

# Annual Gig Harbor PSA Kokanee Outing

**Location:** American Lake, Lakewood WA.

**Date:** May 17, 2014

**Time:** Daylight- 12 Noon

**Rules:** Must follow all WDFW rules. 2 rods permitted per angler with second rod endorsement on license. Largest Kokanee by weight wins derby. Only active Gig Harbor PSA club members in good standing can fish this event.

**Weigh in:** We will be on the dock to weigh fish starting at 11:30 At American lake park dock. Weigh station closes at 12:00 noon. We will take your fish weigh it and returned it to you. We will not tell you the weight of your fish at the dock. The weight will be recorded and the winner will be announced at the Gig Harbor PSA meeting in June. Only kokanee will be weighed in no trout or bass. All decisions by the derby committee and binding and final.

**Entry fee:** \$5.00 paid at the May 13 GHPSA Club general meeting

**Prize:** Rod and Reel from the club

## **Boat Ramps:**

### **American Lake Park**

Veterans Drive SW and 92nd Avenue SW (Best Ramp two lanes with docks will handle larger boats)

This popular 5-acre park is located on the north shore of American Lake at 82nd Street SW and Veterans Drive SW.

### **Directions:**

From I-5, take Exit 124 (Gravelly Lake Drive), go N on Woodbrook .2 mi; L on Gravelly Lake Drive SW, go .8 mi; L on Veterans Drive SW, go 1 mi; at sharp R h; turn go straight to ramp area.

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### **Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife Ramp**

The large access area has lots of parking space, pit toilets and 2 concrete block boat launching ramps. No Docks. Watch for shallow spot about 23-40ft straight out from ramp.

### **Directions:**

Traveling south on I-5 south of Tacoma, exit right on Exit # 122. Travel west, across the railroad tracks on Berkley Street for about .5 mile to Portland Ave. Turn

left for about another .5 mile to WDFW access area.

### **Russell Landing**

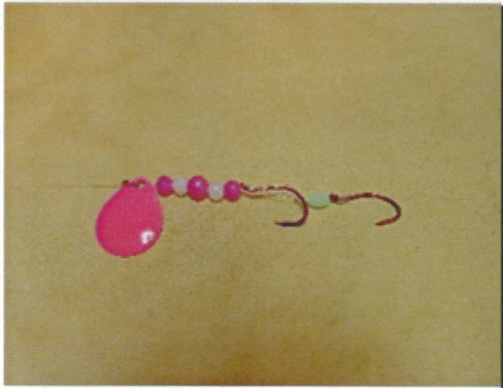
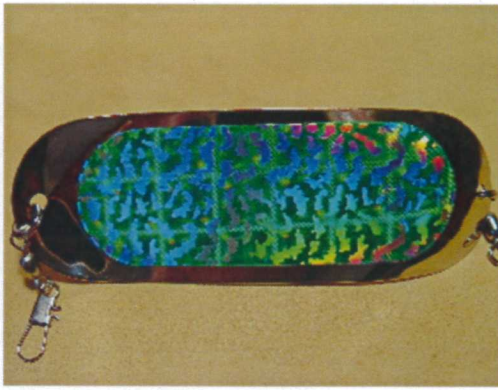
Located on North Fort Lewis. Can only be used by valid military ID card holders. One lane ramp with dock.

