are known for catching larger trout than the average which I guess is all relevant to the waters you're fishing.

My idea of a giant trout is a fish of around 8 pounds or larger. While I catch lots of trout on my streamer flies, I don't seem to get trout larger than those we catch on lures or crawlers while trolling. I'm thinking that the odds of catching a giant trout in Lake Almanor are as good for the casual fisherman as they are for a person who spends thousands of hours fishing. I believe getting a real giant trout requires mostly a big dose of grade 'A' luck!

In roughly 40 years of serious fishing on Lake Almanor, I've had four trout that were 8 pounds and larger in my boat. The biggest was a 10 lb rainbow, with a 9 lb and two 8 lb fish. That's one giant every 10 years. Not very good odds huh? Thinking back on these four Big Trout, they were all caught on my streamer flies but one per 10 years doesn't exactly prove the streamers to be trophy trout killers.

One of my most memorable trophy trout fishing experiences occurred 27 years ago while night fishing below the Butt Lake Powerhouse during the months of July and September during full moon periods. I fished with Jay Fair a lot back then and we fly fished down at Butt Lake with floating streamer flies which imitated the dead Pond smelt minnows washing through the powerhouse.

We really caught lots of nice trout up to around 6 pounds. What we discovered doing this was that the biggest fish in the channel would actively feed from about 2 AM until around 5 AM and they would disappear as quickly as they appeared. The really big fish we landed and lost were all hooked during this time period. We landed about five trout over 8 pounds which were all rainbows. The largest two trout we landed were 10 pounds while losing one rainbow that I saw plainly next to the boat that I guessed at 12 to 13 pounds. The fish took all my fly line and over 100 yards of backing line and broke off at the spool in just a few seconds. Jay thought that was the funniest and craziest thing he'd ever seen and laughed hysterically while falling over in his boat to the floor. I begged to differ with him as I was now looking at an expensive Hardy fly reel with no line on it. I was done for the remainder of the night!

One strange observation while playing these giant size trout with a 5 to 6 wt. fly rod was that these fish when hooked set up a very peculiar vibration in the graphite rod that I've never experienced with smaller trout. Jay noticed this before I did since he caught the first giant weighing 10 pounds and 25" long. A real hog! He had the fish mounted for his home in Portola.

While most of the really big trout I see and hear about are browns, strangely enough I've never caught a really big

brown trout over 7 pounds. Mine have all been rainbows. I wished I'd kept one of those 10 pound Butt Lake fish for my wall, but at the time I was spoiled and holding out for a fish bigger than 10.

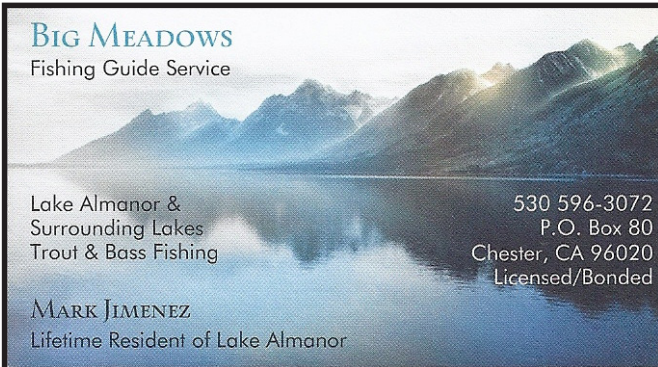
I've often wondered just how many giant trout live in Lake Almanor. I believe there are many more than we think, but I also believe these giants become extremely reclusive and are very spooky when they reach a certain size.

When trout get to a very large size they usually change over to a diet of small fish and planter size trout, which are usually plentiful in Almanor.

When I worked for the D.F.G. in the early 70's as a seasonal aid for two years, our boss Jack Hansen had us carry out a little experiment. Jack was curious to know if we could net some extra large trout by setting a gillnet the night of a trout plant at Canyon Dam boat ramp. We set the net just before dusk and checked it early next morning. We had 3 or 4 very large brown trout in the net one of which was over 8 pounds. When we checked their stomachs back at the office all the fish were full of 7 to 10 inch planted trout. The biggest brown had seven planters in his belly. I think this might be why we don't catch more of Almanor's big trout over 8 pounds. I feel many of these huge trout just die of old age and are rarely ever seen.

I did get to see what I think was the biggest trout ever to be caught out of Lake Almanor back in the early sixties when I was a young boy. It weighed 18 ½ pounds and was a gorgeous brown trout caught off of the causeway near Chester. It was in the Young's Market grocery store for a couple of days packed in ice for the local people to see. I looked at it twice!

