

# OSPREY FLY BOX

## Shuswap Minnow

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The fly is intended to imitate a Sockeye Salmon fingerling. So streamlined shape is the target. It was developed to be fished from an anchored boat on Shuswap Lake near the mouth of the Adam's River or anchored where the Little River enters Little Shuswap Lake. In both locations there is current to cast across and have the fly swing down and hang. It is important to enhance the movement of the fly by raising and lowering the rod or pulling then releasing the line.

Sinking lines are usually best. The exception being at day-break and then again in the last hour of light when a sink tip can be worked to showing fish.

The amount of wing should be just enough to imitate the body of the fingerling and tied so when wet it will flow straight back from the head of the fly and not flare up.

The red throat is to imitate the opening of the gills so should be sized and placed accordingly.



### MATERIALS



#### List of Materials:

- Hook - #6 3X Long Streamer
- Bead - Optional Silver Cone Bead Head
- Thread - Black 6/0
- Tail - Grey Marabou over White Marabou
- Body - Silver Tinsel c/w Over body of Oval Silver Tinsel
- Wing 1 - White Polar Bear
- Wing 2 - Dark Blue Polar Bear
- Throat- Red Marabou

### TYING INSTRUCTIONS



1. Pinch the barb, start the thread on the hook shank and put a base layer of thread down to the hook bend. (Option to add a silver cone bead)

2. Tie in a small clump of white Marabou to extend about a 1/2" past the bend and to get an uniformed body tie down the shank up to the eye.



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3. Tie a smaller clump of Grey Marabou on top of the white stopping just short of the white Marabou. Once again tying down to the eye.



4. Tie in the Oval Silver Tinsel and the Silver Mylar tinsel and bind down the shank to the bend and return the thread back to the eye.



5. Wrap the Silver Tinsel up to the bead and tie off.



6. Wrap the Oval Silver Tinsel up to the bead and tie off.



7. Tie in a small clump of White Polar Bear extending about half way into the tail. Remember we want a streamlined shape.



8. Tie in a smaller amount of the Dark Blue Polar Bear on top of the white and stop just short of the end of the White Polar Bear.



9. Tie in a very small clump of Red Marabou as a throat and break off the ends with your fingers to leave a short clump. Build a neat head, whip finish and cut the thread. Add head cement to the head.



Options:

- Add a little weight to the back of the hook shank to change the swimming action of the fly.
- Add a silver Cone Bead Head
- Add Prism Eyes



*Tight Lines & Good Luck!*