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**Top Photo:** Posted Tuesday July 26, 2011. Pro fishing guide Tracey Hittel does his best to hold up his guests BIG Chinook (King) Salmon landed on the Kitimat River last year. The Chinook run this year seemed to be smaller than normal but the "best" guides still did OK. Photo courtesy of [Tracey Hittel](#) of [Kitimat Lodge](#)

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## River, Ocean and Lake Reports

(Smithers, Terrace, Kitimat, Prince Rupert and Meziadin North)

*Last update was Sunday July 31, 2011 - 2:00pm*

**Commentary:** Weather cloudy with sunny breaks (+14 degrees C). What the heck happened to our summer? Guess it be cool than too hot! Waters levels are stable, some on the drop. Conditions are pretty good so get out there and FISH!! **Update: Product Profile** - [Gibbs/Delta](#). **Update:** for Skeena and Kalum

from Andrew Rushton of **Kalum River Lodge**, see pic below. **Update:** Skeena "run-size" charts. **Conservation Update:** from TheCanadian.org: Campbell/Clark Govt. Doesn't Value Your Life / Rafe on Muzzling DFO Science. **Updated:** water heights for Skeena and Kitimat. **Update:** from Prince Rupert by **BC Style Fishing Charters**. See pic below. More updates should come in as the day moves on. Cast on link to send me your [fishing report](#) or [feedback](#). Or phone 250-635-2568, if I am not available leave your report on my answering machine. **Scroll down to read ALL the Current updates in Red highlighted in Yellow**

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**Sun July 31/11 2:00pm**

**Skeena River:** Weather cloudy with sunny breaks. River levels are stable. The Skeena is a little cleaner above the Copper. Lots of anglers fishing Ferry Island and the bar across from the Copper River. There should be good numbers of Chinook (King) Salmon migrating up river to spawn in their native waters. The fishing guides report excellent catches of Chinook and Sockeye. Mind you, my guides really know their stuff. One guide even reported a very bright Steelhead landed. The Steelhead had lots of sea lice which indicates the fish was not long out of salt water. See pic below. A few Coho are being landed also. **Reg:** all wild Steelhead everywhere in British Columbia are catch and release. **Forecast:** The Chinook run, so far, is a little smaller than last years. See graph below. There are lots of jet boats in town to fish. The boat ramps are filling up. Govt. launch is mostly full, the one across the Kalum River has space. **Fact:** this is the west week to be on the Skeena fishing for BIG Chinook. **How to:** back bouncing from a jet boat is by far the best way to get a hook up. **How to:** This is a good river to float fish a Pink Worm or Goey Bob. I suggest the fishing rod be a [GLOomis](#) STR 1265c/10'6" MED-HEAVY Moderate Action (GL 2 8-17lb – 3/8 to 1 oz.). Reel [Shimano](#) Calcutta (400B) filled with 20lb test [Maxima](#) mono. [Gibbs](#) makes some great floats. Be sure to use a [Gamakatsu](#) hook. **Where:** Anglers have started to fish a local spot called "Cottonwoods". **Sockeye** fishing has begun. **Where:** There are anglers fishing at Ferry Island. Sockeye is the main target but some of the plunkers are hoping for a big Chinook or even a small "Jack" Spring. All the fish will be bright silver so get out there and try your luck. More and more people are coming to our area to enjoy this fishery. **News:** The Sockeye run on the Skeena is predicted to be low this year but chart below shows a little above average run has come-in so far. **Reg:** Sockeye limit: 2 per day. 0 per day from a boundary sign on the north bank of the Skeena River 100m upstream of the confluence with the Kitwanga River downstream to Mill Creek.

**Sat July 30/11 9:15am**



Hi Noel, The Skeena and Kalum have been fishing well for Chinooks. We have been also been catching Sockeye, Steelhead and Coho on the Skeena. This time of year our guests have the option of fishing several different rivers and the chance of landing all 5 species of Salmon plus Steelhead. Here is a photo of Walter from Texas landing a Chinook yesterday. Thanks.  
Best regards, [Andrew Rushton](#) of [Kalum River Lodge](#)

Fri July 29/11 3:45pm



Hi Noel, just another day in Skeena River paradise. Are my guests happy or what?  
Regards [Tracey Hittel](#) of [Kitimat Lodge](#)

Fri July 29/11 3:45pm



Hi Noel, we landed a nice Skeena River Steelhead this morning and a 25 lb nookie. Young fella was really thrilled. Regards [Tracey Hittel](#) of [Kitimat Lodge](#)

**Mon July 25/11 9:00am**



Hi Noel, we had a good day on the Skeena yesterday hooking a number of Chinook and Sockeye - this is one of Mike's fish. Conditions are looking favourable so we should get some great fishing today. I will keep you posted!!

Best regards, [Andrew Rushton](#) of [Kalum River Lodge](#)

**Mon July 25/11 9:45am**



Hi Noel ,visibility in the Skeena has improved. We were into a few Chinook today and will be out again tomorrow. Thanks for your efforts.  
Best regards, [Andrew Rushton](#) of [Kalum River Lodge](#)

**Sat July 23/11 10:45am**



**Kalum River Lodge fishing Report:**

Hi Noel, the Skeena river is starting to come back into shape and the Kalum is high but fishing OK. Here is a photo of first time guest Wayne Corlett with a Chinook salmon today. Wayne had a great first day landing a few nice Chinook. We are looking forward to some Sockeye and Chinook fishing on the Skeena tomorrow. Wayne is ready to try fly fishing to catch his first salmon on the fly. Thanks. Best regards,  
[Andrew Rushton](#) of [Kalum River Lodge](#)

**Thu July 21/11 3:10am**



Pro angling guide Darren Bisson doing his thing on the Skeena River. Darren is an Assistant Angling Guide (AAG) for [Tracey Hittel](#) or [www.kitimatlodge.com](http://www.kitimatlodge.com) Let Darren get you into fish!

**Tue July 19/11**



Hi Noel, Skeena River this morning had less than 12 inches of visibility. Kalum is high but has good visibility and fresh fish coming in. Here is a photo of us netting one. Thanks.  
Best regards, [Andrew Rushton](#) of [Kalum River Lodge](#)

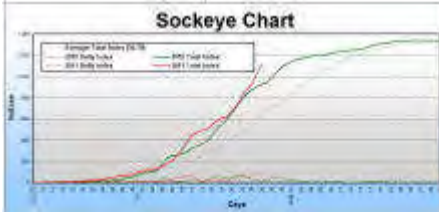
**Tue July 19/11**



Pics above are courtesy of Cosmo Zavaglia (bottom right). Cosmo, friends and family are from Parkville, BC who try to come fishing here as often as they can. Chinook fishing for them was a little slow, up to now, but the Sockeye fishing was good. Photos taken with an iPhone

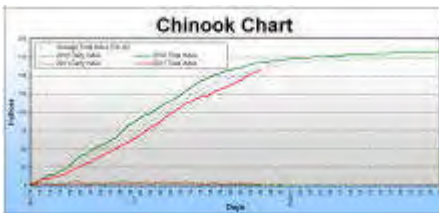
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## Sockeye Charts



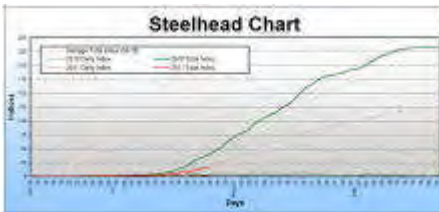
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## Chinook Charts



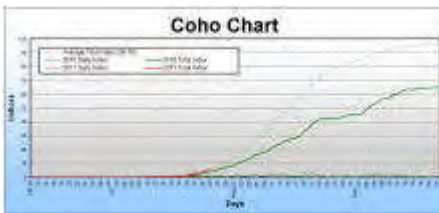
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## Steelhead Charts



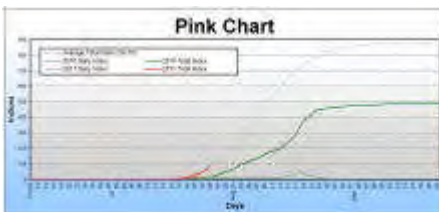
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## Coho Charts



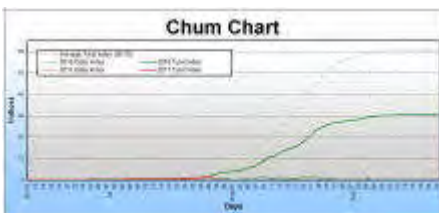
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## Pink Charts