This coming season I'm going to try a few night trips on Almanor during the full moon. I think I'll tie up some very large streamer flies about the size of planter trout. Who knows? After 40 years I might be due for one of Almanor's monsters with the big black spots. I know a really good taxidermist! Hoping you have a great fishing season.



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Ready For The Lake?

By Otto Brackett - Plumas County Boat Patrol Supervisor



Are We Ready for the Lake This Year?

By Otto Brackett

Plumas County Boat Patrol Supervisor

Well here it is the end of February and Irene has threatened me with bodily harm if I don't get this article to her by the 1st of March.

As I look outside and I see 2-3 feet of snow with prediction of more to come. I have to think about boating in beautiful Plumas County.

There are 3 Lake Almanor construction projects to be completed this year. The 1st is the Canyon Dam Boat Launch facility. This one is scheduled to start during the fall when the water level is low. The facility will be closed to make the improvement. The improvements will include widening the launch ramp, a new boarding float, pavement repairs, and installing a new bathroom building. The 2nd project will be on the Almanor Boat Launch. A starting date is still pending. Work was to start when the lake was at its lowest level. They want to extend the ramp for low water level boat launching. The 3rd project currently underway is the installation of 2 new concrete bathroom buildings. One is located at the Almanor Boat launch site and the other is adjacent to the Almanor Beach parking area.

The next item I would like to discuss briefly is the Quagga/Zebra Mussel. They are native to Eastern Europe. The mussel was introduced to the Great Lakes from Russia. They have migrated to the West. The states of Nevada, Arizona, and California have been infected. These mussels will attach themselves to your boat or trailer and migrate from one lake to another. They cause damage to your boat, trailer, docks, etc... They also can get into boat water pumps. In some areas people have had to wear shoes on the beaches because of infestation. At some lakes in California boats will be turned away if they have not been inspected. Lake Tahoe will have you have a boat inspection before you can put your boat in the lake and there is a charge for this. Some lakes you can be cited if your boat has not been inspected and you are on the lake. Boaters

should anticipate inspections at launch ramps around the state. Inspected boats are given a tag to prove inspection. I could talk with you all day on this subject however I do suggest you go to the California Department of Fish and Game website at www.dfg.ca.gov/invasives/quaggamussel/ where you can find a wealth of information about it. You also may want to check if you are going to other lakes as far as policy regarding this problem.

Every year on the 4th of July we have a beautiful fireworks display. Hundreds of boats congregate around the peninsula for this event. Every year we run into the same problem with some boaters. Dead batteries, lights that don't work, and out of fuel. Two years ago with the smoke from the forest fires on the lake we had 14 boat boats that were lost. In fact we found 1 patio boat up by the Chester cause-way; they were looking for the East shore. It took till 3:00am in the morning to get everybody home.

Remember between the hours of sunset to sunrise the speed limit for boats on the lake is 5 MPH. Please be sure your boat lights are all working. Take a little time when you are getting your boat ready to check your lights, don't wait till you need them to get a surprise. Wave runners and jet skis CAN NOT be on the lake between sunset & sunrise.

Courtesy on the lake at all times is very important. For instance observing the speed when traveling within 200 feet of shore which is 5 MPH. This will keep boats from banging on the docks, etc... Be aware of a people swimming in the water, the speed within 100 feet of a swimmer is 5 MPH. When you go by people who are fishing please slow down as well. Give the people a break. Treat all the people on the lake the way you want to be treated.

Also be aware of sailboats. Remember they have the right of way. You are used to meeting boats & the boat on the right of you has the right of way. With sailboats right, left, or straight ahead they have the right away.

If you meet another motor boat remember the boat on the right has the right of way. Should you meet head on steer to starboard so that that both boats will pass to the port of each other.

The last topic I would to cover is getting help in time of need. If you see someone having boat problems please stop and offer assistance. Remember you could be in that situation yourself. By stopping you can make a boater feel better knowing that someone knows of their problem and is there to help. I know when I come upon a boat that is broke down the people are so relieved. I always get the warmest thank you. If you have a cell phone help is but a call away. You can call the Sheriff Office Dispatch # at 530-283-6300 and get an immediate response. Upon receiving your call they will contact the boat patrol deputy on the lake and he will respond. If you don't have a cell phone you may have to tow their boat in.

Have a safe boating season, catch lots of fish or just enjoy one of the most beautiful lakes in the state. Oop's and don't forget to put your boat drain plug in before launching!



