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Top Photo: December 13, 2016. SEASON REVIEW: Mandi Buck with a bright Skeena River Chinook (King) Salmon. If you are interested in hiring a fishing guide for river or ocean and want to learn how, where and when to catch these fish, please [contact me](#) anytime and I will help make the arrangements for a trip of a lifetime!

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(Smithers, Terrace, Kitimat and Prince Rupert)

Happy New Year!

Last update was Saturday, December 31, 2016 at 11:08am

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- 2016 for [Zymoetz \(Copper\) & Skeena River](#)
- 2017 Skeena River [summer-run Steelhead](#) and Salmon
- 2017 Kitimat River for [Coho \(Silver\) Salmon](#)
- 2017 Multi Rivers for [spring Steelhead](#)
- 2017 Multi Rivers for [spring Chinook](#)
- 2017 [Kwinamass River](#) for Steelhead (April & May) only
- 2016 [Nass and Coastal Rivers](#)
- 2016 Douglas Channel ocean fishing for [Salmon and Bottom fish](#)
- 2016 Prince Rupert ocean fishing for [Salmon and Bottom fish](#)

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Commentary:

Wind: SW 7km/h Light snow (+1 degrees C) Coho fishing closed October 31st. Steelhead are in the Skeena, Kalum and Zymoetz (Copper) Rivers. **Note: NEW** section added called **Recommended Fly Fishing Gear**. **Note: FOR SALE ECO Tour Tenure license**, see **Market Place** section. **Note: FOR SALE Saltwater Lodge** owners of this Lodge say they have over 1050 guests booked thus far for 2015 season and did over \$2,000,000 in gross revenue for 2014. Certainly a real positive for any potential [Buyer to have a turn-key business](#) see **Market Place** section.

"Baby - it's cold outside"



It was only -11 degrees C. today, Dec 8th. Most anglers would say too cold to fish. BUT that never stopped us going out on the Kalum River with our driftboat in 1987, yes I said 1987!



We called this boat our "**Super Boat**" it was a 19 foot fibreglass drift boat with wooden frame completely covered in plastic. We had a propane heater, kept us toasty warm and we kept Steelheading all winter no matter what the weather. Sorry this pic does not show much of it. I thought I had better pics, I searched my files today but could not find them. The angler above is Terry Munday; I think the temperature outside was -12C. I took this pic from the **Podcast**:

<http://www.noelgyger.ca/Podcast/podcast0006.mov>

The **Podcast** was all about the members of the **Kalum Drifting Club** and all the fun we had :-)

To watch ALL the **Podcasts** cast on this link: <http://www.noelgyger.ca/podcast.htm>

Note: in those days we didn't take many pics using the current "*Keep `em Wet*", but we did care and tried to keep the Steelhead out of the water for no more than a couple of seconds if at all. *Long live our wild Steelhead...*

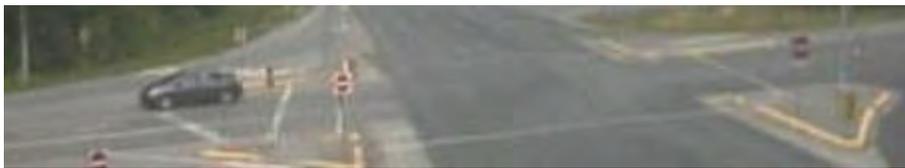
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Recent and Today's updates below:

Recent updates: **Update: NEW** to the report, links to **Kalum River stories** and **Kalum River videos**, see **Kalum River** section. **Update: NEW** to the report, links to **Kitimat River stories** and **Kitimat River videos**, see **Kitimat River** section. **Update: 2016-17** booking trips for **Skeena River**. **Update:** Tracey Hittel of **Kitimat Lodge** sent an eight minute Video collage created with some amazing fishing pictures from 2014!, see **Kitimat Lodge** section for the link. **Update:** We would like to **WELCOME Pure Fishing** onboard, they are now the official, exclusive sponsor of this fishing report.

Today's updates: **FOR SALE** Saltwater Lodge ~ owners of this Lodge say they have over 1050 guests booked thus far for 2015 season and did over \$2,000,000 in gross revenue for 2014. Certainly a real positive for any potential **Buyer to have a turn-key business** see **Market Place** section. **Update:** Noel Gyger fishing videos on YouTube total views as of July 3 were 856,557. **Update:** Tracey Hittel of **Kitimat Lodge** sent Video link so you all can watch their "2015 Season Review", see **Kitimat Lodge** section just below the **Skeena River** section. **Update:** Started posting 2016 stats from the **Tyee Test Fishery** for our beloved Salmon and Steelhead, see **Skeena River** section. **Update:** See the ***New Trendline*** in the **Skeena River Tyee Test Fishery** graphs below. **Update:** To watch a short YouTube Video "*Releasing Salmon in a river*" see **How to Release Fish webpage:** <http://www.noelgyger.ca/how-to-release-fish.htm> **Note:** scroll to the bottom of the page to find. **Update:** Pic and caption from Tracey Hittel of **Kitimat Lodge**; family day today September 17th with my

big boy, nice Lingcod and Halibut for the freezer, see **Kitimat Lodge** section. **Update:** Watch 2:43 minute **YouTube** video titled **Salmon Strongholds: Skeena River**, see **Conservation** section. **Update:** just post video re Steelhead fishing using jet boat access, see **Kalum River** section. **Update: NEW Ad posted**, see left menu bar and click on "VHS to DVD". **Update:** There are "well-meaning" angler members of the **(SFAC) Sport Fishing Angling Committee** wishing to make changes to regulations which we all may have to fish by in the future, see **News Bulletin** section, just below **Skeena River**. **Update:** just posted FULL month of November 2016, to read **ALL PAST** Fishing Reports **Cast on this link**. **Update:** See **Commentary:** section (above) for how we used to fish in this extreme cold weather we are having now. **Update: Connor Sabo Fishing Reports** see **NEW** category **Ice Fishing** below. **Update: NEW Top Photo** posted December 13th. **Update:** as of December 13th **noelgyger.ca** fishing video clips on **YouTube** have received 895,834 views, see **Noel Gyger has 96 fishing video clips on YouTube** section. **Update: Watershed WATCH Salmon Society** news up to December 15th, see **Conservation** section. **Update: Rob Brown** latest story titled "**Surfacing 7**", see **Rob Brown - The Skeena Angler** section. **Update:** to receive the January 5th, 2017 **e-mail NEWSLETTER** **subscribe** here. More updates will come in as the day moves on. Cast on links 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. Thank you.