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## Chum Charts



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**Mon July 25/11 5:45am**

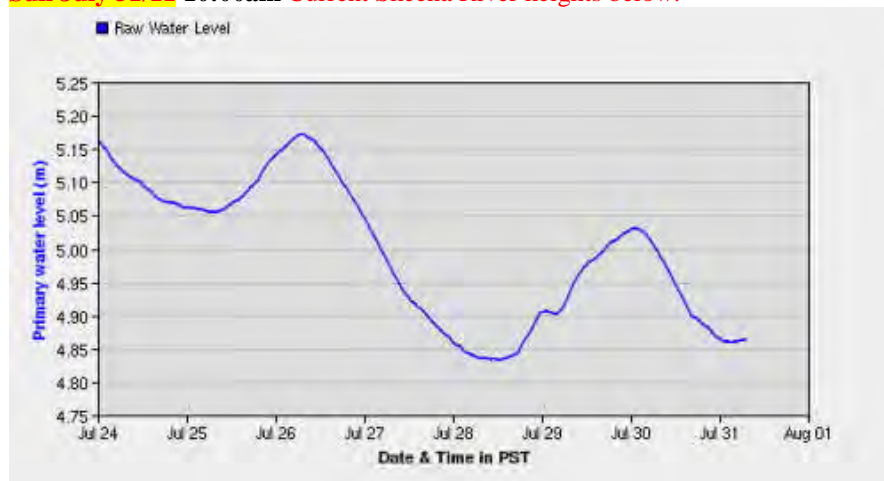


Anglers fishing the Skeena River at Ferry Island in Terrace, BC

**Thu July 15/11 8:05am** Just got a call from a friend and he says the Skeena dropped down over night and he thinks it is borderline fishable now. He said he would call me a few times during the day with updates Good luck. Noel

**Sun July 10/11 11:30am** Just got a call from a friend of mine who was at the Kitsumkalum Boat ramp and he said the Skeena is really dirty and probably not fishable. So I guess it is time to fish the clear seams of the Skeena tribs. Kalum River would be my bet. Good luck. Noel

**Sun July 31/11 10:00am** Current Skeena River heights below:



Direct Link to Skeena River water heights

[http://www.wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/graph/graph\\_e.html?stn=08EF001](http://www.wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/graph/graph_e.html?stn=08EF001)

**Thu July 14/11 6:00am**

Hi Noel, just a short note early this morning to let you know we caught Steelhead, Chinook and Sockeye on the Skeena this week. Heading out right now and will send you another report tonight or tomorrow morning. Thanks. [Andrew Rushton](#) of [Kalum River Lodge](#)

**Tue July 11/11**



Cosmo Zavaglia, from Parksville, BC landed this Chinook in 5 minutes from the time he started fishing. Another angler beside him landed another one in five minutes. They both were fishing a hole called "Cottonwoods".



Skeena River near Terrace, BC



Kalum River boat ramp is busy

A banner advertisement for Kitimat Lodge. It features a collage of images showing the lodge's interior, a boat on the water, and a person fishing. Text on the banner includes: "18 private all-inclusive suites", "walking distance to Kitimat River", "located mouth of Douglas Channel", and "Kitimat Lodge Salmon, Steelhead and Halibut guiding".



Kitimat Lodge guide, Darren Bisson with a huge Chinook. Client 82 yr old Don Stead, from England, bottom bouncing a Kitimat river special.

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**Sun July 31/11 2:00pm**

**Kalum River:** is in great shape. More anglers are heading out to try their luck fishing for Chinook (King) Salmon. Chinook are being caught in the lower section only. **How to:** Back bouncing is a good system to catch em. **Reg:** After July 1 a person may retain one big Chinook per day below the lower canyon. Limit is actually 4 per day, only 1 over 65 cm. The record 85-pound (if my memory is correct) Chinook was landed by Gordy McDonald of Terrace, BC. It was landed in circa May 1985. **Caution:** Jet boaters please be careful, there are new channels and lots of trees have fallen into the river. **How to:** This is a good river to float fish a Pink Worm or Gooey Bob. I suggest the fishing rod be a **GLoomis** STR 1265c/10'6" MED-HEAVY Moderate Action (GL 2 8-171b – 3/8 to 1 oz.). Reel **Shimano** Calcutta (400B) filled with 20lb test **Maxima** mono. **Gibbs** makes some great floats. Be sure to use a **Gamakatsu** hook.

**Tue July 19/11**



Kalum/Skeena boat launch is a very busy place with many anglers enjoying our fishery

**Sat July 16/11 12:00 noon**



Jet boaters at the "Hog Line" pool at the mouth of the Skeena River. Conditions are fair to good today on the main stem Skeena so most of the boats opted to fish there instead of the Kalum.

**Sun July 24/11**

**Lakelse River:** is in good shape. Chinook will be coming into the lower end. See update below. Many big Chinook have been spotted up river. **Where:** The Bridge on the lower end is a popular spot to fish for Chinook. The rising water should bring in more Chinook. **Tip:** Fishing off of the bridge with a marabou jig is the most popular method, so is a **Hot-shot** or **Kwikfish** plug. **Camping:** There is a rough forestry campsite close to the bridge. **Where:** Fishing on the Skeena River at the mouth of Lakelse River is a good spot to fish for the current migrating fish such as Chinook, Sockeye and Pinks. I have reports that fishing for Cutthroat, Dolly and Rainbows in the upper end is very good right now.

**Sun July 24/11 2:00pm**



My son-in-law Troy Ritter caught this bright Chinook off of the Lakelse River bridge while the family camped there this weekend. I think he told me he had another couple on but lost them. One broke his line. It must have been a big one.

**Sat July 16/11 10:30am**



Here is a fellow checking out the fishing report on his iPhone on the Lakelse River Bridge

**Tue July 11/11**



Lakelse River Bridge



Looking upstream from the Bridge

**Fri July 29/11 9:15am**

**Zymoetz (Copper) River:** is too dirty to fish. Chinook Fishing closed July 23rd. But don't worry wild summer-run Steelhead are coming in. Just need cleaner water to fish for them. **Where:** Try fishing the mouth of the Copper River when it is cleaner. **Where:** Sockeye fishermen are working the bars across from the Copper River. **Fly fishing suggestion:** [Kamloops Dragon fly rod](#), [10' Kamloops fly reel](#), AFTMA #8line. Backing [Dragon Fly](#) "Bright Orange" 30lb, 150 yard spool. Fly line **SA Sharkskin** Steelhead WF-8-F.

**Sat July 30/11 2:15pm**

**Kitimat River:** River is up and down a little as usual. Chinook has slowed down although there have been some bright Chinook still being caught in the lower Kitimat on high tides. Pinks and Chum are starting to show in better numbers with every incoming high tide. Chum run seems to be bigger that last year. The Coho run should start very soon. Let us hope for a good run. **Tackle suggestion for Chinook:** Rig Spin n Glo with a [Gibbs/Delta](#) Egg Drifter. These Egg Drifters (egg clusters or space balls) have become very effective for Chinook. Rick Taylor, a local angler evolved the technique a few years ago and now they are in the top drawer of many Kitimat Chinook anglers tackle box. **Tackle suggestion for Chinook:** Pull a [Luhr Jensen](#) S E Mag Hot Shot. **Notice:** Next week is the last week for retention of Chinook on the Kitimat River as it closes for retention on July 31st at midnight. This is the last week of Chinook fishing for retention on the Kitimat River for another year. It is an exciting time to fish the Kitimat with the expectation of hooking one last Big Chinook that anglers can keep and the good abundance of Pinks and Chum to keep Chinook anglers entertained. It is possible to catch all 5 species of Salmon on the Kitimat River. Did I say, "the Coho are coming?"

**Sat July 30/11 5:30am**

**Navagation NOTICE** – from pro guide Ariel Koppers: Kitimat drift-boats beware...log across river below Nalabeelah. You can row overtop of it for now, but as the river drops it will be more dangerous. Be safe!

**Thu July 28/11 9:30am**



**KITIMAT LODGE FISHING REPORT KITIMAT BC CANADA - July 28, 2011**

The past few weeks have produced a variety of catches. Halibut and Salmon are putting smiles on our guests faces. The fellas from Ireland put on a clinic the past few days, with a 43lb Kalum Chinook and many Kitimat Chum, using fly and light tackle with 50lb braid. Saltwater Coho fishing on the Douglas Channel has been hot, hot, hot! Our foursome from Amsterdam and Kamloops had a great day with 16 Coho and a nice feed of Crab. Also attached are the fellas from Morgan Heavy Lift. The fellas from Morgan are in town working, they get one day off each week and as you can see in the pic we had a fun day: lots of fish, a few cold beers at days end, and mountain of Kitimat Pizzarama Pizza. These fellas not only move heavy equipment, they also lift into heavy Skeena Chinooks! The Skeena is in perfect condition, as the last week of Chinook retention is closing upon us fast. Also attached is a great Chinook taken by the young Electrician, Mathias, from Red Deer, Alberta, who spent the day with his family, celebrating his parents 25th Wedding Anniversary. Last but not least are the boys from Contech with their 80lb and 60lb halibuts. Arriving guests are from Italy, Alberta, and Germany.  
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**Tue July 19/11 8:05am**

Hi Noel, Skeena dirty today, still managed 4 nice Chinook, as for the Kitimat, it was off color this AM, and this evening emerald green, Chum Salmon are chrome silver, no indication of purple stripes on the fresh arrivals, gotta run, camps a busy place.

