

# OSPREY FLY BOX

## POLAR BEAR MINNOW

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I use this fly on the beach and estuaries, #8 for cutthroat and #6 for coho and pinks.

For cutties, a slow 6" strip, seems to work best. If I'm in my boat I cast practically on shore and strip back close to bottom.

For coho, I most often use a longer and a bit faster retrieve. That said, I once landed a nice coho when the fly was just hanging in the current along a seam. I usually use a 9 ft - 3x leader and an 8 or 10 pound tippet.

For pinks, I let the fly hang in the current and just give the line gentle 3 inch pulls and releases. At times, this has been very effective.

I try to fish every month of the year, love the beaches, and this fly has seen lots of action on my more successful days.

My best morning ever with this fly for cutties was in a small bay that has a small creek flowing in close by. It is just west of the Arron Rapids and was on a mid ebb of a 9 foot drop. I landed eight cutties and lost three more in a ninety minute period, all before 8 am.

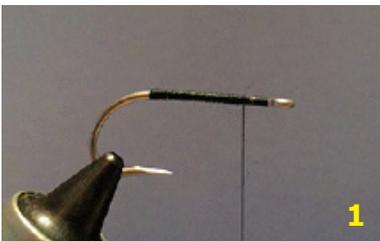


### MATERIALS



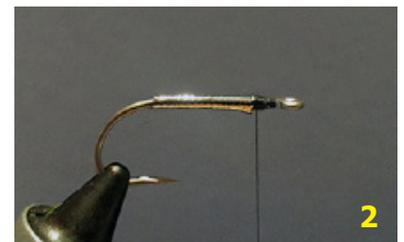
- Hook:** Tiemco 811 S  
#6 for Coho - #8 for Cutthroat.
- Thread:** Black - 140 Denier
- Body:** Flat Silver Mylar Tinsel
- Under Wing:** White Polar Bear
- Mid Wing:** Pearl Krystal Flash  
Pink Polar Bear
- Over Wing:** Chartreuse Polar Bear
- Head:** Black Thread
- Eyes:** Silver Stick On - 1/8 inch

### TYING INSTRUCTIONS



- Debarb the hook and place in vice.
- Lay down a thread base along the length of the hook.

- Tie in Flat Silver Mylar Tinsel behind the eye of the hook. Tightly wrap back to the bend of the hook and back to the eye. Tie off and clip the excess.
- For added strength coat with Sally Hanson. Set aside and let it dry.





- Tie in a small bundle of White Polar Bear. Wing should be kept sparse.



- Tie in four strands of pearl Krystal Flash over the white polar bear. Krystal Flash should extend just beyond the tips of the polar bear.



- Tie in a six to eight hairs of Pink Polar Bear over the Krystal Flash



- Tie in a small bundle of Chartreuse Polar Bear - the same size as the White underwing.



- Make a nice head with the thread.
- Whipfinish.



- Apply 1/8" Stick on Eyes - Silver with black pupil.
- Coat with epoxy and let dry.

I use Clear Cure Goo Thin and cure it with a UV light; and then coat with Sally Hanson.



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*Tight Lines & Good Luck!*