



Rick Breckel with his kokanee dog

I just wanted to report on my success and pleasure using your Longliner (the tackle box downrigger) for kokanee fishing this year since I purchased it at the Sportsman's Show in February. At first look I thought it just may be a way for me to get my bait back in the water faster, and turns out I was right. With the new double rod license capability here in Oregon lakes, I have been stacking my downriggers when fishing for kokanee, but the problem is that more than 50% of the fish seem to hit the lower stacked line, which means that both have to come up, and be sent back after re-baiting the one with the fish, and as a result you lose time with bait in the water on both lines since it is slower to manage two than just one. By using Longliner, one rod is always fishing

instead of coming up or down with the down rigger line and also seems to reduce the number of snaggles between downrigger lines at times.

I have been entering some of the kokanee derbies sponsored by Kokanee Power of Oregon, and have been lucky enough to place 4th two years ago in one, and 3rd in the most recent one here at Green Peter Reservoir as couple of weeks ago. So far this year I've used your Longliner several times, and it seemed to really work well. The major advantage I see with the Longliner is that you can separate your flashers, dodger, and sling blades, because you can run them as far back from the weight as you want without impacting the action of the dodger or sling blade. I also love the way it easily adjusts to come unsnapped when you get a fish, so that it slips down to your flasher and comes in with the fish for easy landing.

On opening weekend at Wickiup Reservoir, we did not use downriggers since most of the fish were in the top 20' of water. We were running 4 rods on the boat and only one was rigged with a longliner. We were using standard gang flashers such as ford fenders, etc., with a wedding ring on all rods. We boated 65 large kokanee (15-19.5") in the three days we were there and the one rod with the longliner produced at least two fish for any one other rod in the boat and they were all rigged nearly the same, except that we only had one longliner between the 4 of us. I am sold on it and will not go without one on board any more. The depth control chart you provided has also been useful in showing approximately how deep the Longliner is running. By simply measuring how far you let line out, and estimating the angle between where the line enters the water behind the boat, you can get a pretty good idea of how deep it is. I've used from ½ to 5 ounces of weight without any difficulties.

Steve, I want to sincerely thank you for taking the time to develop the longliner and field test it prior to selling it to the public. Unlike a lot of other products one can buy at shows or from catalogs, this one really works as advertised, is inexpensive, and puts more fish on the table.

Regards,

Rick Breckel