

bring only one rod. Bring spare spools with the lines of your needs and choice ready to change as conditions call for. 7.5 foot leaders in 0X, 1X, 2X, 3X, 4X. 9 foot leaders in 3X, 4X. 10 and 12 lb. mono for short untapered leaders (excellent for salmon). Twist on or pinch on weights. Pliers and needle clamps or hemostats. Landing net (large trout size)

DRIES

You won't need a lot. Grayling and early summer rainbows are the primary targets for dries. This is mostly streamer and egg pattern fishing. 3 to 6 each of the following patterns will suffice unless you plan to concentrate on dry fly fishing. Sizes should be #12, 14 and 16.

Elk hair caddis

Humpy
Adams

Wulff (royal, gray, light)

Black gnat

Mouse or shrew (32, 1/0)

WETS

These patterns are used more often. Black, purple, and olive are the standard colors for woolly buggers. I would have a good supply of woolly buggers and egg sucking leeches. Hook sizes should be #2-6.

Egg sucking leech

Woolly worm

Woolly bugger (purple, black, olive)

NYMPHS

Once again, not commonly used patterns. They produce in early summer, but you could even do without them. #8-10 is right for stone flies, #12-16 for the other two.

Gold ribbed hares ear

Caddis (especially green)

Stone fly (black, dark brown)

IMITATOR STREAMERS

These patterns are fished throughout the season for trout, though they are relied on most heavily before the salmon begin to spawn and are excellent producers at that time. They should be tied weighted on #2-6 hooks. These imitate the small fish that are the mainstay of a big trout's diet.

Woolhead sculpin

Zonker (olive)
Smolt

Chenille sculpin

Maribou muddler (olive, black, yellow)
Baitfish pattern (dace, squirrel tail, sockeye John, etc.)

ATTRACTOR STREAMERS

THESE ARE THE MAINSTAY FOR SALMON FISHING. RAINBOW AND OTHER SPECIES WILL ALSO TAKE THEM. TIE THEM WEIGHTED.

King Salmon: 2 and 1/0 hooks. Bright colors (pink, lime, orange, red, and yellow) plus a few in dark colors (purple, black and chartreuse)

Flash fly
Outrageous

Bunny fly (fuschia, yellow)

Crazy Charlie Purple Peril

Sockeye Salmon: #6 hooks. Tied very sparse. mostly bright colors (especially lime green and hot pink) plus some dark colors.

Montana brassie
gold comet

sockeye orange (also hot lime, pink)
skunk/green butt skunk

Pink Salmon: #6 and 8 hooks. Flash and color (hot lime and hot pink are good choices) are important.
flash fly
sparkle shrimp comet

Chum Salmon: #2 and 4 hooks. Bright colors, especially pink and orange.
flash fly bunny fly (fuschia, lime)
sparkle shrimp polar shrimp

Silver Salmon: #2 and 4 hooks.
flash fly
bunny fly (fuschia, lime)
sparkle shrimp
polly wog (pink)

woolly bugger (w/ flashabou in tail)
egg sucking leech
outrageous

EGG PATTERNS

Egg imitations are the major rainbow, dolly and grayling pattern for the last half of the season. Peachy king and champagne yarn on a #6 hook is best for the glo-bugs and pale pink chenille on a #8 hook for the pinkies. Bring plenty. Polar shrimp (#6 or 8) work best in late summer, but will produce at any time of the year.

Glo-bug
polar shrimp
ginger bunny fly (late Aug., & Sept.)

Iliamna pinky
woolly bugger (pink & white: #6)

The above patterns can be found in either The Index of Orvis Fly Patterns, Fly Patterns of Alaska, Flies for Alaska (see "Sources" section). Many fishermen will include a small tying kit to bring along, especially for streamers and glo-bugs. This is highly recommended. **The patterns in bold should be considered essential.**

SOURCES:

Fly Patterns of Alaska by The Alaska Flyfishers. Frank Amato Publications, 7729 SE 13th, Portland, Ore. 97202

Flyfishing Alaska, and Flies for Alaska by Anthony Route. Johnson Publishing, Co., 1880 S. 57th Court, Boulder, Co. 80301

Alaska Fishing- The Complete Guide by Rene Limere, P.O. Box 670534, Chugiak, Alaska 99567
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McAfee's Fly Shop, located in Anchorage, (907) 344-1617, is the best local source for fly fishing materials, fly fishing gear, books and magazines, and knowledge. It is a very well stocked store and they are very helpful and willing to answer questions about fly fishing in Alaska's waters. Call Dennis mc Afee and ask him about flies and tackle for fishing specific waters in Alaska.

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