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Don Vachini, a freelance outdoor writer and photographer who teaches middle school in Novato, is normally out fishing for golden trout in the Sierra Nevada this time of year. However, he got a chance to fish for salmon on the Feather River near Oroville on October 2 during the fall conference of the Outdoor Writers of California. This 16 pound chinook, taken on roe during a drift boat trip with guide Jim Zanoco, was the result.