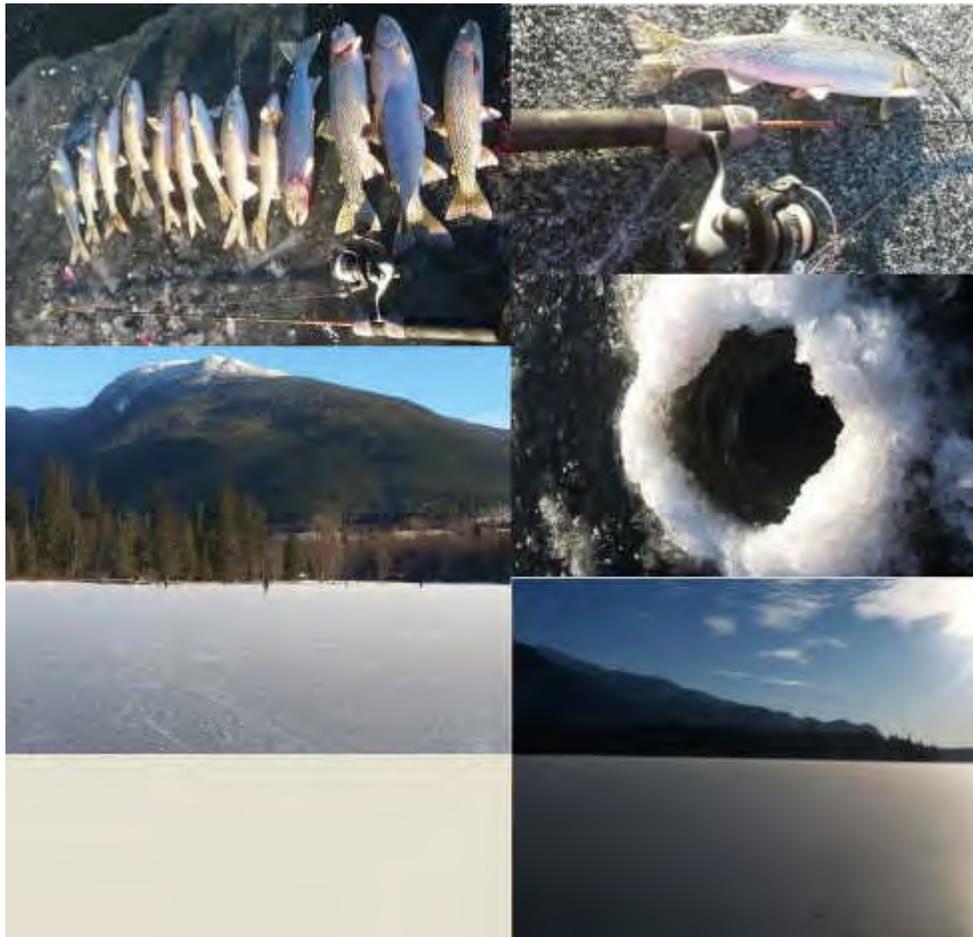
Cast on this link for **Current Highway Conditions**

How to read this webpage: Scroll down to read **ALL** the **Current updates in Red** highlighted in **Yellow** **The most up-to-date reports are DATE STAMPED** (Example: **Tue July 11/11**) **So when you scroll through the report look for these markers.**

Ice Fishing:

Connor Sabo Fishing Reports for December 12, 2016 at 5:00pm

Well it's that time of the year again, well below 0 temperatures for weeks on end sure puts a nice 6 inch layer of ice on Lakelse lake and getting thicker day by day, and that means it's time to pull out the **Ice Auger**, small ice fishing rod, and all that nice warm winter gear. I made it out there after the sun had already been out for a couple hours and with very light wind and the bright sun it made for quite a nice day. The fishing was excellent today, I couldn't keep them off my bait put the bait down and instantly see the rod tip twitching, set the hook and either a nice Cutthroat Trout or a White Fish would start to flash under the ice! I believe I hooked a massive Bull Trout as well because I hooked something big that snapped my line in a few short seconds, possibly was a spawning Coho but it was really lively so I believe just a big Trout!! You'll find me on the ice everyday I'm not working since Terrace only gets this luxury once a year! My gear today was an **Ugly Stik ice fishing combo**.. hooks, 2 way swivel and spiltshot weights all made from **Mustad**! And my bait was fish roe cured in **Procure**!! Pictures below:



Stay tuned, I will be fishing for winter Steelhead soon...

Skeena River:

Skeena River is divided into four sections:

- Skeena 1** (non-classified) Exchamsiks River downstream to the ocean.
- Skeena 2** (class 2 water) Exchamsiks River upstream to 1.5 km above Kalum River.
- Skeena 3** (non-classified) 1.5 km above the Kalum River upstream to 1.5 km above Zymoetz River.
- Skeena 4** (class 2 water) 1.5 km above Zymoetz River upstream to the head-waters.

Water in fair shape and fishable. **Caution:** There is ice on the river please be very careful walking on it.

