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### Defining the Slack Tide

*When water ceases to move it's playtime for holding fish.*

(Slack Tide)

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Slack

Slack tides happen four times a day and can be the bane of fishermen who don't know how to fish them. Slack current will happen no matter how much water movement there is so they must be fished in conjunction with other productive tide times. Because there is literally "no" water movement during these times all lures and offerings have to be worked faster to keep them suspended long enough for salmon to get a good look at them. The most productive slack tides to fish are those that have preceded large movements of water where baitfish can be spotted. During slack tides use lures that mimic the relative shape, size, and color of baitfish to garner strikes almost immediately. During slack tides before and after high tides fish offering close to shore first and then cast out to seams created by eddies and drop-offs. Holding baitfish will gravitate to these areas for rest and will be followed by actively feeding fish. Slack tides before and after low tides should be fished in any seam formed by slots, high berms, structure, and drop-offs. Holding baitfish will seek out seaweed, kelp, and loose sand to hide in, around, behind, and under to escape holding fish.

than fishing, so be on the lookout for seals, boats, and directly overhead sun if fish go off the bite.