Osprey Fly Box

The Lime Fly

by Jack Morris

A member of the Osprey Flyfishing Club for more than 30 years, Jack Morris was an avid river fisherman. He fished mainly for cutthroat in the Fraser Valley and on various beaches. When asked about his favorite fly, his response was the "Lime Fly" …. a fly he concocted in the late '80's.

In January 1989, Jack wrote ….

" When tying some flies for Coho this past October (1988), I included one predominantly featuring lime green. Since limited use failed to impress any Coho the fly was relegated to my box of spares. During a late November trip up the Valley, and while fishing at Queen's Island, there were numerous swirls, clearly cutts. After one hour, and the use of all the usual patterns without any success, I became desparate, and tied on the "lime fly". It was clearly the answer since I hooked two cutts on the first three casts. While I am still experimenting with this fly, the following variation seems the most productive, and is very simple to tie."

Materials & Instructions

Hook: Mustad 9672, Size #8 or #10

Thread: Lime, Green, or any light colour

Tail: Lime Green "Crystal Hair" or "Krystal Flash"

Body: Lime Mohair Yarn or Lime Green Antron

Rib: Fine Gold Wire *(or as size demands)*

Wing: White and / or Lime Polar Bear

Tying Instructions

Tie on a short tail, 16 to 24 strands of Crystal Hair

Tie a piece of Gold Wire along the top of the hook.

Tie on Lime Green Mohair Yarn or Antron

Wrap yarn/antron forward to the eye of the hook.

Wrap the Gold Wire forward to the eye.

The Finished Fly

The Lime Fly

Tie in the wing. The wing may consist of lime Polar Bear with an overwing of white Polar Bear, or simply only one of the foregoing. *(Jack tied flies with a white polar or lime polar wings alone, and others with lime and white together. All worked equally well.)*

Form a lime green head. Whip Finish and apply a drop of head cement.