I (Noel Gyger) have over 40 years experience fishing the Skeena River this time of year. In my opinion this is absolutely "prime-time" to catch the most summer-run Steelhead and Coho. In my days of guiding we used to catch over 30 Steelhead and 15 Coho or so per day for our guests (as long as we had good water conditions). Why did we catch more Steelhead than Coho, when there are more Coho in the river, and the "theory is" the Steelhead are a Trout and are still feeding and the Coho are not, which means any bait or fly you put in front of a Steelhead they more likely to bite it. I have a report of some good catches at China bar and a few other hot spots. One has to know where and "how to fish" these hot-spots, I highly recommend you [book with a fishing guide](#). **GOOD NEWS**, check the **Skeena River Tyee Test Fishery** charts below and you should be thrilled to see the Steelhead and Coho runs are well above the historical seasonal averages. So get out there my fishing friends and enjoy the great water and weather conditions. [Send me a pic](#) of your catch, I would love to post them in this fishing report.

News Bulletin:

There are "well-meaning" angler members of (**SFAC**) **Sport Fishing Angling Committee** wishing to make changes to regulations which we all may have to fish by in the future. **My strongest suggestion is that you read what they are up too:**

Cast on this link: [SFAC-2016-proposed-changes](#) to learn more...

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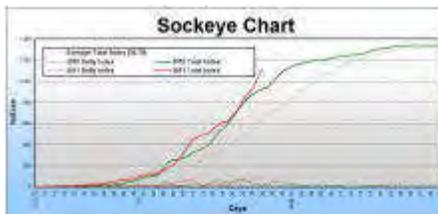


Hi Noel, Just had an amazing trip exploring the Morice, Bulkley, Lower Skeena, and Nass Watersheds. Lots of intense bushwhacking but I was rewarded with a bunch of Coho and my fair share of big summer-run Steelies.

Here are a couple pics from a Nass Trib....hope you enjoy! Cheers, **Hedin Nelson-Chorney**

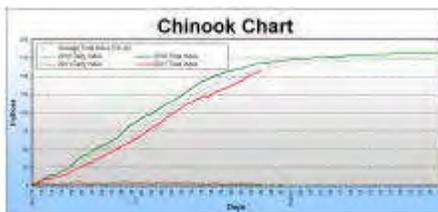
Skeena River Tyee Test Fishery for 2016:

Sockeye Charts



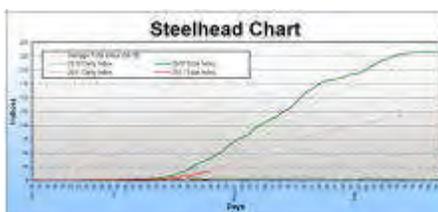
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Chinook Charts



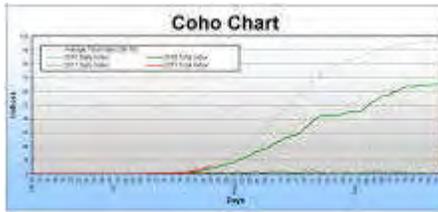
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Steelhead Charts



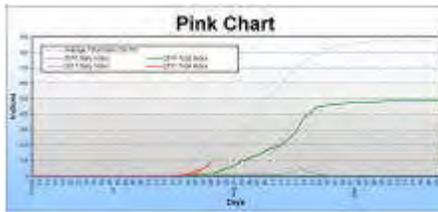
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Coho Charts



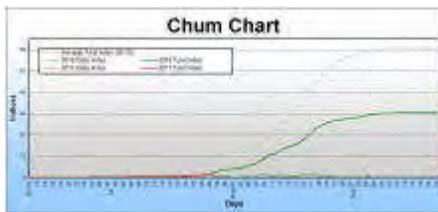
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- [Cumulative Index 1956-2015](#) *New Trendline*
- [Average Daily Index 1956-2015](#)

Pink Charts



- [Current, Average and Previous Year](#)
- [Cumulative Index 1956-2015](#) *New Trendline*
- [Average Daily Index 1956-2015](#)

Chum Charts



- [Current, Average and Previous Year](#)
- [Cumulative Index 1956-2015](#) *New Trendline*
- [Average Daily Index 1956-2015](#)

[Cast here](#) to view 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 Tyee Test Fishery numbers.

Skeena River stories:

Skeena River - Four Seasons of Angling Paradise - by Noel Gyger

<http://www.noelgyger.ca/articles/skeena-river-four-seasons-of-angling-paradise.doc>

Golden Opportunities From Skeena Country - by John Beath

<http://www.noelgyger.ca/articles/skeena-country.doc>

[Cast here](#) to read more stories on more rivers

Skeena River videos:

Skeena River Sockeye Fly Fishing-1

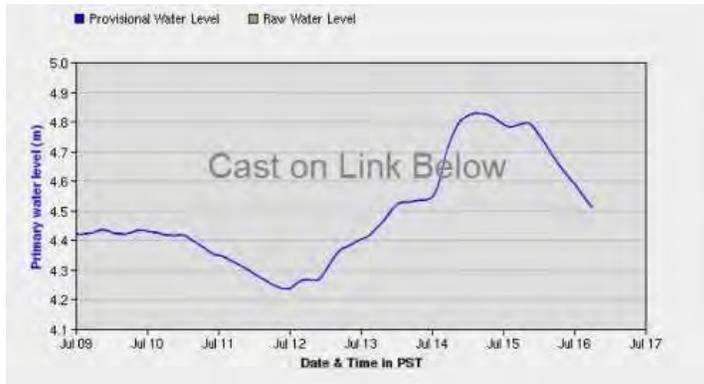
[Cast here](#) to watch the video

Skeena River Sockeye Fly Fishing-2

[Cast here](#) to watch the video

[Cast here](#) to watch more videos of local rivers and oceans - Salmon and Steelhead

Skeena Water heights below:



Cast on link for current Skeena River water heights

http://wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/report/report_e.html?type=realTime&stn=08EF001

News Bulletin:

For PAST years of the **Tyee Test Fishery** numbers [cast on this link](#).

For PAST years **DFO Salmon and Steelhead** predictions [cast on this link](#).