Live Like You Were Dying

By Roger Keeling of Roger's Guide Service

This was the title of a hit country song by Tim McGraw and pretty well describes my life in the last 2 years. I've had 3 surgeries in a row and was diagnosed with cancer after 2 of them. I have always considered myself bullet-proof but I now realize how fragile life can be. I also have a deeper appreciation for friends and feel so fortunate to have such a wonderful cliental base that scans back almost 40 years. So many of you have been there with me with words of encouragement and support and I thank all of you so much. I feel honored when someone chooses me as their guide and you will never be just a number or a seat filled in my boat.

The main purpose of my trips is to enjoy the beautiful outdoors and to become a better angler. To me the fish are only a bonus.

I have guided a lot of guides and charter boat captains through my career and worked around hundreds of guides especially on the Sacramento River. I have wondered why some guides don't have a deeper appreciation and respect for their clients. I've noticed the main emphasis with most guides is how many fish are in the fish box. I believe we all need to focus a little more on conservation and teaching our clients all the attributes of the waters we are fishing. This really applies to the kids we take out and hopefully we as guides are good examples to them. I'm taking out kids of kids that I took out over 25 years ago and I'm so proud of the progress they have made as anglers and also in life.

Now back to fishing. I had to cut my season short last year in the Lake Almanor area and returned to Red Bluff for medical reasons in late September. It really hurt to leave as the fishing pressure was very light and the fishing was exceptional. The only problem was weeding through Eagle Lake Rainbow transplants that were biting like piranhas, however plenty of bigger fish were mixed in.

The general condition of Lake Almanor and its food base is amazing but the pond smelt which is only a part of this will always be cyclic. At this time 'late December' it looks almost certain for having good water conditions for 2011. I hope to be in the Lake Almanor area again in the spring from May 1st to late October. I hope to see you there!

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Partners With The Almanor Fishing Association

By Kokanee Power

Kokanee Power is glad to provide some information to our friends at Almanor Fishing Association on our 2011 activities. We continue to build partnerships to enhance the inland fisheries in California through our Trophy Trout pen Projects, Derbies, Scholarships, and many programs to encourage kids to be our future anglers. Kokanee Power has continued to be a leader in the development of trophy trout pen programs. For 2011, we have the following pens and commitment for the food and maintenance.

Lake Shasta: Three thousand fish are grown to 3+ lbs with a commitment of 8,000 lbs of food

Three Pens on the Sacramento River Arm at Antlers, Sugar Loaf, and Tsasdi Resorts

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New Melones Reservoir: Two pens with 1,200 fish and a commitment of 2,500 lbs of food

Lake Almanor: Ten Pens with 50,000 Eagle Lake fingerlings and a commitment to 15,000 lbs of food. In addition, we have helped fund over \$15,000 toward the rebuilding of the cages and plan to help with some of the funding in 2011 to complete the rebuild.

Of course each year we support our friends at the Department of Fish and Game with volunteer help and \$12,500 to help fund the yearly kokanee egg harvest and rear over a million fingerlings at the hatcheries.

Kokanee Power also has a strong partnership with Feather River College. Each year we provide a scholarship and \$5,000 to support the hatchery that raises brown trout for release in the Lake Almanor area. The college also helps provide volunteers for our Buck's Lake Derby.

Kokanee Power has a strong commitment to the future anglers by supporting many activities for kids. Some of the programs provide kids with an opportunity to fish for the first time and help them develop into future anglers of tomorrow. There are also several programs that provide support for disadvantaged kids in our communities. You should see the smiles on the faces of the kids and their parents.

We also support our members and sponsors with eight derbies and tournaments each year. We are proud to have derbies at Pine Flat Lake, Lake Don Pedro, Lake Pard-ee, Shaver Lake, Bucks Lake, and Stampede Reservoir along with two-day tournaments at Shasta Lake and New Melones Reservoir. Our derbies and tournaments are attended by over 1,800 anglers competing and sharing in


great family events. We would encourage the support from the AFA community to join us at the Bucks Lake Derby and help build on our partnership. Keep checking the Kokanee Power website, www.kokaneepower.org, for a brand new derby coming in September that will again show Kokanee Power's commitment to our members and sponsors.

Kokanee Powers' board is committed to enhancing and sustaining our inland fisheries with partnerships like we have with the Almanor Fishing Association. We are successful because our members, sponsors and partners have continued to grow in their commitment to our programs.



Thanks again for your support and we hope to see you at one of our derbies in 2011.

