

OSPREY FLY BOX

JIM'S YELLOW NEIL

contributed by
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This is a modification of the California Neil and was supplied to me by Jim Verret of the Sechelt.

Those of you that attended the October 5, 2013 fishout were welcomed by a group that included Jim, an old fishing buddy I had fished with on our local beaches.

This fly had been working very well for all the fly fishers on the Sunshine Coast and although rather large, I believe this is the sample he gave me.

TYING INSTRUCTIONS

Photography by Peter Chatt



TIER'S NOTE: Yellow Edgebrite is no longer available. I found a thick vinyl plastic bag cut it to size and dyed it on the stove almost to the boil with Turmeric till it was the correct colour then add vinegar to set the colour.

MATERIALS



- Hook:** Mustad 34007, Size #4
- Thread:** Chartreuse
- Tail:** Chartreuse Polar Bear (or substitute)
- Underbody:** Silver Hologram Mylar
- Over Body:** Edgebrite Yellow strips.
(no longer made in yellow, see tier's note)
- Hackle:** Grizzly Saddle, palmered



- Debarb the hook and lay down a thread base.
- Tie in polar bear tail. The tail should be the full length of the hook
- Cut the yellow body material (1/8" wide) on an angle creating a point. Tightly tie in at rear of hook so that it doesn't slip.
- Prepare grizzly hackle by stroking fibers back. Tie in at the rear of the hook. (Optional: strip one side of the grizzly hackle prior to tying in.)



- Tie in the silver holographic tinsel and wind forward to the eye of the hook. Clip the excess.
- Wrap the yellow strip forward to the eye. Each wrap should overlap the previous.
- Cover the vinyl with a coat of head cement.
- Palmer the grizzly hackle forward to the eye of the hook. Add an extra turn just behind the eye. Tie off and clip the excess.
- Make a small thread head, whipfinish and add a drop of head cement.

The Finished Fly



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