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**Sun July 17/11 10:10am**

Hi Noel, our boats today are fly-fishing the Kitimat and gear fishing the Skeena, I attached a nice nookie (see "Top Photo"), and the boys on the Skeena just landed a 25 lb Chinook, rivers are in good shape, saltwater is awesome as well, many Chinooks still in the Kitimat area, and migrating halibut, tight lines.

Tracey John Hittel

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Hi Noel, with the rivers on the drop from the hot sun, the Halibut fishing is GREAT. Kitimat River is dropping fast, water is greening up, Skeena the boys launched yesterday and turned around minutes later as the Skeena is brown and high, 2 days and fish on!

We are a team of pro fishing guides and are very proud we do our best to get our guests into fish no matter what the conditions. We do NOT control the "sky" but we control everything else. Join us soon...

Tracey John Hittel

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**Thu July 14/11** Fishing for Chinook is poor. The water really came up and in chocolate brown. The rising water should bring in more fish. This is a very busy place right now. The trend in the Kitimat River for this Chinook (King) Salmon season has been that when the river level has been high more Chinook have migrated into the Kitimat River. When river levels were low the Chinook held in the Saltwater of the Kitimat Harbour or in the Tidal portion of the Kitimat River. This is typical behavior but it seems that even the slightest changes in water levels have either held the Chinook in the Tidal portion and Saltwater or flushed them into the upper river. The drift boaters love to “pull plugs”. The most popular plugs are the **Hot-Shot** and **Kwikfish** made by [Luhr Jensen](#). **Reminder:** Bait ban, May 15 - August 31.

**Kitimat Estuary:**

**Sat July 30/11 5:35pm**



Hi Noel, sorry my reports have been few and far between. I have been very, very busy. Just thought I would send you this photo of my guest with a nice bright Chinook landed last week.

Kitimat closes for Chinook on July 31st. I am gearing up to guide on other systems and will be in touch soon. Thank you.

Best regards, Andrea Handl [Andreas Handl](#) of [Kingfish Westcoast Adventure](#)

Fri July 15/11



Hi Noel, the fishing in the Kitimat river estuary was outstanding this week, strong rain fall in the upper Kitimat range made yesterday the estuary unfishable. The river is dropping by the hour and the visibility is good. This afternoon we will give it a try and fish the outgoing tide for more action. On Monday this week we landed 9 Chinooks and one Pink.

The group from Vienna looks forward for more big chrome Chinooks, like you see in the pics they had a very good time. We also offer our clients mobile tours in the Skeena and Nass region, the boys from Austria can't wait to go on this remote wilderness trip!

Rolf Modes fly-fishing specialist from Germany and his wife Ingrid went on a charter with me on Wednesday. Rolf invited friends from Austria and Italy to a trip in the estuary to show them how excellent the fishing is in the estuary. We landed a 35lbs and couple smaller Chinooks and a pink.

We had many hook ups but lost them all! That's why we call it fishing and not catching.

Thanks allot Rolf and Ingrid for hooking me up with new fishing friends, look forward for many more fishing adventures together.

Best regards, Andrea Handl [Andreas Handl](#) of [Kingfish Westcoast Adventure](#)

### Thu July 14/11

Hi Noel, fishing was good so far landed nine Chinook and a Pink on Tuesday. Yesterday we had three Chinook and a Pink, will send you the report tonight after I'm back from the estuary. Have a nice day.  
[Andreas Handl](#) of [Kingfish Westcoast Adventure](#)

### Sun July 10/11

Hi, Noel, the fishing on the Kitimat river and Douglas Chanel is excellent.

This Week I was fishing with Clients from Prince George and Austria.

At the lower tidal section of the Kitimat river we had the most success this week with many hook ups and landed Chinook Salmon which made the clients happy.

We also lost 2 Chinooks in the 50-60lbs range close to the boat, but what can you do? These fish are extremely strong fighters and when the hook is not in the right place there is no chance to land a Monster like that.

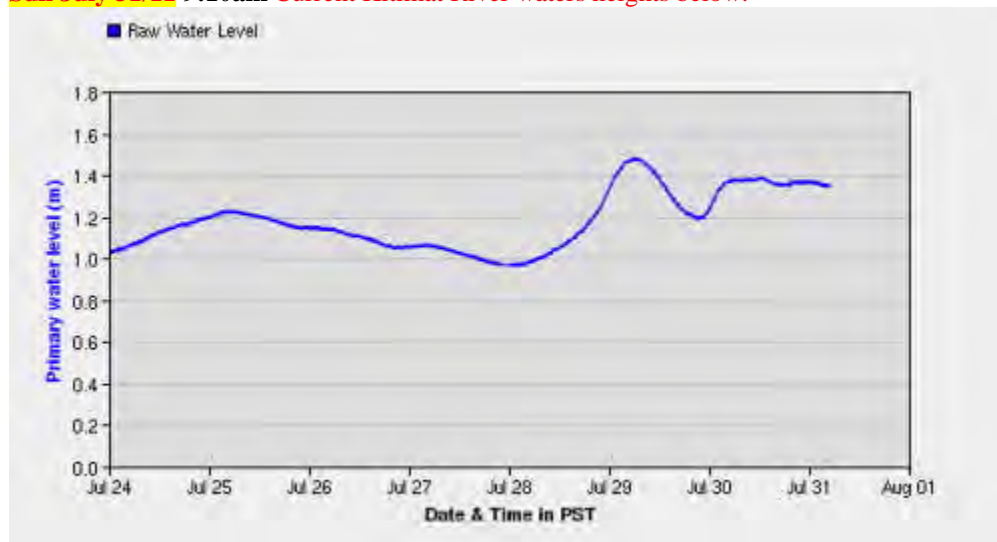
On the Ocean Sue and Rainer landed a 75lbs, 45lbs and a 10lbs Halibut, some Cod, Rockfish and a 8lb Stingray.

Early in the morning Ingo and I seen Gray Whales playing close to Bishop Bay travelling in the Ursula Channel.

Next week repeat customers from Austria arrive for their third time to fish the Kitimat River and the Ocean. Look forward to great quality time with friends from back home.

Best Regards, [Andreas Handl](#) of [Kingfish Westcoast Adventure](#)

### Sun July 31/11 9:10am Current Kitimat River waters heights below:



Direct Link to Kitimat River water heights:  
[http://www.wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/graph/graph\\_e.html?stn=08FF001](http://www.wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/graph/graph_e.html?stn=08FF001)

**Kasiks River:** is closed for Chinook (King) Salmon above the highway 16 bridge. **Tip:** Below the highway bridge can be a good spot to fish for Chinook when conditions are right. That is when the Kasiks River is cleaner than the mainstem Skeena. This is the time of year when the Chinook start migrating up the Skeena River. This is the first river to go out of shape from rain but is the first river to come back into shape once the rain stops. Sometimes, when the rain stops you can see the river cleaning right in front of you.

**Exchamsiks River:** is closed for Chinook (King) Salmon above the highway 16 bridge. **Tip:** Below the highway bridge can be a good spot to fish for Chinook when conditions are right. That is when the Exchamsiks River is cleaner than the mainstem Skeena. This is the time of year when the Chinook start migrating up the Skeena River.

#### **Fri July 29/11 9:25am**

**Douglas Channel:** Chinook fishing is very good. Just about all the Salmon can be caught in the bay now. A lot of Saltwater Anglers are fishing from shore near the Alcan boat launch on high tide and catching a bunch of Pinks with pink jigs and pink **Gibbs** Crocs. Tidal licenses are required and tidal regulations apply. For anglers under 16 years of age, Tidal water licenses are free but the Salmon stamp is \$6.72. A tidal Salmon stamp allows anglers to harvest 4 Pinks per day. This fishery has evolved into a very popular fishery for youngsters and families. The Kitimat River is closed to retention of Pinks but the tidal water is open to 4 per day. Be sure to get a tide chart prior to fishing. The best time is on the last hour of the rising tide. Crab and Prawns are being landed on a regular basis. **Suggestion:** To make it very easy to pull your Crab or Prawn traps use an **Ace Line Hauler**.

#### **Tue July 26/11 7:00am**



Hi Noel, short report: A good day on the Douglas Channel, 3 clients from Ireland slayed. Tracey Hittel 250-639-4277 cell. [www.steelheadheaven.ca](http://www.steelheadheaven.ca) [www.kitimatlodge.com](http://www.kitimatlodge.com)

**Prince Rupert:**

**Sun July 31/11 2:00:pm**



Hi Noel, Salmon fishing off of Lucy island.

