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**Top Photo: Current:** Posted Wednesday January 11, 2011. Tracey Hittel with a beautiful winter Steelhead. Tracey is the owner of the [Kitimat Lodge](#). Obviously, Tracey is enjoying the opportunity to fish for himself in the off-season before guiding starts again in April.

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## River, Ocean and Lake Reports

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*Last update was Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at 2:26pm*

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**Commentary:** Weather cloudy with sunny breaks (+2 degrees C) Good runs of Steelhead are noted...plus good local Trout fishing. Warmer weather is here now. Let's hope, with this rain, the river conditions stay fishable. If you go stay warm and dry and be safe. **Noel Gyger has over 100 fishing video clips posted on YouTube, watch fishing videos til you drop! Update: Product Profile: Ace LineHauler [www.acehauleder.com](http://www.acehauleder.com) Update: Photo of the Week (Dec 25/11 and Jan 1/12) posted. **Click on the photo for a larger size. Update:** for Skeena, Kalum Rivers. **Update:** the FULL monthly report for December is now posted. **Update:** Read the article from the [Great Pacific Salmon Lodge](#) of Prince Rupert who had an outstanding year. **Update:** Kalum River. **Update:** Noel Gyger lists all his FaceBook pages. **Update: Beautiful fishing home FOR SALE less than 10 minutes from the Skeena River**, details and pics in the [Market Place](#) section below. **Update: Top Photo** has changed, to see ALL past Top Photos for January scroll down to the [Past Top Photos](#) section. **Update:** from **Jamie Hunt** of the [Great Pacific Salmon Lodge](#) out of Prince Rupert, with a **new** exciting video. **Update: Robin Rowland** re Ecojustice challenges fairness of JRP, PMO responds with another attack on "foreign radicals". 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****

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.

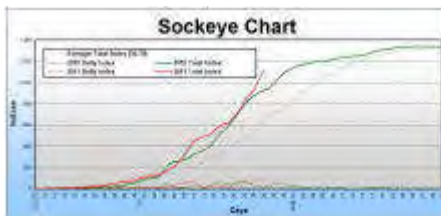
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#### Skeena River:

Water is barely fishable. Some great Steelhead can still be had. Plus some good Trout Fishing. Lots of ice flow in the river now. Be careful walking on the ice near the edge of the river. **Reg:** all wild Steelhead everywhere in British Columbia are catch and release. 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. [Sockeye](#) fishing is great. **News:** The Sockeye run on the Skeena is predicted to be low this year but chart below shows an 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.

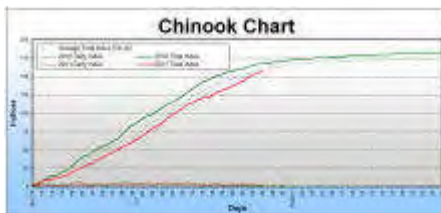
**LAST UPDATE:** Sat September 24/11 Cast on PDF links for current view of Charts  
**Note:** Tyee Test Fishery is shut down for this year.

## Sockeye Charts



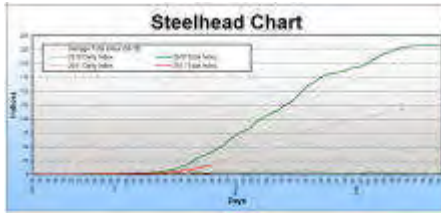
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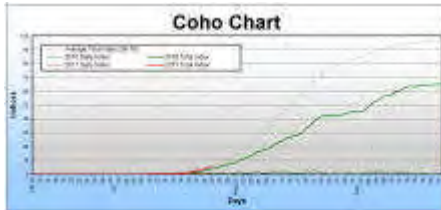
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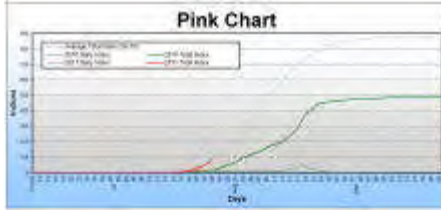
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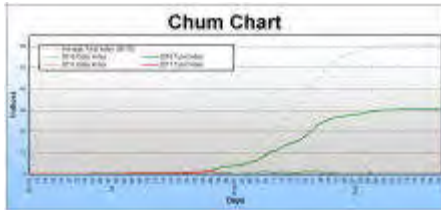
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Direct Link to Skeena River water heights  
[http://www.wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/graph/graph\\_e.html?stn=08EF001](http://www.wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/graph/graph_e.html?stn=08EF001)



**Fri December 30/11 5:10am**

**Kitimat Lodge BC Canada Fishing Report - December 26, 2011**



Merry Christmas from all of us at the Kitimat Lodge. The winter is treating us quite well as you can see in the photos attached. My fishing partners and fellow guides, Big Steelie Phil, and Darren connected with a pod of Steelhead this past week and as you can tell the one Steelhead is as fresh as your ever going to see, a very healthy female fresh from the sea. With a bit of snow on the local paths we as Steelheaders have to take extreme measures, a canoe, and a strong back and we were in Steelhead Heaven. Our day was filled with many Bald Eagles, numerous hook-ups with large Bull Trout and the river to ourselves. The Saltwater of the Douglas Channel in Kitimat is alive with Winter Chinooks and fresh Crabs, not to mention Killer and Humpback Whales in the local arm of the Channel. Have a Happy New Year and see you in 2012.