Pure Fishing:

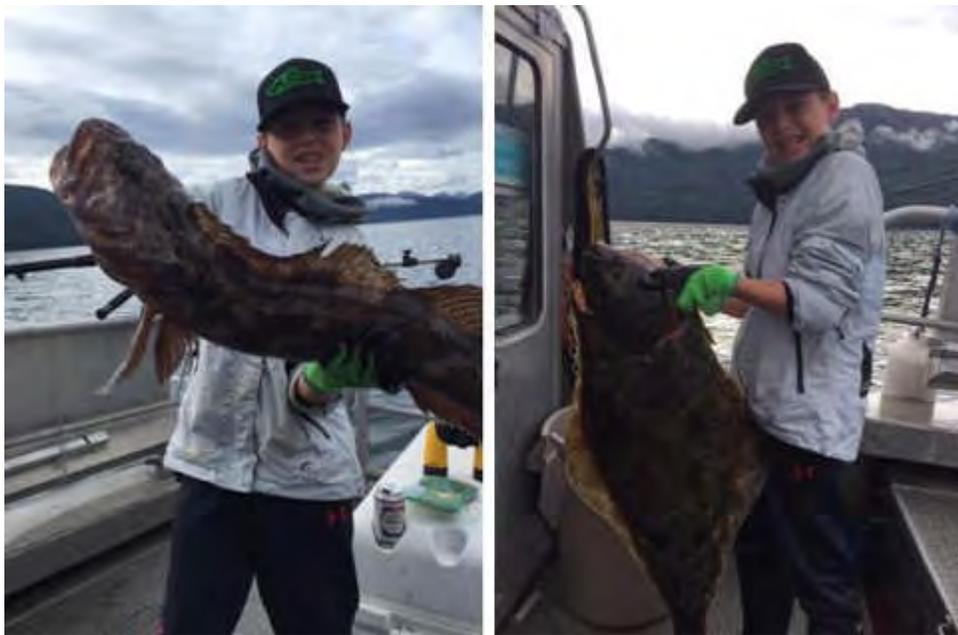
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Updates:



Penn Fishing Reels are "well known" for their ocean reels but [Pure Fishing](#) would like you to know they also have some fantastic freshwater (river-lake-stream) reels. Check them out on their website [Penn Fishing Reels](#). Thank You!

Kitimat Lodge



Pic and caption from **Tracey Hittel** of [Kitimat Lodge](#); "family day today September 17th with my big boy, nice Lingcod and Halibut for the freezer".



Coastal coho fishing. Pic and caption from **Tracey Hittel** of **Kitimat Lodge**: “William from Indiana posing with one of many nice Coho”.



REVIEW 2015 Was a Stellar Year for Fishing

Hello Friends, we at **Kitimat Lodge** thought it was an incredible year here, but this **Video** shows you just how fabulous it really was! <https://vimeo.com/151589262>

Since 1999, **Kitimat Lodge** has been providing Guided Fishing along the rivers and tributaries near Terrace Bay and Kitimat, BC, Canada.

Check out more than a decade of Steelhead Fishing Photo Galleries on our website!

<http://kitimatlodge.com>

Tight Lines,

Tracey Hittel

Kitimat Lodge fishing report

October Steelhead Fishing 2015

October Produces Some Of The Best Catches!

Check out the great photos we just added to the site!

[Steelhead Dreaming - Fly Fishing The Skeena](#)



First - we would like to share this fantastic image! Click on the link for the larger large size!
Skeena River Chinook. Kevin Thingvold Family with Kitimat Lodge Pro Angling Guide
Gord McKean.

<http://kitimatlodge.com/pro-angling-guide-gord-mckean-with-skeena-river-chinook/>

Skeena Chinook fishing season closes August 6th, triggering the start of the elusive Skeena River Summer Run Steelhead.

Second - some great photos of a great fly fishing adventure!
Late July Chum Salmon Fishing Report, BC Canada

Chum Salmon on the fly are in large numbers and a fight like no other, peel line, skin knuckles and nice smiles for these two gentlemen from Austria.

<http://kitimatlodge.com/chum-salmon-on-the-fly-july-27-fishing-report/>

Third - if you haven't seen these **Heli-Fishing Trip Photos...**



The Black family booked a chopper, Skeena and saltwater tour while at the **Kitimat Lodge** this week. The wives pictured with a pair of Skeena Chinook and young Jamieson with a Dungeness Crab.

<http://kitimatlodge.com/skeena-and-saltwater-heli-fishing-tour/>

Be sure to check out the *outstanding action photo* of Jamie Black from Copper Line Excavating releasing a monster Chinook!

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The Seasons:

SPRING STEELHEAD

Spring Steelhead begins this late March for 6 weeks. If the run of Steelhead was like last year our guests are going to hit pay dirt.



CHINOOK SALMON

Starting in May, thru to August, Chinook Salmon we target either by Jetboats or spacious driftboats, on the rivers, or 30ft Aluminum, twin Volvo Diesel, ocean vessel. All our boat are fully equipped with top of the line gear.



COHO SALMON

Late July to late September all 5 species of Salmon are in full charge from the ocean to the rivers. We intercept these Salmon either in the Saltwater or small coastal micro streams, using like tackle or fly.



HALIBUT and CRAB

May to November is best for Halibut and Dungeness Crab. For 2014 the size limit for Halibut has increased, retaining a 70lb fish, up from the 60lb fish in 2013



SUMMER - FALL STEELHEAD

The lower 100 miles of the Skeena and its tributaries are a Steelheaders dream, miles of fly water to chase the elusive steelhead. With our access to **Classified waters** in Skeena country, this allows us flexibility and tranquility for our customers.



BOOK SOON for 2017 - don't be disappointed:

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Kalum River:

River in good shape and fishing well for Steelhead both upper and lower ends. Guiding is very limited and by regulation starts April 1st. If you need a guide to show you how and where just [contact me](#) anytime.

Note: NEW reg this year: Bait ban Jan 1 - June 15.

