

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 an 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.

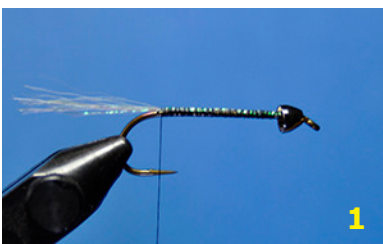
My next outing was on the lower Vedder, the Coho were in and the holding in a couple of long slow flowing runs that were also being used by Pinks. I fished the Blue Demon on a floating line with a 10' intermediate sink-tip and a 3' fluorocarbon leader, using a swing and strip retrieve. By 11 am I had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

MATERIALS

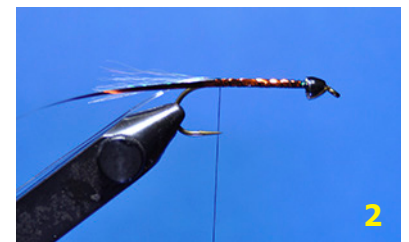


Hook:	Tiemco 5263 or equivalent. Size #4 to #8
Tread:	UTC 70 Black
Bead:	Silver Cone - Size to fit hook.
Tail:	Silver Polar Flash
Under Body:	Peacock Mylar Tinsel
Body:	Vinyl Rib - Clear Midge
Under Wing:	Blue Mirror Flash over Silver Polar Flash
Wing:	Blue Bucktail over Green Bucktail
Head:	Ice Dub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

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- 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.

