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Top Photo: December 11, 2012. Local angler, Dennis Therrien with a very nice Kalum River winter Steelhead. If you are interested to book a fully guided fishing trip for Steelhead, Salmon or any fish please [contact Noel Gyger](#) anytime. **Cast on photo to view in larger size**

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Commentary: Wind: N 9km/h Partly cloudy (+1 degrees C) **Happy New Year everyone!** Finally temperature warming up, time to GO fishing and break some new trails! Steelhead are the main target fish now on a few very special rivers. Trout (Cutthroat and Rainbow) and Dolly Varden Char are always available in the rivers, streams and lakes. Check out the size of the Steelhead and Salmon 2012 runs in the Skeena River [Tyee Test Fishery](#) section below. **NOTICE:** [please send me pics](#) of your catch, I would love to post them. **Note:** **NEW Product Profile:** [Islander Reels www.islander.com](#) **Note:** **For Rent** Fully furnished quaint cottage near Lakelse and Skeena Rivers, scroll to [Accommodation](#) section near end of this webpage. **Note:** We would like to **WELCOME Avid Sportfishing** on board, see [Haida Gwaii - Queen Charlotte Islands](#) section. **Note:** **The BEST place to stay and fish in Terrace BC is New Remo Bed & Breakfast and in Smithers BC is Santernos B&B** <http://www.santernos.com> Phone 1-250-876-8951. **Note:** **B&B For Sale** in Smithers BC scroll to [Market Place](#) section near end of this webpage. **Note:** Noel Gyger [YouTube](#) videos have received over 718,000 views. **Note:** **Jamie Hunt** of the [Great Pacific Salmon Lodge](#) reports for Prince Rupert **Note:** **November 2012 FULL** reports just posted, see link above. **Note:** guests **Phil Deol, Fred Whitford, James Grimes, Dillon Peters, Peter Jones, Vivian and Ken Lopetinsky** and **Aaron Fitzpatrick** sent pics and reports of their trips this year, see [Guest Reports and Photos - 2012 Season Review](#) section. **Update:** for the [Copper, Kalum, Skeena](#). **Update:** [Avid Sportfishing](#) Sign up to receive our E-newsletters and email notifications on last minute deals, see [Haida Gwaii - Queen Charlotte Islands](#) section. More updates will 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** **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.**

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Luanne Roth, Marine Director **Prince Rupert Environmental Society** 250 627 4201
 For more info scroll to the [Conservation](#) section. A wild Salmon will thank you!

Mon Dec 31/12 5:18am

Skeena River:

Weather finally warming up. River is very low and in good shape. It is starting to ice up along the edges. Most of the Steelhead have gone through but there is still a chance to catch some. Trout and Dolly Varden Char fishing is very good and is available year round. **Reg:** all wild Steelhead everywhere in British Columbia are catch and release. The Steelhead run is very strong. Check out the [Tyee Test Fishery](#) charts below. Here is a direct link to the [Steelhead chart](#). **Tip:** 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. The Coho (Silver) Salmon run is below average. Here is a direct link to the [Coho chart](#). Many anglers are catching both Steelhead and Coho in the same day. The weather forecast is very good over the next few days, so get out there and catch some fish. If you need a fishing guide just [contact me anytime](#).

Sample Skeena River heights below:



Cast on link for current Skeena River water heights

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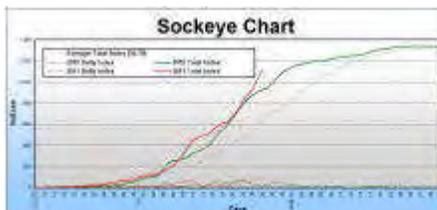
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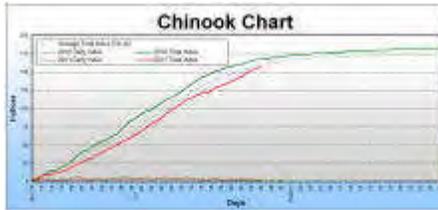
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Sockeye Charts

