

OSPREY FLY BOX

MYSTERY PINK FLY

contributed by

Chris Conn

Several years ago while shopping for fly tying materials at Sea-Run Fly & Tackle for the upcoming Pink Salmon season I noticed a neat looking pink fly. As I was fairly inexperienced at beach fishing for Salmon at this point and had no flies to target Pinks, I was looking for some ideas. I studied it for a few moments and made mental notes of the materials.

Once home I tied up several of these patterns along with many others I had looked up online. Once I arrived on the beach at Furry Creek I tied this pattern on. It was the only pattern I used all day, with many hookups and multiple fish landed. Over the years this has been my go to pattern



when beach fishing for Pinks. I know people say that Pinks will hit just about anything pink and this is often true, but at times even Pinks get tight lipped and picky. I have fished this pattern successfully when others around me are not hitting fish. I probably fish this pattern 90% of the time when fishing for Pinks on the beach.

If this pattern stops working I usually switch to something totally different in a different colour.

I can't take credit for the design of the fly, I don't know who came up with it, but as it is tied from memory this is my version of it. I don't know what it's called or if it even has a name but I do know that this fly works.

MATERIALS



Hook:	Tiemco 811S sizes 6-10
Eyes:	Black Small or Medium Bead Chain
Thread:	UTC 70 Fluorescent Pink
Tail:	Pink Polar Bear Hair & 4 strands of Krystal Flash UV Pink
Body:	Pearl Diamond Braid
Collar:	Palmer Chenille, Small Pink

TYING INSTRUCTIONS



1. Pinch the Barb on the hook and place in the vice. Start the thread on the hook and cover the shank down to the bend and return the thread to just behind the Hook Eye.



2. Figure eight the Black Bead Chain Eyes just behind the Hook Eye. Once the figure eight and under wraps are complete, place a drop of super glue or head cement on the thread wraps to ensure the eyes don't spin on the Hook shank.
3. Clip a small clump of Pink Polar Bear Hair from the hide and align the tips either by using a Hair Stacker or by Hand. Form a tail about a shank length and bind down to the bend of the hook.



TYING INSTRUCTIONS*..... continued*

4. Place two stands of Fluorescent Pink Crystal Flash along each side of the Tail.



5. Tie in the Pearl Diamond Braid and return the Thread to just behind the Bead Chain Eyes.



6. Wind the Braid up to the Eyes in touching turns, tie off and clip the excess.



7. Tie in the small Pink Palmer Chenille and wrap 3 or 4 times to form the Collar.



8. Move the Thread in front of the Eyes, whip finish and apply a drop of Head Cement to seal the head.

Tight Lines & Good Luck!