

# OSPREY FLY BOX

## BLUE DEMON

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A great looking fly that was developed by Andrew Redmont of SeaRun Fly & Tackle for coho.

From Andrew's blog ....

*The Blue Demon is a excellent all-purpose salmon fly that is effective in both fresh and saltwater. This pattern has produced exceptional results for aggressive fall Coho in local rivers and estuaries. Give the Blue Demon a try today! It just might be the fly that lands you a trophy salmon.*

### Background

*I first tied the Blue Demon Salmon Fly after spending a productive day on the Harrison River chasing Coho Salmon.*

*The fly of choice that day was the Kelsey's Hope, a famous local salmon fly designed by Nick Didlick.*

*Being a creative fly tyer, I went home and spent an evening re-inventing the Kelsey's Hope. I decided to add silver polar flash in the tail and wing for more flash and silver cone head for weight and action.*

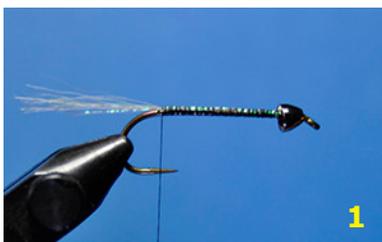
*My next outing was on the lower Vedder, the Coho were in and the holding in a couple of long slow flowing runs that were also being used by Pinks. I fished the Blue Demon on a floating line with a 10' intermediate sink-tip and a 3' fluorocarbon leader, using a swing and strip retrieve. By 11 am I had beached 6 Coho, 2 Jack Springs and at least a dozen Pinks that were all caught on the Blue Demon fly.*

## MATERIALS



<b>Hook:</b>	Tiemco 5263 or equivalent. Size #4 to #8
<b>Tread:</b>	UTC 70 Black
<b>Bead:</b>	Silver Cone - Size to fit hook.
<b>Tail:</b>	Silver Polar Flash
<b>Under Body:</b>	Peacock Mylar Tinsel
<b>Body:</b>	Vinyl Rib - Clear Midge
<b>Under Wing:</b>	Blue Mirror Flash over Silver Polar Flash
<b>Wing:</b>	Blue Bucktail over Green Bucktail
<b>Head:</b>	Ice Dub - Blue Steelie

## TYING INSTRUCTIONS



- Debarb the hook.
- Slide on a silver cone head bead.
- Lay down a tread base along the hook shank.
- Tie in a small bundle of Silver Polar Flash for the tail. Trim to length. T
- Tie in a length of the Vinyl Rib.
- Tie in a length of the Mylar Tinsel - Peacock side down (*copper side up*).



**TYING INSTRUCTIONS** *(continued)*



- Wrap the Peacock Mylar Tinsel forward to the bead. Tie off and clip the excess.
- Under moderate tension, wrap the clear vinyl rib forward to the bead. Tie off and clip the excess.



- Trim a small bundle (10 to 12 stands) of Silver Polar Flash to length. Wet the ends and slide into the cone head. Tie in with a few wraps of thread.
- Tie in 4 strands of Blue Mirror Flash over the Silver Polar Flash.
- Trim a small bundle (10 to 15 hairs) of Green Bucktail to length and slide into the cone head. Tie in with a few wraps of thread.



- Trim a small bundle of Blue Bucktail and tie in over top of the green bucktail to complete the wing.



- Create a 2" to 3" dubbing loop with the tread. Apply dubbing wax to the tread. Distribute a few pinches of Blue Steelie Ice Dub inside the loop.



- Spin with a dubbing hook or dubbing spinner forming a loosely spun rope.



*The Finished Fly*

*Blue Demon*

- Wind the dubbing forward to the bead. Tie off and clip the excess.
- Apply head cement along about an inch of the tying thread. Whip finish and clip the thread.
- Trim the dubbing creating a compact head.