[www.bcstylefishingcharters.com](http://www.bcstylefishingcharters.com)

Tight Lines and see you on the water.

*Jeff Carlson* – owner

**Thu July 28/11 2:30pm**



Hi Noel, Keith Karlstedt and his Father with Coho off of Avery Island. Book your charter now as this is a very busy time. Runs are strong...

[www.bcstylefishingcharters.com](http://www.bcstylefishingcharters.com)

Tight Lines and see you on the water.

*Jeff Carlson* – owner

**Wed July 27/11 6:50am**

Hi Noel, Sorry there was no report last week but here is the latest report...Coho are coming on strong,

Springs are still a decent size and Halibut is doing ok...30-50lbs

Regards, Carole, **Oceanwild Nature Shop & Expeditions**, Prince Rupert, BC



See full report **Sun July 24/11** below. GREAT FISHING is here NOW...  
Jamie Hunt - Owner [www.GreatPacificSalmonLodge.com](http://www.GreatPacificSalmonLodge.com)

**Tue July 26/11 11:55am**



Hi Noel, here is 60 lb halibut caught Eddies Pass by Daryll of J & E's Tackle.

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Tight Lines and see you on the water.

*Jeff Carlson* – owner

**Sun July 17/11**



Noel, here is a picture of a 45lb spring caught at the Balls (Dundas Island) Saturday July 16, 2011.

Sincerely,

[www.bcstylefishingcharters.com](http://www.bcstylefishingcharters.com)

Tight Lines and see you on the water.

*Jeff Carlson* – owner

#### **Tue July 12\_11**

I have reports of some good Chinook fishing. Fishing for all bottom fish including Halibut is doing well.

**Tip:** When trolling for Chinook try a [SplitKing Lure](#). Jeff Carlson of [BC Style Fishing Charters](#) reports good success with this lure. I have reports of limits of Dungeness Crab and Prawns. **Tip:** Use the [Ace Line Hauler](#) to pull your traps. **Reg:** When travelling with Crab you must leave the shell on. Bottom fish and Crab remain very good, as usual.



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<http://www.splitkinglures.com> for testimonials, tips, online store and more...

**Chatham Sound (Prince Rupert ocean) area:** Carole from [OceanWild Nature Expeditions](#) reports Coho and Pinks showing up. Lots of comments on BIG Springs breaking gear...no complaints though. Overall rating is good. **Suggestion:** To make it very easy to pull your Crab or Prawn traps use an [Ace Line Hauler](#).

**Lakes - Smithers:** Lake fishing in the area is still very good. Fishing for rainbow trout and lake trout has been very productive.

**Morice River:**

**Sat July 30/11 3:35pm**



Hi Noel, here is some fishing in Houston, BC. Fishing has been good since the water has come down even the kid are getting fish. Thanks Jeremy Forster

**Fri July 29/11 9:15am**

We have had some very good reports on the Morice River this week. Again, the water levels have decreased a bit.

**Thu July 21/11 2:40pm**

Same story here: the river is high and dirty and fishing is tough! The boys at Frontier Far West had some good days last week but this week fishing is not happening!

**Bulkley River:**

**Fri July 29/11 9:10am**

The river is in much better shape now. The water level has dropped and the visibility is improving. We have had reports of fish being caught in Moricetown as well as in Smithers. Bait ban coming into effect on the Bulkley as per August 1.

**Wed July 27/11 4:55pm**

Just checked the water height and the Bulkley is still on the drop. Yahoo!

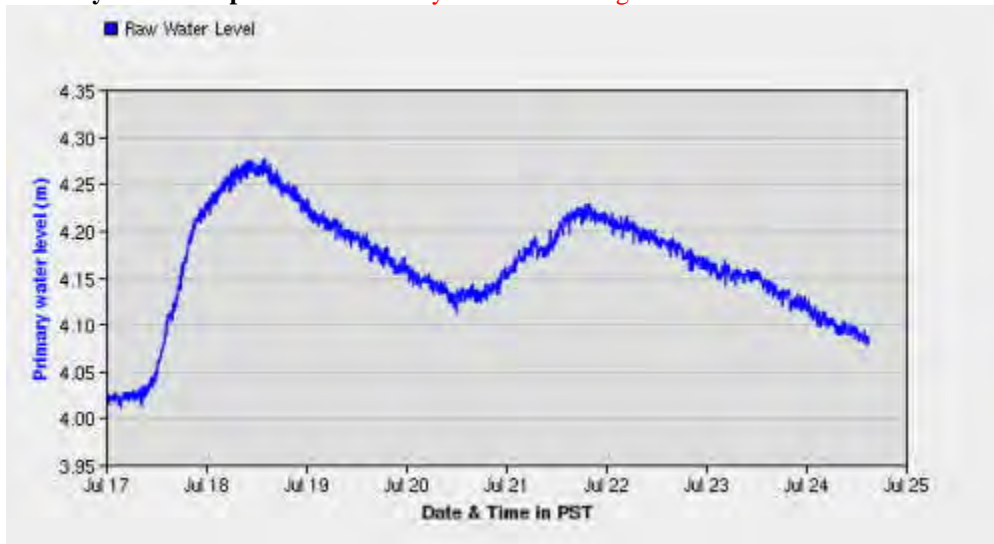
**Sun July 24/11 4:45pm**

As per the graph below, the river continues to drop and clean and fishermen are heading out to try and catch the BIG one. Good luck.

**Thu July 21/11 2:40pm**

The Bulkley is still high and dirty. Not too many people fishing it. In the meantime the fish are zooming through. Good for the fish, not so good for the angler!

**Sun July 24/11 4:40pm** Current Bulkley River water height near Smithers BC below:



Direct link to Bulkley water height near Smithers:

[http://www.wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/graph/graph\\_e.html?stn=08EE005](http://www.wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/graph/graph_e.html?stn=08EE005)

#### **Kispiox River:**

**Fri July 29/11 9:15am**

We have had some very good reports on the Morice River this week. Again, the water levels have decreased a bit

**Thu July 21/11 2:40pm**

The Kispiox might be the place to go to right now. The river is high but it is fishing. Kispiox music festival this week! Will be a busy place.

**Kispiox water height:** [http://www.wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/graph/graph\\_e.html?stn=08EB004](http://www.wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/graph/graph_e.html?stn=08EB004)

**Fri July 15/11**

**Rainbow Alley:** Fishing the Alley has been fairly tough the last little bit. Fish are there but what do they feed on? They are eating a few insects now so be sure and try some different patterns. Make sure you have a few mayfly patterns and stone flies as well.

**Reports from the Smithers area rivers and lakes are from Steve Hidber and the staff at [Oscar's Source for Adventure](#) in Smithers, BC**

**Babine River outlet of Nilkitkwa Lake:**

[http://www.wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/graph/graph\\_e.html?stn=08EC013](http://www.wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/graph/graph_e.html?stn=08EC013)

#### **Lakes - Meziadin:**

**Sat July 23/11 7:50am**

Fishing at Meziadin continues to be very productive. Due to of a trip away from the park, I do not have any pictures to share this week.

Gary Cress, from Ft St John, whom I mentioned in a earlier report, has come back to Meziadin for some more fishing adventures. Gary landed a great Rainbow a few days back, and some nice Dolly's. Fishing at the mouth of the Meziadin, where it enters the Nass, has been producing some nice springs again this week. There are a few Sockeye ,entering the Meziadin system, this should produce some great fishing in the weeks to come.

To book a guided fishing trip here is my contact info:

Marvin Read 250-639-9856 [marvin\\_reid@telus.net](mailto:marvin_reid@telus.net)

Fri July 15/11 8:20am



Excellent fishing continues at Meziadin. I had the pleasure this past week of fishing with good friend Stu Murray and his 2 daughters Haley and Kelly and the friend Brooklyn. The girls did a great job landing some nice Dollys. We were float fishing roe produced by **Berry's Bait and Tackle**.

I have had a few nice Springs brought into the store here at Meziadin Lake Provincial Park. Angler's have been doing very well, fishing at the confluence of the Meziadin and Nass rivers.

The weather at Meziadin has been great over the past week, and the bug season is all but over. It is a great time of the year to get out and enjoy what our beautiful Northwest BC, has to offer.

