

EASY FISHING

We are staying for 10 days at the Thousand Trails La Conner Preserve. This property is leased from the Swinomish Indian Tribe. This month of September is a month when Salmon are arriving to return to their birthplace to spawn. No one but the Indians can fish from reservation land out to mean high tide line. The tribe can net all the Salmon they can catch, and they really work at it. They alternate to spread the net by boat into a big circle and then retrieve it by hand back to shore. When the net circle gets smaller, all the Salmon are picked up by hand and thrown into large tubs. The tubs are then transported to their processing and canning plant, and then sold for Tribal income.



All the families participate and they have a food station for the workers. The trucks with the tubs of Salmon drive through and out of the Preserve all day long, and even after dark. They catch mostly Silver Salmon, but sometimes they have King Salmon they will sell for \$20 ea. They do not gut or fillet them for you, so hello Costco!



Dave & Bonnie