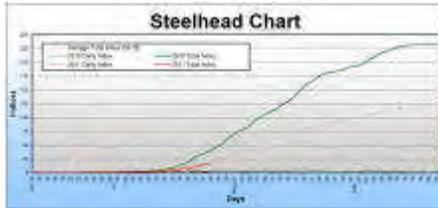
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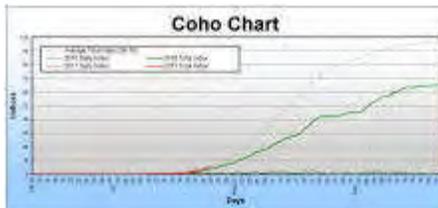
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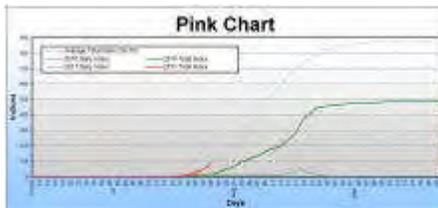
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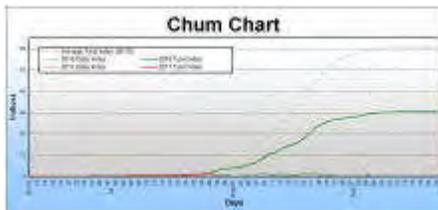
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Pink Charts



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Chum Charts



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Kitimat Lodge



Tracey Hittel, owner [Kitimat Lodge](#) steelheading for himself now that his guiding season is over.
In-season Fishing Reports and Photos will be posted here:

Mon Dec 31/12 5:17am

Kalum River:

Water very low. Both lower and upper sections are fishing well for Steelhead. This river seems to have all three runs of Steelhead, spring, summer and fall. The fall run, from my experience, is the largest. So if you are coming to the Kalum to fish for Steelhead I would suggest the fall, starting mid September to end of October. This river usually does not freeze over in the winter. It will freeze if conditions are right and that would be if it is very cold and snowing. Slush forms and starts to back up the water when it hits the rocks. This slows the river to such an extent it freezes over. So far so good this year. The fishing guides can guide from April to November 1. If you are interested to book a trip [contact me](#) anytime. Guides and rod-days are very limited on this river so book soon. **Warning:** Jet boater be very cautious as a few new channels on the lower end have formed and logs are nearly across the river.

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. **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..

Lakelse River:

New report coming soon...

Zymoetz (Copper) River:

Mon Dec 31/12 5:17am

The water is very low and in good shape and fishing for Steelhead was fabulous. I say was because the river is started to fill up with ice flows. The weather is very cold. I've had reports of some great catches. I have also heard it is very crowded Monday through Thursday but not so on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. This is probably due to new regulations put in this year. **Fact:** Last year we had a record run of Steelhead, lets hope we have good run this year. **Tip:** check the **Tyee Test Fishery** charts and see the numbers for Steelhead, they look real good. The fly rods work extremely well in this 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. **Where:** Sockeye fishermen are working the bars across from the Copper River. Fly fishing is the choice of many anglers on this river. Wading with quality [Simms](#) waders and accessories is the way to go. A friend of mine is very happy with his new [Islander](#) fly reel. [Trophy XL](#) fly rod, [Cortland Line](#) and [Maxima Tippet](#). **Tip:** Fly fishermen please wade safely by using a wading staff. [Trophy XL](#) makes a nice one in 7 sections. Easily folds up and stores in a pouch on the waist.

Sample Zymoetz (Copper) River heights below:



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

http://www.wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/graph/graph_e.html?stn=08EF005

Kitimat River:

Sat Dec 22/12 5:07am

This river usually has a good run of Cutthroat Trout due to the Federal Hatchery and because the Provincial Government funds a tagging program. Much is learned about numbers, health, spawning and migration.

Fri Nov 16/12 5:11am

The river is on the rise from the local rain but conditions are holding. The Salmon runs are over for another year. Now anglers can focus on the good Trout fishing. Both fly and spin works well. The Steelhead run is in the spring; April and May is prime-time. If you need more info or you wish to book a guided drift boat trip please [contact me anytime](#). This river has a power-boat ban.

Sample Kitimat River waters heights below:



Cast on link for current Kitimat River water heights:

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Douglas Channel:

Winter Springs are slow right now. Crab and Pawning is excellent.