Tight lines,

*Marvin Reid*

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Guest Reports and Photos:

Sat July 30/11 3:35pm



Hi Noel, here is some fishing in Houston, BC. Fishing has been good since the water has come down even the kid are getting fish. Thanks Jeremy Forster (also posted to Morice River)

Wed July 27/11 2:45pm



Hey Noel. Just thought I'd send you a pic that you could post in your report if you wanted to. Monday (yesterday) evening we were fishing on the lower Kitimat with a half dozen people and the bite stopped, except for my fiancé. She was landing Chinook on every other cast, while no one else was even hooking-up. This is a photo of her biggest fish.....A beautiful bright hen that probably weighed over 40lbs. The four of us landed over 40 fish that day (pinks, chum, and Chinook). Great fishing on the lower Kitimat! Regards, Jordan Messner

**Sun July 17/11**



Hello Noel, just thought I'd share a catch from July 12, 2011. Skip Warner who turned 80 years old on July 7 caught this beautiful 40+lb Chinook along the steep banks of the Skeena just downstream of the Copper River. As we were walking down the banks we saw the fish in the water from above with Skip yelling for a net. I asked Skip how large he thought it was and he quickly replied stating that it was most likely 41lbs. Great catch for Skip and a soldier of fisherman at 80 years old. Anyway, thought I'd share this as it was a great late birthday present for Mr. Skip Warner.  
Cheers, Todd.

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*"Every day, once a day, give yourself a present. Don't plan it. Don't wait for it. Just let it happen. It could be a new shirt at the men's store, a catnap in your office chair, or two cups of good, hot black coffee"...Agent Cooper...Twin Peaks.*

**Sat July 9/11**



Jason Livingstone's 35-pound Chinook landed on the Skeena River July 9/11

**Sun July 10/11**



Ray Barker of Terrace BC beached this beauty with his spey fly rod on the Kitimat River

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Scenic Photos:

Fri July 15/11



**Bishop Bay Hot Springs** down the Douglas Channel is something you should experience and enjoy more than once in your lifetime. I thank Andreas Handl for allowing me to post a few of his beautiful pics of a very beautiful place on our earth. Let Andreas take you there someday and while traveling there in Andreas boat catch and feast on Salmon, Halibut, Bottom Fish and Dungeness Crab. The experience will change your life. Reserve your dates now or for more info contact:

[Andreas Handl](#) of [Kingfish Westcoast Adventure Tours](#)

**Past Top Photos:**



**Posted July 23-24-25-26\_2011** The Steelhead are coming soon, in a week or two. If you are interested to book a guided fishing trip for these beauties contact [Noel Gyger](#) anytime.



**Posted July 20-21-22-23\_2011** Hi Noel, nice work on the new fishing report format. Having real time info will likely help with some of your readers and followers. Attached is a photo of our client Jason Drummond, from the UK, with a 40 lb Chinook he landed on the Kitimat River yesterday while fishing with Dustin. With the rain we've been getting, the Kitimat did bump up several inches yesterday and got a

little coloured, but it is on the drop again now. Clients have been catching Chinook and Pinks on the fly; Chums do not appear to be in the river in significant numbers yet. Photo credit: [Chad Black](#) of [Nicholas Dean Lodge](#)



**Posted July 17-18-19 2011** Wow...what a nice Chinook (King) Salmon. Photo was sent to me from Tracey Hittel on his **iPhone**. Are you interested to book a guided fishing trip with Tracey, then click on one of these links: [Tracey Hittel](#) or [www.kitimatlodge.com](http://www.kitimatlodge.com)



Posted July 12-13-14-15-16, 2011 A happy guest of [Andreas Handl](#) of [Kingfish Westcoast Adventure Tours](#) struggles to hold up a very bight Chinook (King) Salmon landed in the Kitimat Estuary.

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Sun July 24/11 4:04pm



Noel, things have been busy here.

We just said goodbye to some of the top Outdoor writers in Canada

Brad Fenson (Field editor for field and stream)

TJ Schwanky (Field editor Alberta Outdoorsmen) And host of Outdoorquest TV.

Patrick Walsh (Editor of Outdoor Canada)

Here is a link to 2 of the Blogs

<http://outdoorcanada.ca/blogs>

<http://outdoorquestblog.blogspot.com/>

Today's fishing was just amazing with limits of Salmon and Halis by 11 am and BIG Salmon at that. 37, 32, 31, 24

Still some room in the lodge for people that would like to try out some of the best Salmon fishing on the coast.

Thanks

Jamie Hunt - Owner [www.GreatPacificSalmonLodge.com](http://www.GreatPacificSalmonLodge.com)

**View more pics here:**

<http://smg.photobucket.com/albums/v718/JamieHunt/Salmon%20fishing%202011>

### Sat July 2/11

Fishing here at **Great Pacific Salmon Lodge** has really picked up again. Though they are not jumping in the boat, we are able to hit Limits and more importantly show our guests what a true sporting experience can be.

What I can't believe, is the amount of Tye class fish we are hooking into. This week alone saw 10-12 hooked and 8 landed including our new Lodge record of 38 Pounds all this and a 70 pound Hali. A few Coho are around these days as well. Obviously the size isn't there yet on these feisty fish, but every day they seem to get a bit bigger and bit more sporty. Personally, I can't wait to break out my Fly rod and my [Islander LX3.8](#). Nothing can compare to the rush that you find while fly fishing Coho. Even if your not casting to them, the fight that ensues is just magical.

The general fishing plan these days is to avoid "Chasing the Bite". Time after time we hear of people going where we were yesterday only to float around for 10 hours. Our head guide Matt Anderson recognized

what was going on and immediately implemented a new strategy. With the rain we are seeing these days, it will become even more important to start hunting these fish.

On an equipment note, Our [Islander MR2's and MR3's](#) are proving themselves invaluable on these big fish. The training exercise we have put together really seems to be working with the guests who are just starting out on these fine pieces of equipment.

We still have room this summer for those that would like to experience the Lodge and all that it offers. I would invite you all to come experience what we have put together.

A few pics of our lodge and some great fishing. To see all latest pics just cast to this link:

<http://smg.photobucket.com/albums/v718/JamieHunt/Salmon%20fishing%2020211/>

**Super Special Deal** –Update including a discounted trip for \$1,999.00 per person

Hello everyone. I just wanted to share this special offer with you before it hits the media in the coming days.

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Yes we know this is a drastic discount compared to other lodges, especially when you consider that this is a fully guided setup, equipped with the best possible gear and you will be staying in an extensively renovated Lodge.

Promotion is subject to availability. Please call for details.

I encourage you to take advantage of this offer as soon as possible as spots are filling rapidly.

**Feel free to call me directly, I look forward to talking with you soon. 403-813-2704**

Sincerely **“This is where YOUR Adventure begins”**

Jamie Hunt

Owner [www.GreatPacificSalmonLodge.com](http://www.GreatPacificSalmonLodge.com)



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## Steve Hidber & Bob Melrose - Oscars Source for Sports, Smithers BC

[www.oscarssports.com](http://www.oscarssports.com)



### GRAND OPENING

Thank you to everyone who stopped by over the last few days! Also, thank you to all the participants: The car and ATV dealers, Friends of Wild Salmon, Steelhead Society, Ken Driedger, Billy Labonte, Pierce Clegg, Paul's Bakery, BV Wholesale, Schimmels, the Conservation Officers.

We at **Oscar's Source for Adventure** had a fabulous time and we are looking forward to a great fishing season. A new fishing season is upon us and we at Oscar's are very excited to announce the opening of our new store: **Oscar's Source For Adventure**.

The new store will be all about the **outdoors** with fishing as our focal point. In addition to fishing we will carry footwear from **Merrell**, **Patagonia** and **Lowa** as well as apparel from **Marmot**, **Simms** and **Patagonia**. Great brands to enjoy the **outdoors**!

The new store will also house a fine selection of family camping products from Camp furniture to sleeping bags, to tents. We look forward to welcoming you to the new store!

Kerry, Alex & Steve

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They also operate a Fishing Guide and Charter Boat: [Reliable Guide and Charters](#)

**Sun July 17/11**

**Lost:**

Hi Noel I was wondering if you could possibly mention a lost rod and reel on the cranberry river, I was there on the 6th and 7th of July and accidentally left it there at km 16. We didn't catch anything but we did see a monster Chinook surface right on front of us. The rod is a ugly stick with a Stradic c 14 f reel. Thanks Ben Marcer. [bamarcer@hotmail.com](mailto:bamarcer@hotmail.com) 250-261-0841

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**Contact** [Noel Gyger](#) to book a guided fishing trip both river and ocean

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**News Bulletin:** <http://www.noelgyger.ca/news-bulletin.htm>

**Weather Reports telephone numbers:** **Terrace:** 250-635-4192 **Kitimat:** 250-632-7864 **Prince Rupert:** 250-627-1155 **Smithers:** 250-847-1958.

**Tide Charts** – for BC Coast:

<http://www.lau.chs-shc.gc.ca/cgi-bin/tide>

[shc.cgi?queryType=showZone&language=english&region=1&zone=18](http://shc.cgi?queryType=showZone&language=english&region=1&zone=18)

**Fight for Halibut** – **Take Action Now!** <http://fightforhalibut.wordpress.com>

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**Skeena Wild Film Fest:**

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 **CONTEST INFO AND ENTRY DETAILS:**  
[skeenawild.org/events](http://skeenawild.org/events)

The 2011 SkeenaWild Film Festival: *Film & Photo Contest* is looking for your 'Skeena'-centric films & photos! Why you're passionate about the Skeena Watershed – the scenery, the ecology, the adventures? **This is your chance, to tell your story!** We are accepting submissions in 2 categories as either a short or feature length film &/or photos this year: **Wild People of the Skeena:** Adventure/ Eco-tourism and **Wild Animals & Plants of the Skeena:** Environmental/ sustainability Vision or story; etc.