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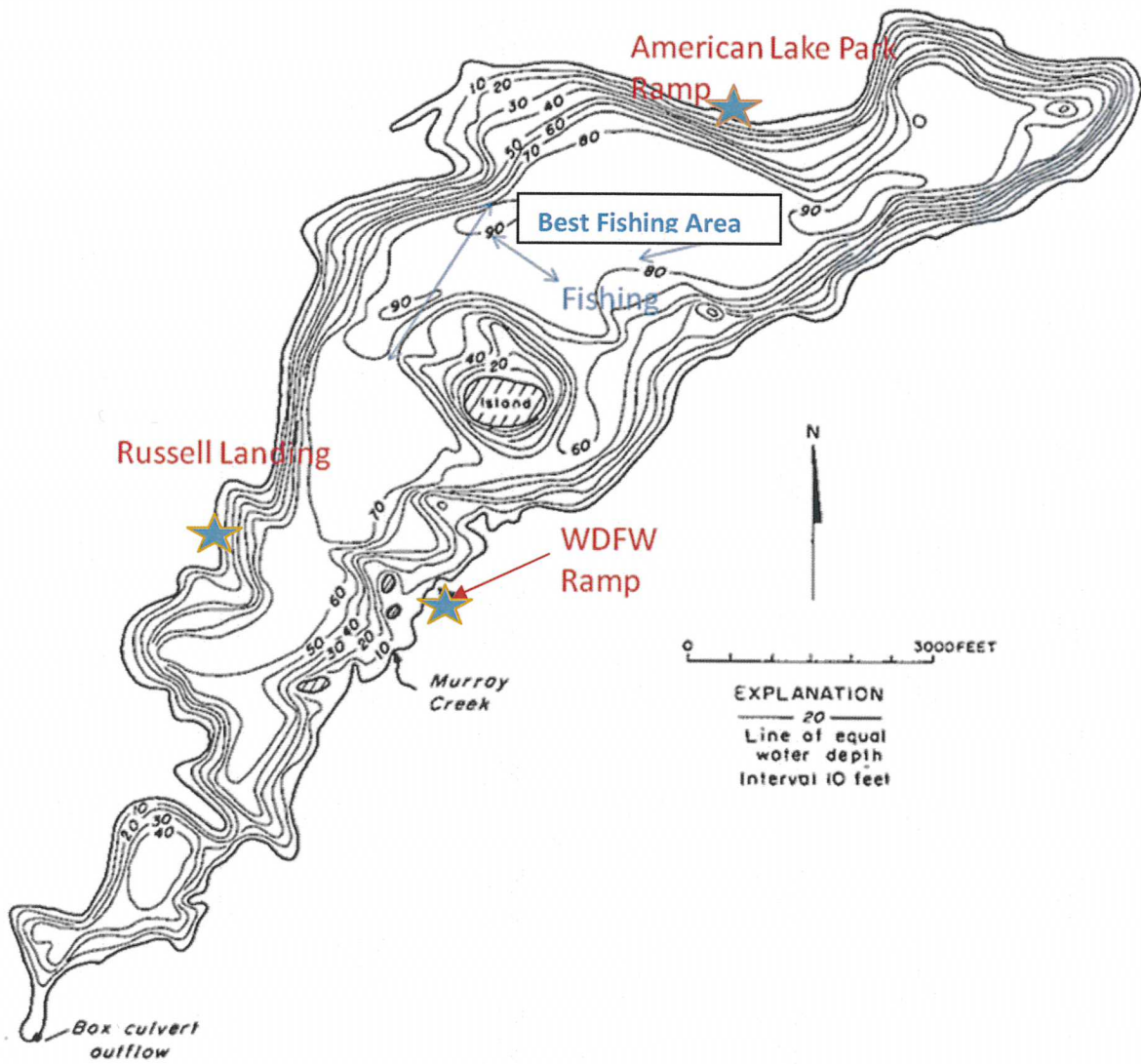
Take North Fort Lewis exit off I-5, after entering gate take first right and then first left on to American Lake Ave. Turn right at Russell landing sign.

### **Recommended Kokanee Tackle:**

Small micro squids have been working well. Run these about 7-10 inches behind a 4.5 inch trout dodger. A wedding ring spinner work great too behind a dodger. A light trout rod and reel work fine for this fishery. You can flat line 30-50 yards behind the boat or run your downriggers. If you use the downriggers bring a trout release clip, salmon clips will not work well. Tip the top hook with Pautzke's fire corn to add some sent.



Map:



American Lake, Pierce County. From Washington Department of Game, May 24, 1953.