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Sat Dec 22/12 5:07am

Fishing Report from [Oscar's Source for Sports](#) in Smithers, BC

Ice fishing has started in the Houston and Burns Lake area. A few people have ventured out onto Call Lake... Be sure to check on ice thickness before venturing out on any of our local lakes....

Hello Noel, I'd like to introduce you to **Friends of Morice-Bulkley** (we call ourselves FOMB). Friends of Morice-Bulkley are a grass-roots community group deeply concerned about proposed Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline.

Check out our website www.friendsofmoricebulkley.ca for our take on the pipeline and links to research on the risks the pipeline poses to the steelhead and salmon resources of the Morice and greater Skeena. You will also find FOMB's evidence to the Gateway joint review panel on the genetically unique trophy rainbow trout of Babine Lake. You can now also find us on FaceBook and Twitter.

Best,

Dawn

Prince Rupert Ocean Fishing:

Great Pacific Salmon Lodge

Reg: Halibut Fishery closed September 9, 2012 [Cast on this link for Official Notice](#)



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Simple report.

AND... This is only the beginning of August. I cant wait for this part of the season to REALLY kick in.

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Tue Dec 18/12 5:05am

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The photo of the week shows that very special "double-header" Steelhead landed by my two fishing buddies Larry Graves and Bruce Knudson on the Kalum River this last November. This was the same day that Bruce landed his largest Steelhead ever. As a conservation measure, as fishing guides, we cannot guide on the Kalum River until March 15, consequently, that is the date when our season starts. It's actually a better time to fish because there are more fish in the river (a spring run comes in) and the weather is better.

Dear Fishing Friends:

Correction... I thought all along that the article Dave Vedder wrote titled "North Country Springtime Steelhead" would be published in the Dec. - Jan.'97 issue of "Salmon Trout Steelheader" magazine but it will not. I have it confirmed, from the magazine, that it will be published in the next issue Jan. - Feb. '97.

For your information... Another article has been written about our spring time Steelhead fishing. It's written by Jack Berryman and is titled "Spring Steelhead on BC's Kitsumkalum" will be coming-out in the Jan. - Feb. '97 issue of the "Northwest Fishing Holes" magazine.

If you cannot obtain a copy of those magazines, I will be happy to e-mail the text of the articles to you.

There is still GOOD STEEHEADING available in the Terrace area, the only problem is access to the rivers with all the snow on the ground, closing off access roads.

For **ALL** reports cast here: <http://www.noelgyger.ca/past-fishing-reports.htm>

Vintage Video Clips

Fall Steelhead - 1997



Brad Rimek, Rob Vodola and I fished for Steelhead on the Zymoetz (Copper) River late fall 1997. We had a great day. Cast on the link below to watch the video:

[Video Clip 0010](#) (Brad Rimek WOW – WOW that's all I got to say)

The small screen WMV video plays for only 59 seconds.

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Hope to hear from you soon. Take care. Best regards, Noel Gyger

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Guest Reports and Photos - 2012 Season Review:



Paul Deol sent me these pics. Here is a nice Chinook (King) Salmon. He said he had a great trip with Tracey Hittel of [Kitimat Lodge](#) He also said he wants to come back next year. Thanks for sending the pics Paul. If you are interested to book a trip with Tracey please [contact me](#) anytime.



Hi Noel, Fished the lower Kitimat River for 10 days had a blast despite the high water. Lots of catch and release, but we did keep one the last day 16lbs. Feel free to use the pictures. Enjoy your on line stuff. Thank you. Fred Whitford



Note from Noel: Above is my good friend James Grimes who is a past guest of mine when I had the lodge. I am so happy his friends and family are still coming back to enjoy our beautiful fishery.

Here is a report from Jim in his own words:

Halfway through our flight to Smithers the pilot came on the radio and said Smithers was fogged in and we would land in Terrace. We were expecting a little wait in Terrace. Not to be-they announced a bus ride to Smithers. A nice 2-1/2 hour scenic ride parallel to the Skeena river.

They have a new fishing regulation this year that basically closes all the Skeena tributaries to fishing by non-residents on the weekends. You also must buy a tag each day depending on fishing conditions for the river you are going to fish. These tags range from \$20 to \$40 depending on the river. I would be fishing with a fellow named Tim who had fished the rivers last year. We thought we would be fishing the Kispiox the most so we booked a B&B near there. Since the Kispiox was at a forty year low Tim decided to camp in Smithers. This met an hour drive for one of us to meet up each day.