Gary Coe-President Kokanee Power





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The Early Season At Lake Almanor

Special to The AFA by: Capt. Bryan Rocucci/ Big Daddy's Guide Service

There is a certain time of year that is held special by a select few in the fishing world here in Northeastern California. The holidays of the prior year have faded into memories and the sustained pleasant weather of spring is still before us. It is the end of winter and the official beginning of spring. To put the time frame down on the calendar, one would look at the months of January, February, and March. Some might consider this to be a bit too early to begin fishing Sierra waters, opting instead to take advantage of the heavily talked about "Spring Bite" in the later months of April and May, but for a small group of fishermen, myself included, this is prime time to intercept Trophy Trout on Lake Almanor.

This early season fishing at Lake Almanor does offer several advantages.

1) Parking is rarely an issue; with few people fishing and even fewer launching boats, the only issue at the Canyon Dam parking lot is if the snow plow has cleared it following a storm. While it is maintained, the parking lot, will often times be icy and slick with the boat ramp being even worse and extreme caution should be used when launching boats. Is there anything better than feeling like you have the whole lake to yourself?

2) The trout have limited food sources, which make them easier to target; find the food and you find the fish. The cold water and winter season really reduce the number of options the fish have to feed. The two main staples become the Japanese Pond Smelt, which is a small bait fish in the lake, and a small crustacean called Daphnia or "Water Fleas". In the case of the Pond Smelt they can be found just about anywhere in the lake. They generally prefer open water and move in large schools, however at times they can be found in tight to shore spawning or seeking shelter from the ever present threat of larger feeding fish. The trout and salmon will often times "corral" these schools against the rocks of the east shore line or in front of the dam. What ensues can only be called a feeding frenzy with fish feeding from below and birds attacking from the top. Have you ever caught or cleaned a fish and found what looks like light colored apple sauce in its mouth or gut? That's Daphnia. They live in, on and around the rocks. Fish that are feeding heavily on Daphnia often times will have a beat up nose from "rooting" them out of the rocky bottom and edges of the lake. While they are small, they are a very high protein food source.

3) Some of the largest fish of the year are caught in this early season; enough said. Who doesn't want to catch big fish?

During the months of January and February I tend to target fish working the schools of Smelt. My philosophy is to "match the hatch" using baits that include flies, spoons, and soft plastics that all imitate the Pond Smelt. Most of the time I run these baits from the surface down to about fifteen feet on the Cannon Downriggers. The sonar is lit up with active fish and balls of bait while the smooth surface of the lake is fractured by rolling fish eagerly grabbing mouth fulls of Smelt. We generally see a mix of fish including 'Bows, Browns, and even a few Salmon. Towards the end of February and first part of March I will switch tactics and focus on fish feeding in the shallows. I typically will fish water ranging from 4 to 10 feet with a variety of baits including Rapalas and Trophy Sticks which again imitate the Pond Smelt. With the water being so shallow there is no need for the downriggers in fact I like to put the rods in my client's hands while we top line the plugs. There is nothing more exciting than to feel a huge Brown crush the bait. I love the look on the clients face when the first fish of the morning lights them up. It tends to be somewhere between surprise and terror! While fishing this technique 90 percent of our catch is made up of Browns with only a few Rainbows showing, as many of them are getting ready to spawn. I love catching these Browns in the spring. The fish are eager to take your bait, they put up some spectacular battles, and you don't run the risk of injuring a heavy spawnly female like you do in the fall. In addition to the trout, we do latch on to a few of the

lake's Smallmouth Bass, what a fight they put up.

March gives way to April, and the trout tend to move into typical spring patterns. The Rainbows come off of their spawn and bugs begin to hatch. The food sources available to the fish dramatically increase and you can bet they take advantage of it. More boats and fishermen show up to the lake for the hot "spring bite". It's time to switch tactics again and go get 'em. Another early season at Lake Almanor is in the books.

Things to consider if you plan on fishing the "early season" at Almanor.

1) Getting to the lake can be difficult in the midst of a winter storm, while they do a good job of keeping the roads open chains and snow tires might be required and 4 wheel drive is always recommended especially if you plan to launch a boat. In 2010 I don't recall needing 4 wheel drive, even to launch my boat, 2011 however has been a different story all together. Multiple winter storms have brought heavy amounts of snow to the area, in some cases blocking access at the Canyon Dam Boat Ramp all together. While the snow can be a hindrance it is also very important for our water supply going forward.

2) Dress appropriately for winter conditions. Layering your clothing is always a good option and don't forget the hat and gloves. With the proper dress you can fish all day in comfort.

3) Be self sufficient. Many business here in the mountains are seasonal, some reducing their hours of operation and some choosing to close all together, some supplies may not be easy to get. The nearby town of Chester is your best bet for lodging and re-supply.