For all of you **Wild People of the Skeena**, show us how you and your friends enjoy the amazing Skeena watershed – the amazing places you go – the wild adventures you experience!

For all of you **Wild Plants, Animals & Places of the Skeena** (...or people who can speak on behalf), it's your chance to 'show-and-tell' an incredible creature, an awe inspiring spot or YOUR VISION for a vibrant and sustainable Skeena. Any genre of film is fair game; from adventure or documentaries to drama or even comedy.

The selected films and photos will be shown on the SkeenaWild Film Fest Tour, clips may be included in the festival trailer, films will be posted on the SkeenaWild website along with hopefully more locations to be announced shortly! There **will be great prizes in each category, so get out & get shooting.**

For more contest details & how to enter, download the Film Submission Guidelines & Entry Form at [www.SkeenaWild.org](http://www.SkeenaWild.org) or e-mail [rod@skeenawild](mailto:rod@skeenawild)



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### **Robin Rowland - Visual Journalism and Editorial**

Robin Rowland, the editor and publisher of **Northwest Coast Energy News**, first encountered the northern British Columbia wilderness as a toddler on the shores of Ootsa Lake. After a short time in Vancouver, his family moved to Kitimat, where his father Fred, was the assistant property manager for Alcan. For the first two years, the family lived in the old Smeltersite (where from time to time his father would go fishing with others with Haisla guides on Douglas Channel and take the kid along). After that the Rowland family moved to main the Kitimat townsite. After seven years in Kitimat, the family moved to Toronto where Fred Rowland joined the development department of the booming city. Robin attended York University and then studied journalism at Carleton. He worked as a reporter photographer for the *Sudbury Star* and later was hired by CBC News, where he would work for most of his career (with gaps for travel, book writing and six years at CTV News). In 1996, he joined the new CBC news online division. In 1998, he was named web producer for The National and in 2003 became photo editor for CBC News. In 2010, Robin decided to take early retirement and return to northern British Columbia to pursue his interests in photography and writing.

Robin is co-author with James Dubro of *King of the Bootleggers*, about organized crime during the Prohibition era and a follow-up. *Undercover Cases of the RCMP's Most Secret Operative*. In 1995, Rowland co-wrote, with Dave Kinnaman, of Washington State, the first book on how to do research on the Internet. In 2000, Robin wrote *The Creative Guide to Research*. His latest book, published in 2008 is *A River Kwai Story: The Sonkrai Tribunal*.

He founded Northwest Coast Energy News in 2011 as an independent, neutral news website covering all aspects of the environmental and energy issues facing northwest British Columbia from the perspective of the northwest.

Robin also continues to freelance for major media, including CBC News and the Canadian Press picture service. As a freelance photographer he is available for editorial, wilderness and commercial assignments throughout the northwest region. His long term aim over the next couple of years is to launch a professional photo workshop business to bring more tourists to the northwest. Contact info:

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**Thu July 28/11 6:15pm**

Salmon study controversy. How DFO wrote a news release without answering the question.

<http://nwcoastenergynews.com/2011/07/the-salmon-study-controversy-how-to-write-a-news-release-without-answering-the-question.html>

Fisheries minister Keith Ashfield and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans today issued a news release concerning the controversy over the muzzling of DFO scientist Kristi Miller and her genetic study of Fraser River salmon which suggests a virus may be responsible for the decline of the stock. Although Miller published her study in the journal *Science*, she was not permitted to speak the media about it.

The DFO news release from this afternoon is a classic example of not answering the actual question.

**Wed July 27/11 6:55am****Today's News (flag for salmon fishers)****Harper government muzzles scientist who studied salmon collapse, noted possible virus as cause**

<http://nwcoastenergynews.com/2011/07/harper-government-muzzles-scientist-who-studied-salmon-collapse.html>

Post Media News reports that the Privy Council Office, part of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's office, is refusing to allow a prominent scientist speak to the media and the public about her study on the collapse of salmon stocks on the west coast, suggesting a virus may be involved in salmon deaths, despite the fact her scientific findings have already been published in the journal *Science*.

**NEB gets ready for BC LNG hearings, first step for second Kitimat project**

<http://nwcoastenergynews.com/2011/07/neb-gets-ready-for-bclng-hearings.html>

The National Energy Board has announced it will hold hearings on the second proposed liquified natural gas project, saying, the hearings will "consider an application submitted by BC LNG Export Co-operative LLC (BC LNG) for a 20-year licence to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) from Canada to Pacific Rim markets.

**Al Arabiya turns its eyes on Kitimat**

<http://nwcoastenergynews.com/2011/07/al-arabiya-turns-its-eyes-on-kitimat.html>

The English-language website of one the world's major Arab-language satellite television networks Al Arabiya, has turned its eye on Kitimat, the Northern Gateway pipeline and the repeated claim by the Conservative government that Canada is an "energy super power."

**Mon July 25/11 2:35pm****"Call the Americans." Canadian Coast Guard cutbacks now an issue in the US Senate**

<http://nwcoastenergynews.com/2011/07/call-the-americans-canadian-coast-guard-cutbacks-now-an-issue-in-the-us-senate.html>

The controversy over the Harper government's cutbacks to Canadian Coast Guard resources on both west and east coasts has now become an issue in the United States Senate.

While most of the media attention last week was on Newfoundland, where there are fears not only of moving the search coordination centre from the island to Trenton, and the possible privatization of the entire search and rescue service, the cutbacks on the northern coast of British Columbia have yet to become a national story, even though the conservative government is increasing its promotion of tanker traffic along that coast.

Now the issue has come to attention of Senator Maria Cantwell, a Washington Democrat, who is raising alarm bells in the Senate about the dangers of tanker traffic along the coast, the possibility of a spill and the probable inadequacy of the Canadian response to any major shipping accident along the coast.

**Rex Murphy's rant on search and rescue cutbacks: National Post**

<http://nwcoastenergynews.com/2011/07/rex-murphys-rant-on-search-and-rescue-cutbacks-national-post-1.html>

Rex Murphy, writing in *The National Post* is fully justified in his rant Saturday against more search and rescue cutbacks in Newfoundland by the Harper government. Since it involves his beloved "Rock," my

former colleague is at his rhetorical best (and as the northwest knows the BC coast faces equally dumb cutbacks here)

**Sun July 24/11 9:55am (2nd update today)**

**URGENT US moves on halibut allocations**

**US proposes handing Alaska halibut allocation dispute to international commission, have charters buy commercial quota**

<http://nwcoastenergynews.com/2011/07/us-proposes-handing-alaska-halibut-allocation-dispute-to-the-international-commission.html>

On Thursday, NOAA proposed solutions to Alaska halibut dispute, in effect, handing the hot potato decision on halibut allocation over to the International Halibut Commission, suggesting that the Commission decide the split for charter and commercial allocation when making the overall decision on total allowable catch. NOAA has also proposed allowing Alaska halibut charter operators to buy commercial quota, similar to the Canadian proposal from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans last winter.

**Sun July 24/11 7:00am (1st update today)**

Louisiana governor announces LNG project; size, cost would rival Kitimat

<http://nwcoastenergynews.com/2011/07/louisiana-governor-announces-lng-project-size-would-rival-kitimat.html>

The governor of Louisiana, Bobby Jindal has announced that the state could be the site of what he calls the "one of the first natural gas liquefaction facilities in North America."

Cheniere Energy will spend \$6 billion to expand an existing facility. That means the Louisiana terminal could rival Kitimat in size and potential. The projected timeline for both shows construction and operational startup would happen at the same time.

Editorial: Joe Oliver's twice dangerous prejudgement

<http://nwcoastenergynews.com/2011/07/editorial-joe-olivers-twice-dangerous-prejudgement.html>

Twice in as many days this week, the new Conservative Minister of Natural Resources, Joe Oliver, has prejudged the outcome of National Energy Board hearings on both pipeline projects that could be built to the port of Kitimat, the Enbridge Northern Gateway which would carry oil sands bitumen and the KM LNG project which would carry natural gas for liquefaction at a Kitimat terminal.

**Thu July 14/11 2:30pm**

**KM LNG to buy Eurocan site**

<http://nwcoastenergynews.com/2011/07/km-lng-to-buy-eurocan-site.html>

KM LNG Operating General Partnership (Kitimat LNG) has announced that it has entered into an agreement to purchase the former Eurocan industrial site in Kitimat, B.C. from West Fraser.

