

# What's the deal with "Fishing Beads" ?



**Author with a nice fish.....**

There's no question that beads attract fish because they look like fish eggs and fish love to eat fish eggs, it's one of their favorite foods.

Beads come in a variety of sizes and colors to replicate the different roe (eggs) produced by different fish. For example, Sockeye salmon produce the smallest roe (6 mm). Coho roe are medium-sized (8 mm). King salmon produce the biggest (8-10 mm).

As we go back in time we find that the earliest beads that fishermen started to use were limited in color and size. Because of the limited choices it wasn't long before Western Alaskan guides started using finger nail polish to put a sheen on basic plain beads to make them look more realistic. Eventually guides got more creative and started making mottled beads by adding a little paint in a small paper bag, dumping in a few beads, and shaking the bag.

As soon as fishing beads were commercialized a variety of beads started appearing in mostly small tackle shops throughout the country. Beads in a number of different colors and sizes and categories to represent, fresh eggs, fresh dead eggs, and washed dead eggs were hitting the market place.

## **Why so many sizes and colors?**

At each stage of the eggs life cycle there are a number of identifying factors that come into play when trying to match the egg and the bead you are fishing with. For example fresh eggs will typically have a translucent appearance to them, fresh dead eggs will start

to whiten and often appear as bright colors, and dead washed eggs may appear as sort of an off white such as apricot or peach, or antique white even.

For the most part today beads come in four categories, standard beads, mottled beads, blood dot beads, and glo beads. More recently custom colored beads, guide beads, specialty beads, uv beads, you name it, have started showing up in tackle shops, at up to a dollar or more per bead. There's no doubt that bead fishing has broken out of its infancy stage.

Although this is only a short and quick synopsis of fishing bead history, this give us a little perspective and brings us to the latest innovations with fishing beads being brought to market by Lazy Larry's EZ Systems.

### **So what's different and what's the relevance of this new bead called "The EZ Bead" ?**

As with most new ideas/inventions they are born from either need or improvement, or both. In this case I believe it was both.

Lazy Larry's EZ Systems recognized that fishermen all have one thing in common, they love to fish, but more importantly they love to "catch fish". Therefore, our primary goal is to help the fishermen achieve that goal the easiest and most effective way possible.

We also recognize that within the three most important elements in fishing, sight, smell, and sound, the best results with beads lie in the critical combination of sight and smell, along with the duplication of the neutral buoyancy of natural fish eggs.

The most effective combination of these elements will give the fisherman the best chance to increase his/her catch rate.

## **Sight/Color**

Steelhead like most fish will often develop a preference for a certain stage of the eggs cycle.

The only way to pick the right egg imitation on a given day is usually through experimentation. A good practice is to carry enough different bead colors to cover all possible scenarios. Work your beads until you find the one that works. Just be aware, you'll need to stay attentive because steelhead may change their preference during the day or even on a different part of the river.

## **A Problem with a Solution !**

## **The problem.....**

**We all know what a difference color can make on any giving day.**

**One of the issues the people I fished with discussed and complained about was how much of a hassle it was to change bead colors or sizes especially when winter steelhead fishing in January and February. Our hands would be exposed to the cold and it could be extremely hard to re-tie knots for our hooks every time we wanted to change a bead, not to mention time consuming. So unfortunately many times we just didn't change our bead color or sizes as often as we should of to "match the hatch" so to speak.**

## **The solution.....**

With the slotted EZ Bead you don't have to cut your line and re-tie your hook every time you want to change your bead color or size. You simply take one bead off and put another one on, it's just that simple.

Lazy Larry's bead colors are developed and tested by experienced guides from the East Coast to the West Coast to duplicate natural eggs during all times during the seasons to maximize your catch rates. You'll also find an array of effective attractor colors within the Lazy Larry's lineup.

## **Smell/Scent:**

The right smell or scent can act as an attractant and/or appeal to fish to trigger feeding behavior.

Studies have show that some fish can detect 1/200<sup>th</sup> of a drop of a substance in 100 gallons of water. Many fish will spit a bait out within 2-3 seconds if it doesn't taste acceptable but may hold onto it for as long as 30 seconds, even though it may be an unnatural food to the fish.

I think we can all agree that one of the most important elements in attracting fish is scent, and many say it is the number one attractor for fish.

With the EZ Bead you can add paste scent to the bead through the use of the slit built into the bead allowing you to experiment with your own variety of scents, and fish with a scented bead.

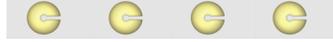
**Thank you, and good luck fishing.....**

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