

Osprey Flybox

“Tape Fry ” (sacreligion in fly tying) By Peter Caverhill.

It's spring! It's fry time! Cutthroat trout are stalking the riffles in search of pink and chum salmon fry. The question is – how to fool them into eating what's on the end of your fly outfit?

The “Tape Fry” may not be the one magic answer, but it does a very passable job of coercing a strike. However, I'll warn you peel to those of you are ditionalism of fly tying. consider it to be an af- you hold near, dear and feathers or silk threads struction. Actually, you nor any vice, hackle pli- other assorted tools of the activities involving ‘peel- whip up a number of



that this fly will not ap- deeply mired in the tra- You may very well front to all things that holy. There are no furs, involved with its con- need no thread at all – ers, whip finishers or trade. If you are good at and-stick”, you can these in no time at all.

The “Tape Fry” was recently conceived and proven on the cutthroat waters of the Bella Coola River on BC's Central Coast.

Why does it work? Perhaps it's because it is extremely silver and flat – like the real ones?

Here is the recipe for this unique “fly”:



Materials: 1) silver double-sided sticky tape (muffler tape, sheet metal tape). I found my tape at Liquidation World awhile back. 2) hook (in size #8,#6 -2-3 XL) 3) stick-on mylar eyes (silver or pearlescent) 4) 2 part clear drying epoxy (or some other clear and hard drying clear liquid to cover the eyes and hold them onto the “fly”)

Tools: scissors; bodkin (for peeling the backing from the tape and stick-on eyes); fly turner (optional but may help if epoxy is used).

Steps (see self explanatory photos):

- 1) De-barb hook
- 2) Cut thin strip of silver tape (length of hook shank); peel backing from tape



3) Place tape strip on hard surface (sticky side up); position hook upside down in the middle of the tape strip.



4) Carefully fold tape over hook shank to form flat fry body

5) Trim the flat body so that it duplicates the taper and dimensions of the natural pink salmon fry



6) Peel eyes and stick them on either side of the fry at the head end; coat lightly with epoxy or other liquid covering; let dry

NOTE: this creates a pink salmon fry (no parr marks/spots). To make this into a chum salmon fry, simply add parr marks/spots with a fine-tipped black waterproof marker).

If you have a pattern you'd like to share with club members, let us know and we'll put it in a future issue. Call Doug at 604-930-1112 or email him at dougwright@telus.net