Kalum River stories:

Sweetheart Steelheading on the Kalum River - by Noel Gyger
<http://www.noelgyger.ca/articles/sweetheart-steelheading-on-the-kalum-river.doc>

North Country Spring Time Steelhead - by Dave Vedder
<http://www.noelgyger.ca/articles/Articles-3--Vedder-2-Northcounty-Spring-Time-Steelhead-long.doc>

Big River Mixed Bag - West Coast Bouny - by Italo Labignan
<http://www.noelgyger.ca/articles/Articles-7-BIG-RIVER-MIXED-BAG-by-Italo-Labignan.doc>

[May 2nd on the Kalum – by Noel Gyger](#)

[North Country Spring Time Steelhead \(Short\) – by Dave Vedder](#)

[20- Pound Steelhead – Making the Dream Come True – by Dave Vedder](#)

For more stories cast here: <http://www.noelgyger.ca/info-articles.htm>

Kalum River videos:



This is how it looks when you are trying to drink your coffee and you are blasting up the lower Kalum River at 48 MPH.

TITLE of this video: Rocket Boat Steelheading - play time 5:48 minutes.

TO WATCH VIDEO cast here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8QPTv4kOZd8>

VIDEO INFO: I had the pleasure of fishing with Calvin Higano, Ron Wakita and Glen Kilcup on the Kalum River on Tuesday morning, April 20, 2010 for about four hours. Glen invited us on this trip with his Jet boat crack of dawn. We hooked 4 Steelhead and landed 2 plus a bunch of Trout. We landed one Steelhead using a silver **BC Steel** spoon with 3 **OTT Gamagatsu** <http://rapala.ca> Siwash hook rigged up on a 7' **Trophy XL** rod <http://redlsports.com> and an **Abu Cardinal 704** <http://www.purefishing.com> Spinning reel spooled up with 30lb **Tuff line Duracast** <http://www.tuff-line.com> This rod and reel Combo handled this Kalum River Steelhead very nicely and was caught and released using **Gibbs Catch and Release Net** <http://www.gibbsfishing.com> The **Gibbs C & R Net** has a very soft mesh which allows anglers to net Steelhead and release them unharmed back into the river. Calvin landed the other Steelhead using a **Sage 2106** rod and a **Shimano Calcutta 250TE** reel <http://fish.shimano.com> Calvin was the "Hot Rod" on this trip! Calvin landed one and had another 2 Steelhead on which released themselves (AKA long-line-release) after a bit of a tussle. Calvin is a very gifted angler who has brought some very effective Steelheading techniques to the North West. One of his techniques Calvin calls "Dredging" and another would be the method which he cures his bait. Calvin uses **Pautzkse's Pink Fire Cure** on both his Chinook roe and on his Prawn bait. As most Steelheaders already know the quality of the bait is critical to Angler success. A huge **THANK YOU** to Glen for an awesome morning fishing trip on the Kalum!

Here is some info on Glens custom Rocket Jet Boat: This boat has a top speed 48 MPH with 450 HP pushing water through a **Hamilton Jet** with a 10 inch impeller. When this thing takes-off, hold your hat and hang on! The **Teflon** bolted to the bottom of the boat allowed us to skim over the shallowest of water.

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More videos below:

Kalum River Coho

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<http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/video-clips-web.htm>

Kalum River Podcasts:

Dustin Kovacvich & Noel Gyger "test fish" for Kalum River Chinook

<http://www.noelgyger.ca/Podcast/podcast0016.mp4>

Please note: it may take awhile for the podcasts to load.

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<http://www.noelgyger.ca/podcast.htm>

Zymoetz (Copper) River:

Water is very clean and the Steelhead fishing is "hot"! But air temp is very "cold!" **Regulation: No Fishing** upstream of the sign at the transmission line crossing (downstream of Zymoetz Canyon) Jan 1 - June 15. Steelhead fishing below this closure is still permitted. Just need to find some open water and give it a shot. Need a guide for 2016 in either the Class one or Class two sections [contact me](#) anytime.

Copper River stories:

Copper River Steelhead - by Jim & Carolyn Z. Shelton

http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/copper-river-steelhead-nov-29_2014.doc

For more stories cast here: <http://www.noelgyger.ca/info-articles.htm>

Copper River videos:

<http://www.noelgyger.ca/video-clips/Steelhead-0010.wmv>

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<http://www.noelgyger.ca/video-clips/Steelhead-0012.wmv>

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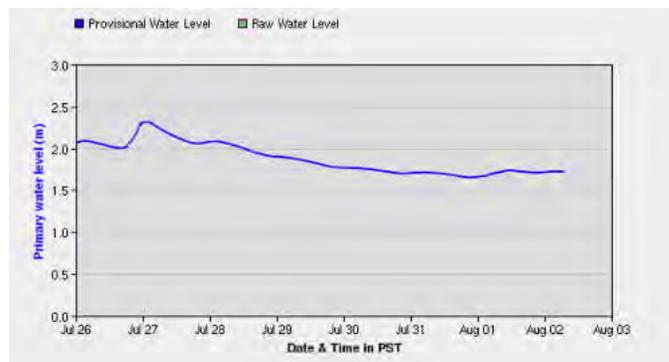
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Watch more videos here: <http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/video-clips-web.htm>

Enjoy!!

Sample Zymoetz (Copper) River heights below:



Cast on link for current Zymoetz (Copper) River water heights:

http://wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/report/report_e.html?type=realTime&stn=08EF005

Kitimat River & Douglas Channel:

Kitimat River water is fishable for Trout and Dolly Varden Char. **Douglas Channel**; if the winds are light get out in the bay for Winter Chinook and drop your Crab traps.

