

Clean Act

Chumming is not as messy as it once was. New products like the Chum-King and ChumEase now make it easier and cleaner than ever before.

The Chum-King is a durable ABS plastic container with a built-in release mechanism. It has a five-pound capacity and an adjustable weight chamber for various depths and current. It's easy to operate, too. Add the appropriate number of sinkers (up to five pounds). Fill with partially frozen chum blocks or cut bait and oil. Sink the Chum-King to the bottom or the desired depth. The boat's movement, coupled with thawing action, will slowly force the frozen particles out the container's small vents and into the area. Once the Chum-King is in place, sharply pull on the tether line to partially open the cylinder and release larger pieces of chum.

After the chum is released, remove the unit from the water to avoid spooking the fish. Suggested retail price is \$30. Chum-King, (877) 248-6546. www.chum-king.com.

ChumEase is an inexpensive chum bag made of plastic netting material with a drawstring closure. It's large enough to handle frozen chum blocks and comes in ½" and ¾" sizes to disperse different types of chum. Because of its cost (\$1 for a single bag or \$4 for a four-pack), ChumEase is disposable, although the plastic netting doesn't absorb oils, so it can be cleaned and reused. ChumEase, (305) 664-8203. www.chumease.com.

