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Defining the Low-low Tide

Minus tides are rare and provide some of the best times to hit the water...Anywhere!

(Ebb, outgoing Minus, Tide)

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Low-low

A Low-low tide is usually referred to as a minus tide where beach is revealed lower than average. Low-low (Minus) tides are often associated with high-high tides and that means large volumes of water movement from nine to twelve feet of water to the negative. This kind of tide is most productive when fish have already migrated into the area and have established holding patterns that can be visually seen from the surface. Anglers who have nautical charts have the advantage of finding drop-offs where salmon can hold without being noticed. Sometimes when fish cannot be seen it's because they're holding as deep as they can near drop-offs when minus tides take place. Low-low tides are most productive during the slack phase of the tide. As currents become slack fish tend to move closer to the surface and jump; it's thought that they do so to get more oxygen and rising temperatures. In either case fish go on the bite so long as pressure is not exerted from any other source other than fishing, so be on the lookout for seals, boats, and directly overhead sun if fish go off the bite.