There were two small areas of the Skeena that were open to non-residents so we fished one of them on Sunday in a light rain (the only rain on the trip). Did fish some decent water but neither of us got a fish. Monday we bank fished the Bulkley River with good results. I was 5/7 with a 16lb fish my biggest and Tim was 2/11 with a problem landing fish. Tuesday it was the Kispiox which was extremely low. I managed 3 for 4 with another 16lb buck and Tim was 1/3. The next 3 days we did the same float on the Bulkley where I ended up going 5/14 and Tim got back in the groove and landed several fly fishing and spoon throwing. This was my first experience in an individual pontoon. The river was extremely easy to float except for one rapid at the take out. I got ahead of Tim on the first float and did it all wrong but came out OK with a couple expletives shouted. The next 2 days I followed Tim through.

Saturday Tim and I did some intensive exploring since the Skeena was out and we encountered one bear. Sunday I just packed up and drove back to Smithers for an 8:00 PM uneventful flight back to Vancouver.

Note from Noel: Check out the video link below, I think it should be titled **Steelhead Gentle Release**



A video Link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TWChEwhdVHg>

Jim Grimes

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Thank you for all the fond memories Jim, you made my day...
Best regards, Noel



Hi Noel, we had plans to come fish the Terrace and Kitimat area rivers but we did not simply because the fishing on the Morice was too dam good! These are a couple of pics from our first day (of 3) on the Morice and Bulkley. Thanks and take care. Dillon Peters



Chinook (King) Salmon Chum (Dog) Salmon



Sockeye (Red) Salmon Coho (Silver) Salmon

Hi Noel, **Here's my testimonial:**

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To all the staff at [Kitimat Lodge](#) and Noel Gyger, I wish you all and all of yours, **Merry Christmas, Happy New Year** and GOD BLESS

See you next summer!

Your friend,
Pete Jones



Hi Noel: My husband and I booked a day of great fishing with Tracy Hittel of [Kitimat Lodge](#). The weather was unbelievable - the ocean was calm and the fishing was worth the trip. My husband caught an 80lb. Halibut apparently the largest Tracy's clients caught this season. We will consider booking Tracy again in the future.

Merry Christmas

Vivian and Ken



(Top left) A limit of Dundas Coho's caught by Aaron Fitzpatrick, Shane Fitzpatrick, Leigh Roberts and Jim Fitzpatrick of Washington State, USA.

(Top right) Shane Fitzpatrick of Olympia Washington 1st Halibut caught while fishing with his dad and two Grandfathers.

Hi Noel, I fished, self guided with my own boat, out of Kincolith BC at **Eagle Point Lodge**. We rented a cabin there. Hope you and your readers enjoy the pics.

Thank you.
Aaron Fitzpatrick

NOTE: Some of the above fishermen did not use a fishing guide (this year) but when you are new to an area the best thing to do is hire a fishing guide. [Contact me](#) anytime to hire the BEST guides. I have been in this business for over 30 years and I know them all.

Past Top Photos:



Posted December 1 to December 11, 2012. Here is Tracey Hittel, owner [Kitimat Lodge](#) steelheading for himself now that his guiding season is over. If you are interested to book a fully guided fishing trip for Steelhead, Salmon or any fish please [contact Noel Gyger](#) anytime. **Cast on photo to view in larger size**



Posted November 22 to December 1, 2012 Tracey Hittel, owner [Kitimat Lodge](#) helps his guest hold up a beautiful Skeena trib wild Steelhead caught while spey fly fishing. Tracey and his team of AAG (Assistant Angling Guides) really know their stuff to get their guests into Steelhead and Salmon. If you are interested to book a fully guide fishing trip for Steelhead or any fish please [contact Noel Gyger](#) anytime.