**Thu July 14/11 11:30am**

**Kitimat Rod and Gun concerns forgotten at Kitimat LNG hearings**

<http://nwcoastenergynews.com/2011/07/kitimat-rod-and-gun-concerns-forgotten-at-kitimat-lng-hearings.html>

As final arguments began Thursday on the application for the KM LNG export licence, it soon became clear that the concerns of Kitimat's non-aboriginal residents for their own traditional hiking, fishing and hunting access to the area around the Bish Cove terminal have been forgotten.

A specific request from Mike Langegger, representing the Rod and Gun is not included the list of 12 proposed conditions that the National Energy Board has proposed to KM LNG.

As well, during this morning's hearings, the lead lawyer for KM LNG, Gordon Nettleton, representing both the partnership and a major investor, Apache Corp. while reviewing the list told the board panel: "No further conditions were proposed during the hearings,"

**Wed July 13/11**

**KM LNG final arguments set for Thursday in Calgary**

<http://nwcoastenergynews.com/2011/07/km-lng-final-arguments-set-for-thursday-in-calgary.htm>

The National Energy Board panel hearing KM LNG's (also known as Kitimat LNG) application for an natural gas export licence will hear final arguments from the lawyers for the various parties at the NEB offices in Calgary beginning at 9:30 a.m. MT Thursday.

**Mon July 12/11**

My latest photo blog:

**Storm approaching Kitimat harbour, July 12, 2011**

[http://robinrowland.com/rowland\\_photography/2011/07/storm-approaching-kitimat-harbour-at-sunset-july-12-2011.html](http://robinrowland.com/rowland_photography/2011/07/storm-approaching-kitimat-harbour-at-sunset-july-12-2011.html)

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**Wed July 13/11**

**Rob Brown - The Skeena Angler**

I would like to welcome Rob to my **Weekly Fishing Reports**. Rob contributes a weekly column to our local **Terrace Standard Newspaper**: [http://www.bclocalnews.com/bc\\_north/terracestandard](http://www.bclocalnews.com/bc_north/terracestandard)

Here is his latest column below: Title: **Schindler's gist** Published: **July 13, 2011 - 11:00 PM**

**Note READ the full column below Rob's introduction:**

Here is the link to his blog: [http://web.me.com/skeenaangler/Skeena\\_Angler/Blog/Blog.html](http://web.me.com/skeenaangler/Skeena_Angler/Blog/Blog.html)

Welcome Home Page: [http://web.me.com/skeenaangler/Skeena\\_Angler/Welcome.html](http://web.me.com/skeenaangler/Skeena_Angler/Welcome.html)

### **Introduction**

Hi. I'm Rob Brown. For the past 35 years, I've fished Skeena system.

In winter, sometimes alone, sometimes with a partner, I've strapped on snowshoes and tramped over the drifts to fish the Kitsumkalum River for steelhead.

In the spring I've divided my angling time between the lower reaches of the Kalum, chasing spring steelhead, spring salmon, cutthroat trout and Dolly Varden char, and the Lakelse River, hunting cutthroat trout and steelhead.

In the summer I've frequented the log gravel bars of the Skeena, angling for sockeye, summer **coho** and the summer run steelhead bound for the Bulkley, Morice, Babine, Kispiox, Sustut and smaller, less well known streams that feed the upper reaches, of the Skeena.

In autumn, I've enjoyed fine steelhead fishing on the Zymoetz and the Clore, dead drifting dry flies, dragging damp flies, and fishing tiny nymphs just under the surface for summer run steelhead.

My fishing hasn't been confined to the Skeena drainage. Inside you will find records of outings to well known steelhead rivers like the Dean, the Thompson, and the Coquihalla, to lesser known streams, like the Kitlope, and many smaller coastal streams.

Some of the articles you will find herein are diary entries, records of days on rivers and streams in the valleys of the Skeena and the streams that feed her. Others are reflections on how I think things are and how I believe they ought to be. The pieces that fit into this last group are political in that they are concerned with the politics of the environment, the politics of resource management, the politics of sport, the politics of getting along with people and the way politicians have got it wrong or got it right when it comes to fish and all the things related to them. You will find some how-to articles, as in how to tie a fly and how to cast it. You won't find any road maps to streams or any precise instructions on where and how to fish them, but you may be able to glean some of kind of information of this type by reading about my exploits and those of the men and women with whom I've fished. I haven't tried to hide the little I know about angling from prying eyes, but, out of respect for fish and friends, I haven't broadcast it either.

You're not a bleeder are you? the late Lee Straight once asked me after returning the draft of a letter I'd written for the Steelhead Society of B.C. I put down the red ink stained letter, revised the original along the lines he suggested then sent it back with a note assuring him that I was not. That still goes. If you disagree with something I've written, if you believe your two cents worth is more valuable than mine, then I want to hear from you. If something I've scribbled down strikes a chord, if you appreciate it, or you're glad I said it, I want to hear from you too

**Wed July 20/11 11:30am**

**Schindler's Gist 2**

I resumed reading [David Schindler](#)'s article, The Boiling Point, while waiting for a my turn to urinate in a small jar after having some of my blood sucked out of an artery in my arm.

"So that's the bad news," wrote the internationally renowned ecologist, after describing the dire threat climbing water temperatures pose to fish in Canada's lakes and streams.

I read on eager for a sliver of hope.

“The good news is, we may still be able to stop the complete loss of our precious fisheries – if we can all agree on what needs to be done.”

Right, I reflected, come to a consensus on the urgency of the problem.

According to Schindler, the first thing we must do is stop debating whether man-made global warming is the cause. Science is a rigorous pursuit characterized by innovation and competition. Theologians claim there is a god and tell they have concluded this is so because they have faith that it is and, therefore, no further proof is required.

Such irrational certainty is not available to scientists whose hypotheses must be substantiated by evidence substantiated by carefully designed testing. The results of these tests must be published and reviewed by the other scientists in the same field of scientific endeavour who analyze that work with surgical precision, doing their utmost to cast doubt on the new thesis.

This self improving, intensely critical, methodology – in Schindler’s words, the greased pole all researchers must climb – drives science. Proof or its success abounds.

The skill, tools, and medicine that allow surgeons to operate on a heart or a brain through an artery is one stunning example; the ability to learn about this procedure, and view an example of it on your PC is another, and there are thousands of similar examples besides these.

Given the rigour of scientific inquiry, complete agreement is almost impossible and agreement by the majority of scientists, is extremely rare. Schindler – an environmental scientist for half a century, who knows most of the big names in atmospheric sciences, pale climatology, geochemistry, and oceanography – says that nearly complete consensus has been reached by scientists on climate warming and the human role in it. To underscore his point, he cites the literature review done by Science Historian, [Naomi Oreskes](#), for the Institute of Scientific Investigation.

In 2004, Ms. Oreskes compiled the abstracts of all 928 papers done on climate change between 1993 and 2003. She found that 75% of those studies explicitly or implicitly supported the idea that human emissions of greenhouse gasses caused climate warming, while the remaining 25% dealt with the paleoclimate, therefore current climate trends were outside their scope.

This review and his examination of the scientific journals since it was done, led Schindler to conclude that their inability to withstand the scrutiny of their peers, is the reason that climate change deniers confine their output to weblogs.

“If any of [these sceptics] had a scientifically convincing argument that greenhouse gases are not causing climate warming, you can be sure it would have been published swiftly, followed closely by its being awarded a Nobel Prize,” writes Schindler.

In recent years the media has exposed many of these sceptical scientists, as hacks lavishly supported by giant oil corporations intent upon continuing to set records for the largest profits in history, something they will be able to do as oil prices increase in inverse proportion to supply.

Schindler then went on to succinctly demolish the main arguments put forward by the handful of climate change denying scientists (some of whom were familiar because they had argued that there was no credible proof that tobacco smoke was injurious to human health on behalf of the tobacco giants decades ago).

As for the putative Climategate affair loudly trumpeted in the media last year, Schindler notes that the hacked e-mails that formed the basis of the whole ridiculous affair have since been examined by several independent scientific bodies with the result that the alleged conspirators have been cleared of all charges. Today, Schindler writes, every National Academy and Scientific Society on the globe supports the call to control human greenhouse gas emissions. From this and such dramatic physical evidence as the melting of the Greenland ice sheet, retreating glaciers, the increasing ferocity of storms born of measurably warmer oceans, and alarming rises in sea level, we can’t help but conclude that the debate over climate change and our role in it is over.

Concluded next week...

To read older postings cast here:

Column 1 week ago: [Schindler’s Gist](#)

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## Conservation:

**Sat July 30/11 2:45pm**

**The Common Sense Canadian New** From [TheCanadian.org](http://TheCanadian.org): Campbell/Clark Govt. Doesn't Value Your Life / Rafe on Muzzling DFO Science

### **Why the BC Liberal Government Doesn't Value Your Life - by Damien Gillis**

Why the BC Liberals care more about your vote than the person casting it: "Reflecting back today on these events from five years ago which first drew me into the world of environmental politics in BC and irrevocably changed my life, I think that more than the environmental destruction, it was the sheer indecency of the situation that boiled my blood. It was the skulduggery of a callous, even immoral government that compelled me to start putting my talents to better use."

