

Santa Cruz

Rivers

American

Chetco

Eel

Feather

Garcia

Gualala

Klamath

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Mattole

Russian

Sacramento

Smith

Trinity



By Dave Hurley

On Sunday 1-28 Pam at Benicia Bait reported on the Martinez Bait Sturgeon Catch and Release Derby this weekend. There were 187 entrants in the derby and 8 fish were caught and released. If you released a fish, you were entered in two different pots: one for Catch and Release and one for those who kept a fish. However, there were no fish kept of the 8 legal fish landed. Lynda Abbott, AKA "Diehard" took first in one pool and second in the other for a

total of \$1900.00. Not bad for doing something you love, plus releasing the fish for another day.

The best results from this derby came from no other than Rich Tipton who landed 3 of the 8 legal fish fishing with his special salmon roe above the Benicia Bridge. In fact, 5 of the fish landed in the derby were taken off of his special roe concoction. In addition, the put in an 8-pound striper and released a shark with several missed opportunities.

Jay Lopes of Right Hook was also fishing in the Pittsburgh area in around 28 feet of water on Saturday for a couple of shakers and several missed opportunities. Jay said that the fish are starting to bite and things look really good with all of the fish in the area. He expected things to go wide open again soon.

Kevin Yost of Lucky Strike was fishing on Saturday with some of the Fishsniffer Sturgeon EST attendees to release 6 shakers with the largest just under legality at 45.5-inches. He has been changing his tactics to go with a smaller bait size of about a 50-cent piece size of roe and adding a special blend of salmon roe sauce with the consistency of ketchup. The sturgeon have had a very soft bite.

Denise at Hap's Bait in Rio Vista said lots of anglers have been going out over the weekend, but no one has come back to weigh in fish.

Dave Sharp of Delta Quest Sport Fishing has been observing regulars cleaning sturgeon at Ko-Ket's Resort. These fish have been landed between the mouth of the Old Sacramento River and the Ryer Island Ferry in a deep hole on the east side of the river.

**Report from Mark Wilson: troller extraordinaire Saturday, January 27, 2007...**

Some of the Fishsniffer Message Board guys, Carlo, Tim, and Adrian, went striper fishing with me today down in Montezuma Slough. We baitfished shad all day. The day started out bad. We broke one off, another got the hook out of the knot, and we lost 3 other fish and caught only 1 shaker and 1 small keeper for the incoming tide. The tide changed and the bad luck continued. Another lost fish so we moved to another location. It started off good for the first 1/2 hour, and then no more