

Don Houk's Rule of Thumb

These combinations have worked consistently over the years for Lake Coeur d'Alene chinook salmon. When I'm running a fly or hoochie in combination with either a flasher /dodger, I'll use a 20# leader. On herring and flasher/dodger combinations, I'll use a 15 # leader.

There are no set rules with any of these setups. At times, speeding up or slowing down may help. Maybe a little longer or shorter leader is needed. Your setup may work better 100 feet behind the downrigger ball rather than 30 feet. Sometimes the slightest change in your presentation will be enough to trigger a strike. Good luck to you!

Recommended Trolling Speed 1.6 mph to 1.8	Recommended Trolling Speed 1.3 mph to 1.5
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 5px; margin-right: 10px;">8" flasher</div> <div style="flex-grow: 1; border-bottom: 1px solid black; position: relative; margin: 0 10px;"> <div style="position: absolute; right: -10px; top: -5px;"> </div> </div> <div style="margin-left: 10px;">fly or hoochie</div> </div> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0 10px;">25" to 30"</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 5px; margin-right: 10px;">11" flasher</div> <div style="flex-grow: 1; border-bottom: 1px solid black; position: relative; margin: 0 10px;"> <div style="position: absolute; right: -10px; top: -5px;"> </div> </div> <div style="margin-left: 10px;">herring</div> </div> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0 10px;">50" to 60"</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 5px; margin-right: 10px;">#1 dodger</div> <div style="flex-grow: 1; border-bottom: 1px solid black; position: relative; margin: 0 10px;"> <div style="position: absolute; right: -10px; top: -5px;"> </div> </div> <div style="margin-left: 10px;">herring</div> </div> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0 10px;">45" to 50"</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 5px; margin-right: 10px;">0 dodger</div> <div style="flex-grow: 1; border-bottom: 1px solid black; position: relative; margin: 0 10px;"> <div style="position: absolute; right: -10px; top: -5px;"> </div> </div> <div style="margin-left: 10px;">herring</div> </div> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0 10px;">40" to 45"</p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 5px; margin-right: 10px;">11" flasher</div> <div style="flex-grow: 1; border-bottom: 1px solid black; position: relative; margin: 0 10px;"> <div style="position: absolute; right: -10px; top: -5px;"> </div> </div> <div style="margin-left: 10px;">fly or hoochie</div> </div> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0 10px;">33" to 40"</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 5px; margin-right: 10px;">#2 dodger</div> <div style="flex-grow: 1; border-bottom: 1px solid black; position: relative; margin: 0 10px;"> <div style="position: absolute; right: -10px; top: -5px;"> </div> </div> <div style="margin-left: 10px;">fly or hoochie</div> </div> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0 10px;">27" to 33"</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 5px; margin-right: 10px;">#1 dodger</div> <div style="flex-grow: 1; border-bottom: 1px solid black; position: relative; margin: 0 10px;"> <div style="position: absolute; right: -10px; top: -5px;"> </div> </div> <div style="margin-left: 10px;">fly or hoochie</div> </div> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0 10px;">22" to 24"</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 5px; margin-right: 10px;">0 dodger</div> <div style="flex-grow: 1; border-bottom: 1px solid black; position: relative; margin: 0 10px;"> <div style="position: absolute; right: -10px; top: -5px;"> </div> </div> <div style="margin-left: 10px;">fly or hoochie</div> </div> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0 10px;">20" to 22"</p>