

Alaska flies - Jim Rose

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There are probably a bazillion fly patterns used in Alaska for Pacific salmon, rainbow trout, Dolly Varden char and arctic char. These are my favorites. They are fun tie because they are big and colorful. The effectiveness of the egg sucking leech and the flesh fly can be improved by slipping a plastic bead, like the Troutbeads 8mm trout roe, over the leader before tying on the fly.

dolly lama - The name of this fly is a play on words. It sounds like Dalai Lama and some people spell it that way, but the name refers to Dolly Varden char, for which this fly is a very good pattern. This is one of the most effective patterns for Pacific salmon, but also rainbows, and even pike.

This is an articulated fly that requires two hooks, a #2 or #4, 6x long streamer hook and a #2 or #4 1x long trailer hook, preferably stainless steel because the wet rabbit fur holds water that tends to rust the hook in the fly box.

white thread
brass cone
.025 lead wire
15 pound Maxima or equivalent monofilament
white and purple rabbit strips
large pearl flashabou

There are many possible color combinations: purple and white, black and white, black and red, purple and magenta, tan and white.

Popsicle - This is a great fly for chum salmon and it works well for silvers too.

salmon/steelhead hook #4 or 4x long streamer hook
black thread
brass cone
.025 lead wire
gold flashabou
blood quill marabou - orange, purple, hot pink

egg sucking bunny matuka - This is a good fly for rainbows and Dolly Varden but it will catch salmon too.

salmon/steelhead hook #4 or 4x long streamer hook
white thread
silver dumbbell eyes
white cactus chenille
white rabbit strip
red or shrimp pink chenille in small or medium