Kitimat River stories:

12 Seasons of Kitimat River - by Noel Gyger

http://www.noelgyger.ca/articles/kitimat-river-nov-29_2014.doc

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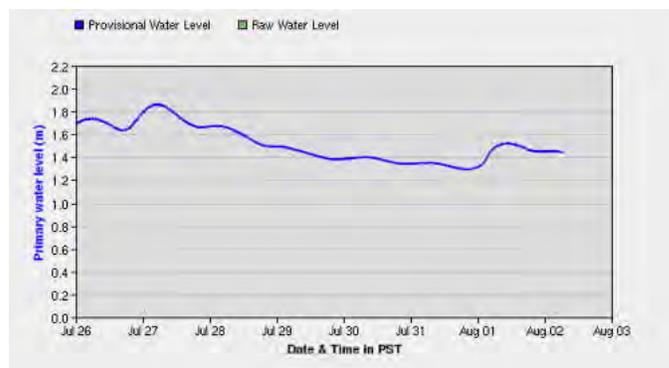
Kitimat River videos:

<http://www.noelgyger.ca/video-clips/Jerry%20and%20Kevin%20Kitimat%20drift.wmv>

<http://www.noelgyger.ca/video-clips/Coho-0001.wmv>

<http://www.noelgyger.ca/video-clips/Coho-0006.wmv>

Sample Kitimat River waters heights below:



Cast on links for current Kitimat River water heights:

1. <http://waterportal.geoweb.bcogc.ca/#12/54.0617/-128.6555>
 2. http://wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/report/report_e.html?type=realTime&stn=08FF003
 3. http://wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/report/report_e.html?type=realTime&stn=08FF002
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Recommended Fly Fishing Gear:

Courtesy Chad Black [Nicholas Dean Outdoors](#)

In the low water conditions of early April, we generally used light sink tips to cover the shallow riffles and tailouts where Steelhead were holding. Type 3 and Type 6 tips were generally all that was needed for most conditions. With the higher flows of late Spring, and in particular on the tributary rivers, we've also been using Rio's MOW tips in a variety of weights and lengths to get the fly down to the fish. The Heavy MOW tips, made of T-14 material, have been particularly useful, in lengths of 5, 7.5, 10 and 12.5 ft.

As with March, best colours have been pink, black, blue and orange. When fishing the Skeena and its tribs, larger flies from 2.5" to 4" in length have been most productive. Smaller flies in a variety of weights in the 1" to 2.5" range have worked the best on coastal rivers.

When targeting Steelhead, we've been using rods in the 12.5' to 13.5' ft range, for a 7 or 8 weight line on the larger rivers. Our personal favourites for this fishing include the 7126 **Sage TCX** and the 8139 **Loomis**

Dredger. When targeting Chinook specifically, we've been using heavier 9 and 10 weight rods in the 13' to 15' range. Single hand rods and switch rods have gotten the nod on the coastal rivers. In particular, I had a chance to fish a 8116 **Sage One** rod and can confirm that it's a very good rod that's ideally suited to the coast!

Rods, Reels, Lines: For Steelhead - Spey rods in the 12' to 14' range, with a **Skagit** head to match. A 7126 TCX paired with a 500 grain **Skagit Flight** and **Loomis 8139 Dredger** with a 525 grain **Skagit** are excellent choices. A good quality disc or cork drag reel (e.g. **Islander** and **Ross**) with a minimum of 150 yards of 30 lb backing. For Spring Chinook Salmon, same as above, except with heavier gear - 9 weight minimum, 10 weight better.

Sink Tips and Tippet: A 15' Type III and 15' Type VI for most shallow water applications, and a variety of **MOW** tips - medium (T-11) and heavy (T-14) for deeper and/or heavier water. Always 15 lb **Maxima Ultragreen** for Steelhead. Increase tippet to 20 lb **Maxima Ultragreen** if targeting Spring Chinook.

Flies: **Idylwilde** String Leech, Bunny Tube, Marabou Tube and Popsickle, in shrimp pink, cerise, black, blue and orange.

If you need info to book a pro fishing guide please [contact me](#) anytime.

Prince Rupert Ocean Fishing:

Salmon and Halibut fishing out of the port of Prince Rupert has been simply outstanding. One charter guide reports landing over 20 Chinook but of course his clients kept only their legal limit, plus they kept their limit on Dungeness Crab. If you would like to book an ocean trip just [contact me](#) anytime and I will do my best to get it all set up for you.



Fish from this **Grady White** for **ALL** the bottom fish plus **ALL** the Salmon, Dungeness Crab and Alaskan King Crab...with a captain who has over 40 years experience. If you are interested to book a charter please [contact me](#) anytime for **ALL** the details.

Terrace BC Canada:

Skeena Salmon Lodge Guiding



Flyfishing in Canada

Welcome to the Skeena Salmon Lodge Guiding! Our unique Lodge sits right on the banks of the salmon-rich Skeena River, surrounded by snow-covered peaks and pristine nature. In the north-western part of British Columbia, where you find Canada at its most beautiful, where lakes and rivers dazzle with their purity, and wilderness can be truly experienced, you will find some of the world's best salmon river; among them, the Skeena River, possibly Canada's best know salmon river. Join us and experience outstanding fishing while enjoying comfort of the highest standard in the primal wilderness of Canada. Thank you and tight lines, **Willi Schmidt**

Please visit our website for more info: <http://www.canada-flyfishing.com/en>

Skeena Salmon Lodge Chinook Report

Looking back, the **Skeena Salmon Lodge Guide Team** has prepared a write up on this seasons Chinook fishing. Beginning in early June, large, bright King salmon were being caught on a variety of rivers using various techniques. These early fish are generally some of the most aggressive and hardest fighting fish in the river! On smaller rivers like the Kitimat, Kiteen or Kincolith, anglers can target and catch Chinook on a variety of gear techniques as well as swinging flies with both single and double handed rods. Some of the smaller rivers like the Kincolith and Kitimat can have good numbers of Chinook in them starting in the first week of June! This year the Kitimat Kings showed up and immediately the fishing was on fire! Many fishing days had multiple hook ups and our guides were able to get clients into fish using both fly rods and gear rods.



This year the mainstem Skeena cleaned up just after the 2nd week of June. Once again, as soon as we put boats in the water we were hooking into Kings! Many people will remember this year as some of the best early season Chinook fishing in a long while. The most fish hooked in one day was 13, but these early fish are strong and will give you the fight of your life before you can even think about landing them. While the majority of fish are caught using one of several gear fishing methods, a mainstem Skeena Chinook will still attack flies and once hooked, you will have to use every possible trick to successfully play and land one of these monsters.