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Conservation

Tue Dec 25/12 6:15am

From TheCanadian.org: Rafe: Environment Becoming Top Issue

How the Environment is Becoming the Top Issue for Canadians

How much is our wild salmon worth? What price on our rivers and the ecologies they sustain? Is there any financial arrangement that will compensate for the loss of our coastal fauna and flora as well as the people who, for centuries, have been sustained by those resources? Incidentally, a recent UBC study found that a single oil spill from tankers on BC's coast could wipe out all the economic gains of the Enbridge pipeline... There is this notion that we must continue to "progress", which is code for "money talks and when it does one should bow down in grateful obeisance to the god Mammon and forever hold our tongues." I reject that notion. We can progress and prosper without placing our entire outdoors at the certain risk of destruction.

[Cast here to read full article](#)

Thu Dec 20/12 5:09am

Is this the answer? Oil by rail; rail inspectors; rail monitoring; spur line to a new open water port away from the Douglas Channel.

Embattled oil producers quietly eye rail

On a clear day, the waters that roll into Prince Rupert's industrial port offer a clear view to open seas that stretch to the other side of the world. Only steps from those waters lie train tracks that connect this distant northern port with the heart of North America, including the oil sands.

Those tracks offer exporters a more direct connection to Asia than any other place in North America outside Alaska. It's an advantage of proximity that has already brought coal, grain and containers to these shores. Now, some believe Canada's energy industry should do the same, arguing that rail may have a clearer route to Pacific oil exports than Northern Gateway, the \$6-billion Enbridge Inc. project that has been embroiled in controversy.

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

Sun Dec 16/12 5:05am

West Coast oil tanker spill clean-up could cost \$9.6B

UBC study looks at impacts of major spill from tankers servicing Northern Gateway Pipeline

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Sun Dec 16/12 5:05am

Friends of Wild Salmon - Reflecting on the past year and the work ahead

On behalf of Friends of Wild Salmon, I'd like to wish all of our supporters the very best of the holiday season.

The past year was a busy one for the Friends of Wild Salmon coalition. The Joint Review Panel process for the Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline continues and FOWS played a key role in organizing educational events and rallies in the region. Enbridge is pouring money into its corporate ad campaign but [a recent poll](#) shows an increasing majority of British Columbians don't want to see the pipeline built. *That's good news!*

We have also been working to strengthen the foundation of our coalition. In November, we held a general meeting and chose a new steering committee to direct our work into the future. More folks are getting involved, our spirit is revitalized and our resolve to protect wild salmon has never been greater!

Of course, Friends of Wild Salmon's work is only possible with the help of people like you. Will you help support our grassroots efforts by making a year-end donation of \$25, \$50 or \$100? Every penny of your donation will be put towards grassroots salmon conservation efforts here in Northwest B.C.

[Click here to donate to Friends of Wild Salmon via our website.](#)

If you prefer to donate by cheque, please make your cheque payable to Friends of Wild Salmon and mail it to us at Box 2803, Smithers, BC, V0J 2N0.

Warmest regards,

The Steering Committee

[Friends of Wild Salmon](#)

Sun Dec 16/12 5:05am

Notice from: Friends of Morice - Bulkley



Support: FOMB and Give a Gift of Conservation this Christmas

Signed, matted prints of Anne Havard's watercolour painting *Steelhead* and Dawn Remington's oil painting *Mist on the Morice* are available at the *One of a Kind: Artisan Christmas Gift Shop* in the Smithers Art Gallery until December 22nd. The artists have donated their artwork and all proceeds will go to supporting the wild salmon and steelhead conservation work of [Friends of Morice-Bulkley](#).

One of a Kind is a Christmas gift shop loaded with unique, handcrafted items by local and regional artisans. The Art Gallery is located in the Central Park Building (corner of Main St and Hwy 16). Gallery hours are Tuesday-Friday 12pm-5pm, Saturday 10am-5pm.

A wild Salmon will thank you for it!

Tue Dec 11/12 5:03am

Letter to the International community

Hello, Last December, my lawyer Greg McDade made a prediction that was recorded in the Cohen Commission testimony - that within 12 months the federal government would attempt to strip the lab I am using to test for ISA virus of its international status.

He was right. They are trying.

In response I went back to the wealth of information Justice Cohen and his Counsel Brock Martland gave us on ISA virus in BC and laid out what is known to the Director General of the Organization of International Epizootics (OIE).

7 labs have detected ISA virus in BC, 4 of them are federal government labs, whose results have been hidden, muzzled or misrepresented in government communications

Only 1 lab says 100% of his tests have been negative - Dr. Gary Marty, Provincial farm fish audit lab. His lab is now an outlier.