<http://thecanadian.org/k2/item/931-why-bc-liberal-government-doesnt-value-your-life-damien-gillis>

### **Rafe: Are They Ganging up on the People and Environment?**

From pipelines and tankers to "smart" meters, Site C, mines, "fracking" and fish farm science cover-ups - Rafe wonders if a conspiracy isn't at work to overwhelm our efforts to defend the public and environmental interest. "It's hard not to sniff a corporate/government conspiracy, with the government thinking they can pile so much on us at one time we can't get our acts together...They are wrong."

<http://thecanadian.org/k2/item/927-are-they-ganging-up-on-the-people-and-environment-rafe>

### **Latest DFO Scientist Muzzling Part of Bigger Pattern Ignored by Media - by Rafe Mair**

Rafe on the history of muzzling DFO scientists for political reasons - including his own role in revealing the cover-up of a key report condemning Alcan's planned Nechako River dam in the 80s and 90s - and the media's consistent ignoring of this pattern of behaviour. "The revelation by the Sun and the Province that a scientist in DFO, Kristi Miller, has been muzzled by the DFO and the Privy Council (which supports the Prime Minister's Office) simply underscores how badly they have covered environmental matters in general and salmon concerns specifically."

<http://thecanadian.org/k2/item/924-dfo-muzzle-kristi-miller-kemano-alcan-rafe-mair>

### **Shades of Green: Industrialization - by Ray Grigg**

Sometimes the magnitude of the environmental challenges facing us today seems overwhelming. So we traditionally examine the larger problem in fragmented details. We isolate one part of a huge complexity of issues and consider, for example, the decline in wild salmon populations, the dilemma of disposing of municipal garbage, the merits of banning cosmetic pesticides...And each detail alone seems extremely complicated for anyone who has tried to solve any one of them. But what if industrialization itself, the very foundation of our material, economic and social existence, is not sustainable?

<http://thecanadian.org/k2/item/921-ray-grigg-industrialization>

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**Fri July 22/11 9:15am**

### **Rafe: Christy Clark's Silence on the Big Questions**

"I worry a lot when politicians are talking - usually double or even triple talk. Did I do that when I was in government?...Well it takes one to know one. I worry even more when they say nothing, something that Premier Christy Clark finds impossible when fudging on motherhood 'issues' and tossing out the usual barnyard droppings. What Premier Clark is very good at is deathly silence on matters of great consequence. What does she think about IPPs, oil pipelines and tankers and paving highways over our precious farmland?"

<http://thecanadian.org/k2/item/908-christy-clark-silence-on-big-questions-rafe-mair>

**Tue July 19/11 2:45pm**

Senior DFO Scientist on the Stand - In early July a very senior and celebrated government scientist, Dick Beamish, was on the stand at the Cohen Inquiry. What transpired is a travesty, theater of the absurd.

See my blog <http://alexandramorton.typepad.com/>

Second on my blog are photos I took yesterday of lice - infested young herring off the north end of Vancouver Island.

Our fisheries are in big trouble under current management. Please consider attending or sending your own representatives to the aquaculture hearings at the Cohen Inquiry in Vancouver August 22 - September 9.

My concern is that the proceedings will be unbelievable unless people hear it for themselves. I do not want to be your only source of information on this. [www.cohencommission.ca](http://www.cohencommission.ca)

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If we don't step between government and our fish, our children (and theirs) will lose a major food resource and essential part of the natural world. If a senior DFO scientist can behave like this we should consider ourselves warned. I sincerely hope that the people with resources and interests in wild salmon step up soon and straighten this out. Ottawa cannot manage our fisheries. Until then – onward - Alex Morton

**Thu July 14/11 5:55pm**

2 Big Stories on Salmon Farms, new cartoon **New From [TheCanadian.org](http://TheCanadian.org): Video: First Nations Unite vs. Marine Harvest / Rafe: Bombshell DFO Memo Confirms "Shoddy Science" / New Enbridge Cartoon by Gerry Hummel**

**New Video: Musgamagw Unite in Response to Marine Harvest Breach**

Watch this 4 min video on the latest chapter in a long and increasingly heated battle between BC's coastal First Nations and Norwegian salmon farmers. The Musgamagw-Tsawataineuk peoples of the Broughton Archipelago recently gathered in the village of Gwayasdums in response to a serious breach of protocol by Marine Harvest. Hereditary and elected leaders, matriarchs and community members emerged from the meeting united, with renewed resolve to rid their territory of open net cage salmon farms.

[thecanadian.org/k2/item/896-video-musgamagw-unite-in-response-to-marine-harvest-breach](http://thecanadian.org/k2/item/896-video-musgamagw-unite-in-response-to-marine-harvest-breach)

**Rafe: Salmon Farm Apologist's "Shoddy Science" Outed by DFO Colleague's Shocking Memo**

Written by a respected DFO scientist, Dr. Brent Hargreaves, the memo severely attacks the credibility of a colleague, key salmon farm apologist Dr. Dick Beamish, whose science Hargreaves labels as "shoddy" and "unethical": "The research on sea lice that has been conducted by Beamish has been strongly and widely criticized in both the scientific community and the public media...I think to a large degree it was the inadequacies of Beamish's research and conclusions that led to the lack of public confidence in DFO science..." [thecanadian.org/k2/item/895-shoddy-science-hargreaves-beamish-dfo](http://thecanadian.org/k2/item/895-shoddy-science-hargreaves-beamish-dfo)

**New Gerry Hummel Cartoon: Enbridge Rubber Stamp Panel**

Gerry's latest, referencing the Joint Review Panel for the hugely controversial proposed Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline to Kitimat. Rules defining public participation were recently announced by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency. Despite assurances of multiple avenues for public comment, many First Nations, citizens and conservation groups from the region are expressing their doubts - remaining in steadfast opposition to the project. [thecanadian.org/k2/item/892-hummel-enbridge-jrp](http://thecanadian.org/k2/item/892-hummel-enbridge-jrp)

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**Thu July 14/11**

New From [TheCanadian.org](http://TheCanadian.org): Rafe on BC's Sham Environmental Assessment

**Rafe: A-G Report Confirms BC's Sham Environmental Assessment, Enforcement**

Mr. Doyle has shown how inadequate – too weak a word – the process is on the record. Now let me tell you how the environmental scam looks from the trenches. I have attended a number of BCEAO public hearings and I would rather have a root canal without anaesthetic than attend another...These meetings are not to decide whether or not the proposal is acceptable on environmental grounds. It's "sit down and shut up and, in Mr. Mair's case, stop saying 'Bull Shit!'"

<http://thecanadian.org/k2/item/888-bc-a-g-report-environmental-assessment-rafe>

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Sun July 17\_2011

Cory Koenig: <http://www.webflyz.com>

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**Highway webcam:** **<http://images.drivebc.ca/bchighwaycam/pub/html/www/111.html>** to view road conditions. This one is near Terrace BC and is located at the junction of Highway 16 and Highway 37, looking east on Highway 16. The image will update every 15 to 30 minutes

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**Fishing Regulations:**

**2011-2013 BC tidal waters and fresh-water (Federal)** Salmon fishing information (including recent updates):

**[www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/recfish](http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/recfish)**

**Effective April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2013 (Note: regs good for two years)**

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[www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/PSP](http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/PSP)

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### **Safety and survival on water:**

#### **A good set of Oars and Oar Locks is NOT just for Drift-Boaters:**

The smartest thing you can do is install a good set of oars and oar locks in your jet-boat and learn how to use them. If your engine quits just snap in your oars and turn your jet boat into a drift boat and either row to shore or float to the boat launch. I have had to do this a few times myself when I was guiding. I've seen too many jet boats and all they have is puny paddles. One person with one paddle is useless and even two persons with two paddles are difficult to control a large or even a small jet boat. Throw those paddles away and get yourself a good set of oars and oar locks. **Do it now! It may save your life.** Drifting out of control into a sweeper, log jam or boulders is no fun. [Contact me anytime](#) and I will be happy to give you tips how to row your jet boat.

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- Check the weather before departing.
- Don't overload your boat.
- Always tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return.

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- Candle
- food/candy
- Pocket knife, etc

These items can be vacuumed packed so your pocket does not have to be water proof. Actually some drain holes in the bottom may be a good idea.

Anything that will help a person survive at least one night and not die of hypothermia is a good idea, I think.

Thank you and please be safe...

Noel F. Gyger

**PS** I have friends who almost died of hypothermia in a boating accident. Wearing their lifejackets saved them from drowning but the cold and damp almost did them in. They would have been more comfortable during the night if they had some survival items in their life jackets.

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