Moving into July, the temperatures began to soar and the fishing began to slow down. While most days still gave clients the chance to fight multiple fish, a heat wave caused both the fish and fisherman to become lazy. Moving into the middle of July, the heat wave began to break and the fishing began to pick up! Around this time, the largest of the Skeena Kings begin to enter the river and it is not unheard of to hook fish thirty, forty or fifty pounds and sometimes even bigger! Sometimes, with these fish, they can fight so hard and well that you have to chase them in the boat! Racing after an angry and strong Skeena Chinook with both reel and engine roaring desperately trying to catch the fish before your reel is empty, not many things can compare to fighting these fish. For booking or more information please contact Willi Schmidt at willi.schmidt@canada.flyfishing.com and with the end of chinook season marks the beginnings of the steelhead and coho runs...



All Northwest BC river height info:

Water is important for a number of natural resource industries and water data is not always either shared or accessible. This portal is like a clearing house for water data from a variety of sources.

One feature of the portal that may interest you is the real time and historic stream flow information for some of the rivers we fish and report on.

Cast on this link to enter the portal: <http://waterportal.geoweb.bcogc.ca/>

News Bulletin:

DFO Preliminary-2016-Salmon-Outlook-Presentation

Note: there are two PDF documents:

[Cast on this link](#) to read the 1st document

[Cast on this link](#) to read the 2nd document

DFO Fishery NOTICE regarding the Sportfishing Sockeye Salmon catch limit on the Skeena River. [Cast on this link](#) to read the notice.

Recent Top Photos:



November 22 to December 13, 2016. Pro fishing guide **Greg Buck** demonstrates "*Keep `em Wet*" catch and release technique works well for Coho (Silver) Salmon too. **If you are interested in hiring a fishing guide for river or ocean and want to learn how, where and when to catch these fish, please [contact me](#) anytime and I will help make the arrangements for a trip of a lifetime!**



November 22 to November 29, 2016. My good friend **Rob Vodola** demonstrates "*Keep `em Wet*" catch and release technique. Robby vows to promote this to encourage all other anglers to do the same. Cast on the hyperlink to see more <https://www.instagram.com/ILikeEmWetter/> Thank you Robby, this "is" a very good cause! **If you are interested in hiring a fishing guide for river or ocean and want to learn how, where and when to catch these fish, please [contact me](#) anytime and I will help make the arrangements for a trip of a lifetime!**



November 15 to November 22, 2016. Mandi Buck with a beautiful Skeena River tributary “wild” Doe Steelhead. Congratulations to Mandi for a perfect “*Keep `em Wet*” technique. We hope more and more anglers will try and pose their catch this way ☺ If you are interested in hiring a fishing guide for river or ocean and want to learn how, where and when to catch these fish, please [contact me](#) anytime and I will help make the arrangements for a trip of a lifetime



November 8 to November 15, 2016. Reiko Sumiyoshi with a beautiful Kalum River “northern” Coho (Silver) Salmon she landed this fall while being guided by **Tracey Hittel** of [Kitimat Lodge](#). If you are interested in hiring a fishing guide for river or ocean and want to learn how, where and when to catch these fish, please [contact me](#) anytime and I will help make the arrangements for a trip of a lifetime!

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1. [Noel Gyger Home Family and Friends Page](#)
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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.waterlevels.gc.ca/eng/find/region/1>

Conservation:



[Cast on this link](#) to read a summary of **NEWS** items up to December 15, 2016

Salmon Strongholds: Skeena River



The Skeena is a globally important wild salmon stronghold and Canada's second largest wild salmon river. Home to some of the largest Chinook and steelhead ever recorded, the river's combined tribal, recreational, and commercial fishing economy is worth \$110 million a year. The river and its salmon form the cultural and social bedrock of the place, where fishing is a near-universal way of life and First Nations have been celebrating and eating salmon for 5,000 years. More... [Cast here](#) to watch 2:43 minute **YouTube** video.

Northwest Coast Energy News - from Robin Rowland

Study confirms Salmon major part of **First Nations** culture during last Ice Age.
11,800 years ago

The Ice age **First Nations** in the interior of Alaska relied more heavily on salmon and freshwater fish in their diets than previously thought, according to a new study from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

First Nations of the Pacific Coast have always recognized the value of the salmon. Archaeologists have used new techniques to date the remains of salmon found in hearths back more than 11,000 years. The results now offer a more complex picture of Alaska's ice age residents, who were previously thought to have a diet dominated by terrestrial mammals such as mammoths, bison and elk.

[Cast on this link](#) to read the full story.

Rob Brown - The Skeena Angler:

We are honoured to have Rob contributing to the **Fishing Report**. Rob also contributes a weekly column to our local **Terrace Standard Newspaper**: http://www.bclocalnews.com/bc_north/terracestandard

Rob Brown blog: http://web.me.com/skeenaangler/Skeena_Angler/Blog/Blog.html

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Guest Comments:

A letter in response to Rob Brown's Skeena Angler column "Setting Them Free" by Dennis Therrien:

After reading Rob Brown's Skeena Angler column "Setting Them Free" of Oct. 29, 2014, I couldn't help but feel that the steelhead stocks must be in dire straits and are doomed to extinction, unless we take drastic steps to turn things around.

The crux of his argument is...[full letter](#)

A letter in response to Jim Culp's letter in the Terrace Standard "Stop the Brickbats" by Dennis Therrien:

After reading Jim Culp's recent letter "Stop the brickbats" of Dec. 31, 2014, I could see that both of us are on a similar path, which is to do as little harm as possible to our wild steelhead, as recreational anglers. Where our paths diverge, is on overregulation.