1 lab is non-government and thus harder to muzzle - that is the one the CFIA has gone after.

Last spring government drafted Bill 37 that would have made this research punishable by 2 years in jail.

The CFIA is clearly under pressure too.

The workers in the fish farm industry must feel uncertain about their future as does everyone depending on the wild fish economy. This virus is well known to damage their industry, which is already on its knees running out of food and customers.

I am asking the Director General of the OIE to cast an international eye on what is happening in BC, in hopes that we will be able to finish this work without escalating harassment.

Here is my letter to Dr. Bernard Vallat, DG of the OIE <http://alexandramorton.typepad.com>

I could really use your help. Everyone needs to speak up, there is a petition on the site above. Share widely so people know they can help.

If you want to know the extent of what is going on please read my blog. This is sheer nonsense, in a high-stakes game that *everyone* loses; the shareholders, trade partners, fish farm workers, the wild salmon economy, politicians the wild salmon of the North Pacific and everyone that comes after us.

Alexandra Morton

Sun Dec 9/12 5:03am

Federal resources minister stops short of endorsing Northern Gateway pipeline

Joe Oliver's speech at Calgary's Petroleum Club raises questions

The federal government appears to be backing away from its strong support of the Northern Gateway pipeline

[Cast here to read the full article in the Calgary Herald](#)

Wed Dec 5 /12 5:03am

From TheCanadian.org: Food Agency Attacks Lab Over Salmon Virus / Enbridge Shipping Tar Sands East

Food Safety Agency Should Protect Public, Not Cover up Virus for Salmon Farming Industry - by Damien Gillis

The federal agency embroiled in the recent XL Meats tainted beef scandal is at it again - this time leading efforts to cover up a potentially catastrophic farmed salmon flu-like viral outbreak on BC's coast. Charged with ensuring your food is safe to eat, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) increasingly appears to be acting as a political arm of the Harper Government and an inept custodian of Canadian trade which will do our export business far more harm than good in the long run. [Cast here for full story](#)

Enbridge's Line 9: Shipping Tar Sands Crude East - by Joyce Nelson

In a move that could cost him significant political support, federal NDP leader Thomas Mulcair has endorsed controversial west-to-east pipeline proposals that would move tar sands crude from Alberta through Ontario and Quebec to Atlantic Canada and points beyond...But according to Alberta Federation of Labour president Gil McGowan, "The bottom line is Alberta is selling the wrong product . The glut of bitumen on the market is a result of bitumen looking for appropriate refineries. If the product was SCO , we could be selling the product to any refinery in North America." As well, many pipeline safety issues could be avoided. [Cast here for full story](#)

Mon Dec 3 /12 5:00am

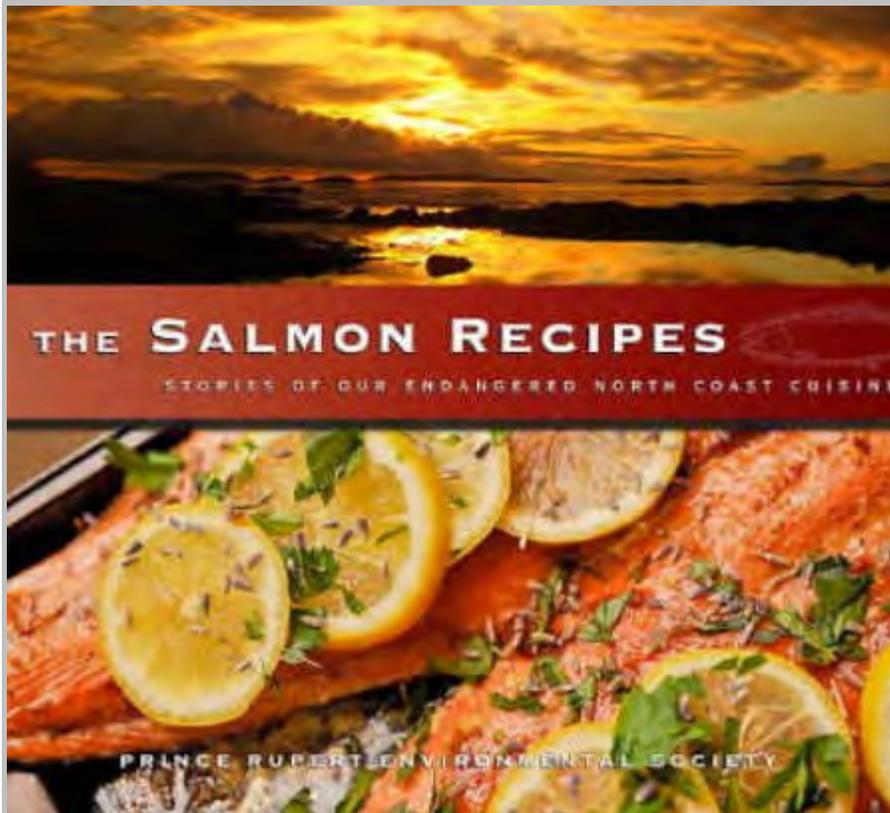
Terrace environmental group turns down chamber of commerce award