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Pictured Below Is Taryn Gualtieri And Adjacent Is Scott Coffrini With Their Brown Trout Caught While Fishing With Guide Capt. Bryan Rocucci



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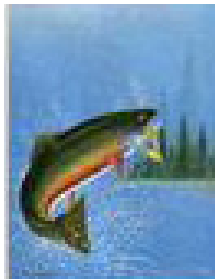


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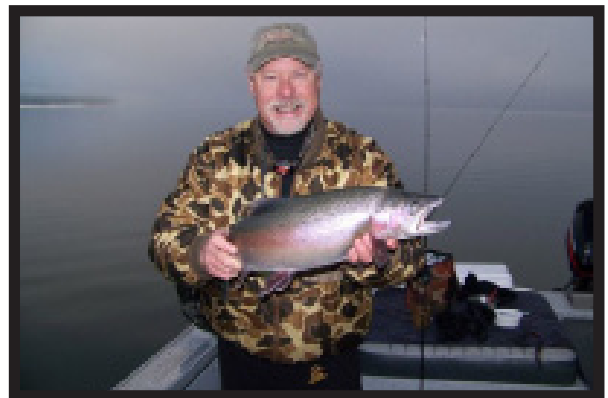
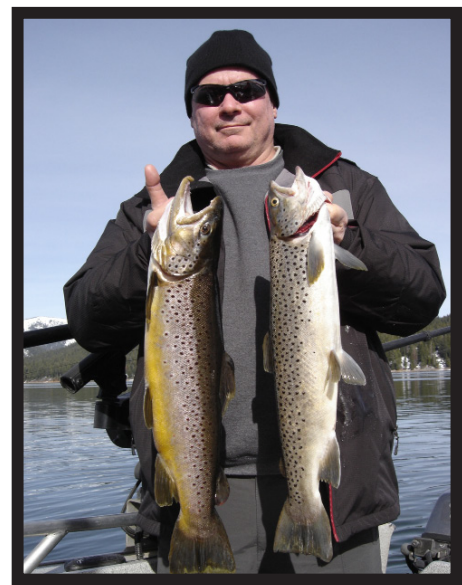
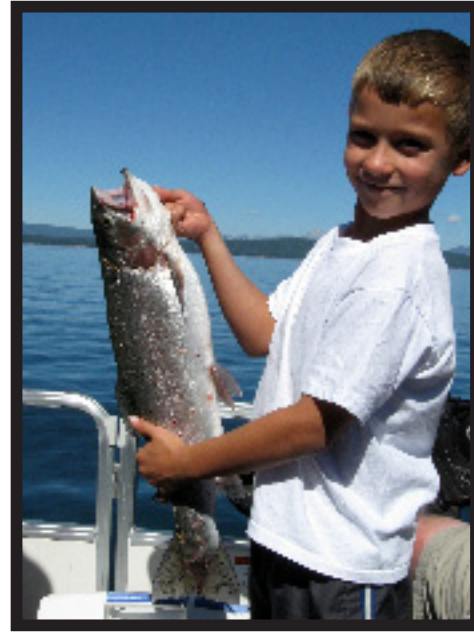
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| *Browns..... | 45,500 |
| *Salmon..... | 60,000 |
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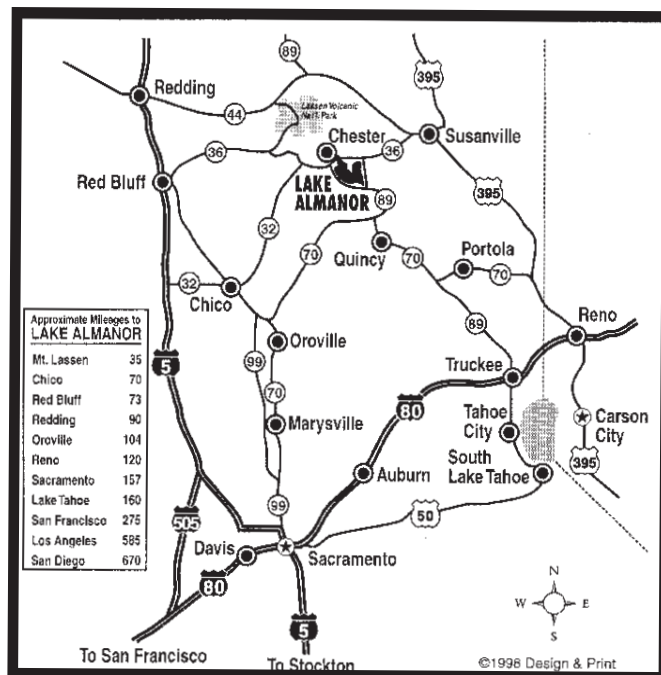
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