

Fly of the Month:

April

Little Stone's Chum Baby

Hook Size: 6-10 Gamakatsu SS16
or similar

Head: Copper Bead Head 1/8"

Body: Iridescent mylar

Rib: gold wire

Wing: Fox Squirrel tail
(two strands of mirror flash)

Collar: Peacock herl

Thread: matching

~ The Chum Baby was invented by a local peninsula guide named Bob Triggs. This fly is intended to imitate, (can you guess) the chum salmon fry that make their way out of their natal streams and into the salty cruel world. Resident coho and cutthroat take full advantage of this phenomena, and with an imitation like this, you too can join in on the fun!

The Chum Baby is a relatively simple pattern to tie. The trickiest part may be tying in the peacock herl. Here are a few suggestions:

When using peacock herl it is always a good idea to double up the herls to give it a fuller look. To do this tie the two herls on the hook at the same time and wrap them around the shank together as well.

I always tie the herl in from the tip first, but make sure to cut off at least a 1/4" inch of the tip. The tip is usually very weak and will break during tying or when fishing.

Although this fly was intended for the "spring hatch" in the salt, it fishes rather well all year long, even in lakes and rivers. Have fun!



Ties & photo by Ryan Haseman