Skeena Wild Conservation Trust was one of three nominees picked for the Green award which is sponsored by Enbridge and which is one of the categories making up the Terrace and District Chamber of Commerce's annual Business Excellence Awards.

But Skeena Wild and fellow nominees the **Lakelse Watershed Society** and local clothier **Urban Colour** all declined their nominations prior to winners being announced at a chamber banquet Nov.24. [Cast here to read the full story](#)

Sat Nov 8/12 5:10am

book launch aka salmon vs supertanker 4



Hello all,

"THE SALMON RECIPES Stories of our Endangered North Coast Cuisine"

is finally printed! **We are organizing a book launch at the Museum of Northern BC on Friday November 16th at 7pm. 100 1st Ave West, Prince Rupert.** I know some of you won't be able to make it over from the villages or Haida Gwaii but if you can't come in person send some family or friends to see the book, help us celebrate and pick up a copy for you. The more the merrier! There will be readings and refreshments and a no host bar.

If you can't make it and want me to mail your copy, just send me your address. Also anyone can order the book online www.saveourskeenasalmon.org it is 19.99 (24.49 with tax and shipping included).

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the launch. I can't wait to see the book with everyone else and actually hold it in my hands.

If you are on FaceBook check out The Book Launch event
<http://www.facebook.com/events/504127256273282/>

So storytellers, cooks, and photographers- spread the word about our new book - hope to see you there.

Luanne

Luanne Roth

Marine Director **Prince Rupert Environmental Society** 250 627 4201

Rob Brown - The Skeena Angler

I am honoured to have Rob contributing to my **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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December 19, 2012

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November 28, 2012

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News updates:

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Wed May 2/12 5:00pm

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[Northwest BC man pleads guilty to illegal guiding](#)

Sun April 8/12 5:00pm

[Safety and survival on water](#)

Fri June 8/12 5:00pm

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<http://www.youtube.com/profile?user=noelgyger>

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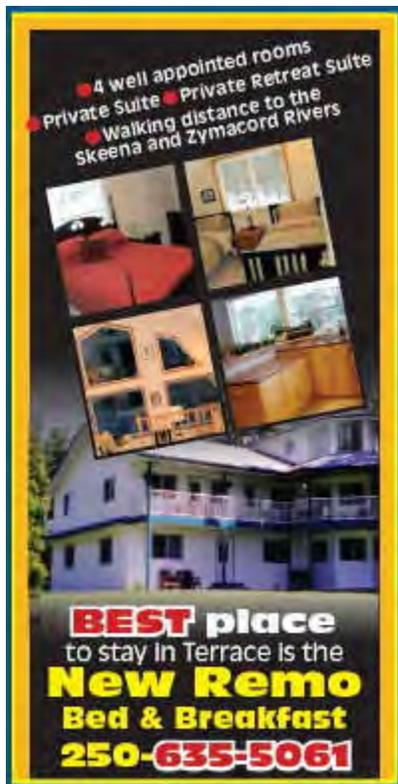
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Highway webcam:

<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:

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

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

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

Shellfish Contamination Closures:

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

On-line tidal waters fishing licenses:

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

2011-2013 **Freshwater (Provincial)** Fishing Regulations Synopsis:

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

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

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

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