Rob Brown's position on regulation change his...[full letter](#)

(SSBC) The Steelhead Society of BC:



<http://www.steelheadsociety.org>

Here is the last **News Letter** that was sent out to paid up **SSBC** members via E-mail and is a brief synopsis of what **SSBC** has been up to since the last newsletter in January:

http://www.steelheadsociety.org/sites/default/files/June_2013.pdf

NEW FaceBook page link here: <https://www.facebook.com/SSBCmain>

Noel Gyger has 96 fishing video clips on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/noelgyger?feature=watch>

Total Uploaded Views as of December 13, 2016 were: **895,834**

BIG PARTY when we hit one million views !!

PLUS Noel has another 50 or so posted on his webpage:

<http://www.noelgyger.ca/video-clips-web.htm>

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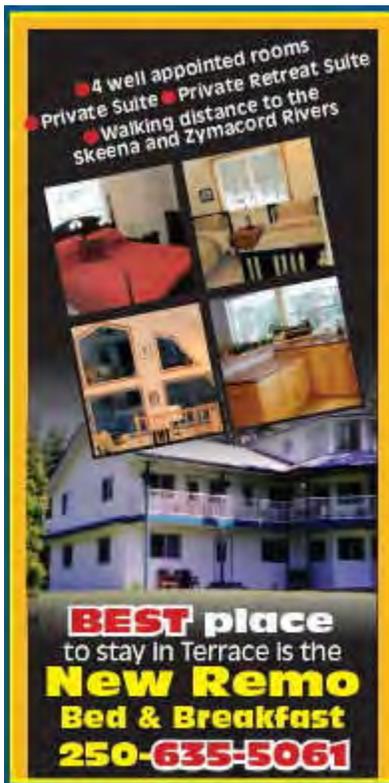
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Highway webcam:

<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

Fishing Regulations:

2015-2017 BC tidal waters and fresh-water (Federal) Salmon fishing information (including recent updates):

<http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/rec/fresh-douce/region6-eng.html>

Effective April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2017

Shellfish Contamination Closures:

www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/PSP

On-line tidal waters fishing licenses:

www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/recfish

2015-2017 **Freshwater** (Provincial) Fishing Regulations Synopsis:

<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish/regulations/#Synopsis>

Effective April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2017

Check for In-season Regulations Changes at:

www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish/regulations/#Inseason

Buy your fishing license online at:

www.fishing.gov.bc.ca

Market Place:

For Sale

SOLD

House with acreage - Old Remo BC



Unique 10 acre property bordering crown land located 20 min from Terrace BC, in Old Remo. Old growth forest and **walking distance to Skeena river for FISHING**. Character home, 4 bed rooms, 3 full baths. Guest house or rental for mortgage helper. Great for hobby farm or enjoy nature at your back door. Beautiful mountain views!
Price \$439,000 **Contact: Laurie Forbes at Remax**

For Sale

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Telkwa, BC
Bulkley Riverfront Home



Updated Bulkley Riverfront home in Telkwa features 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, and a huge sundeck. Basement has been redone with concrete in-floor heat, large master bedroom, and a very modern bathroom. The bathroom has heated concrete floors, an open-room shower, and a beautiful pedestal bathtub. Main floor has original hardwood flooring, freestanding wood stove, and a large sunroom. Great river and Hudson Bay Mountain view, large treed lot and riverside firepit.

Great Steelhead fishing 40ft from the backdoor or long run 250 yards down, good spot to keep a jet or drift boat. Best time for Steelhead Aug 15 and it is fishable until Dec 31. Also there is Coho, Chinook, Pinks and Trout. **Could be yours for \$339,000**

Contact Noel Gyger noel@noelgyger.ca for more info

For Sale

West Coast of Vancouver Islands, BC
Rogers Fishing Lodge

Owners of this Lodge say they have over 1050 guests booked thus far for 2015 season and did over \$2,000,000 in gross revenue for 2014. Certainly a real positive for any potential [Buyer to have a turn-key business](#)



Rodgers Fishing Lodge is located on the west coast of Vancouver Island about 90 miles due west of Campbell River in Esperanza Inlet. Rodgers is one of the busiest fishing lodges on the B.C. coast, entertaining over 1000 guests a year. They also enjoy one of the longest seasons on the coast, operating 19 weeks in 2013.

This will be their 31st year in the Sport Fishing business and their 20th year in Esperanza Inlet. Rodgers has shown a remarkable rate of growth over the past 3 years due mainly to an aggressive, innovative and successful marketing programme. Their gross revenue has more than doubled since 2010 and 2014 looks to be another banner year with over 550 guests already booked.

The Lodge has a location second to none as it is ideally situated to take advantage of some of the most outstanding fishing opportunities on the BC coast for Salmon, Halibut, Bottom Fish and Tuna. The addition of Tuna fishing this year will add a new dimension to the business and will add increased revenue to the months of August and September. The Tuna fishery is going to be a huge breakthrough in the future for West Coast fishing lodges. Rodgers Lodge is perfectly positioned to take advantage of it. Historically, the Tuna in their migration pattern will follow the warm water temperatures that occur along the Continental Shelf. In Rodgers Lodge's location the Continental Shelf is just 12 to 15 miles offshore as opposed to 50 miles offshore for places like Tofino and Bamfield.

Black Bear and Bald Eagles are regularly seen by the lodge. They have the largest colonies of Sea Otters on the coast and the Gray, Orca and Humpback Whales pass by on their way to and from the Bering Sea.

The owners love the business and wish that they were 30 years younger. However, they feel that it is now time to turn the reins over to someone who shares the same passion for the outdoors and who is looking for a wonderful rewarding lifestyle.

Asking price \$1,199,000

Please [contact Noel Gyger](#) if you are interested.

For Sale

ECO Tour Tenure license for sale:

It ranges from the Bulkley bridge just above the Suskwa down stream to Hazelton. Then down stream through Terrace to the salt water. Takes in the Bulkley down stream to Hazelton, Skeena, Zymoetz, Kalum, Lakelse, Kasiks, Exstew, Khyex. The Seven sisters hiking trails, Pretty much everything downstream of Hazelton. Great rafting, jet boat rivers, Bird and wildlife viewing, scenery. [Contact Noel Gyger](#) if you are interested.

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