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**Tue January 31/12 5:10am**

**Kalum River:**

A good run of Steelhead is in the river now. I have reports of some good catches. The upper end is in good shape. The lower end, due to rain, is starting to colour up. **How to:** This is a good river to float fish a Pink Worm or Goopy 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.

**Fishing report January 9th 2012**



Hi Noel, We had a nice day fishing on the Kalum today. My wife Deanna caught several Dolly Varden and a Rainbow. I had one Steelhead on but it escaped before I could get it to the bank. Deanna was using a [3/16oz TM Croc spoon](#) and I was fishing a leach pattern fly on a sink tip with my 9wt. **Sage Z-axis** rod.

During our walk on the river we encountered a moose about 30 feet in front of us. It turned and swam through the middle of the pool we were about to fish. I snapped a couple photos as it reached the other side of the river. We are looking forward to our next day out.

Andrew Rushton

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**Fishing report January 9th 2012**

My son-in-law Dennis reports he went fishing for Steelhead with his friend Willie on the Kalum River on Sunday, January 8. He said the water was higher than normal for this time of year and a little coloured. Fishing was slow but his friend landed two Steelhead with his fly rod. They forgot to bring their cameras.

**Thu December 1 /11 2:45pm**

**Lakelse River:**

The water is clean and fishing for Trout is excellent.

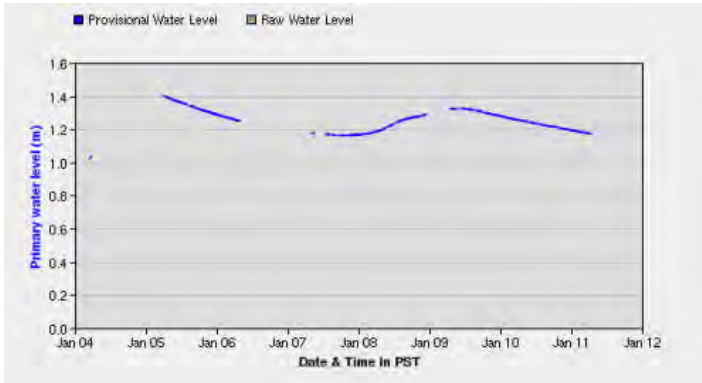
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**Zymoetz (Copper) River:**



Water is low and in good shape but frozen over in some spots and ice flowing in the main current. Fishing for Steelhead was excellent before end of Dec 2011. Upper end is closed for fishing...to protect the wintering over Steelhead. **Facts:** Last year we had a record run of Steelhead, lets hope at least we have another good run this year. 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.

**Thu January 12/12 5:10am** Current Zymoetz (Copper) River heights below:



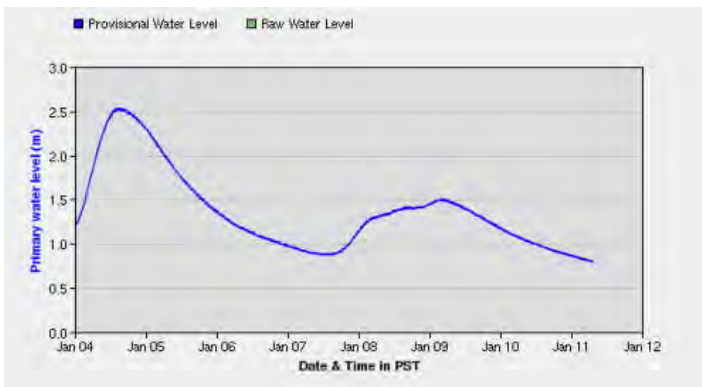
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**Kitimat River:**

**Wed November 2/11 5:10am**

Kitimat River has dropped and is in good shape. Coho closed October 31st so time to get your Trout gear out.

**Thu January 12/12 5:10am** Current Kitimat River waters heights below:



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**List of Noel Gyger FaceBook pages:**

1. [Noel Gyger Home Family and Friends Page](#)
2. [Skeena River Guided Spey Fly Fishing](#)
3. [BC Steelhead Fishing Guides](#)
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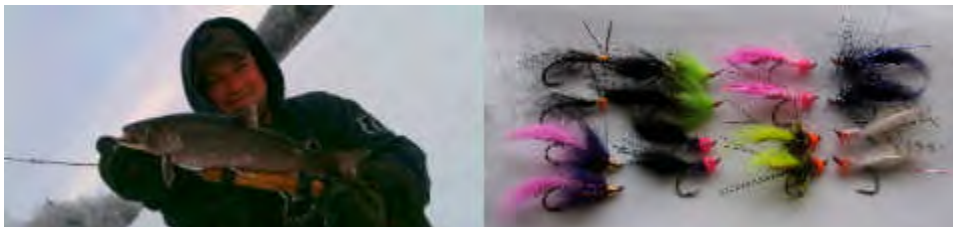
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[Webflyz B.C.](#) has full filled more orders than any other **Christmas** season, and a **HUGE thank you is in order to all of you that support local fly tyers!** Recently I had some family visit and wanted to catch fish. So we went to a close, good producing BROOK trout Lake by the name of **CALL LAKE**.



We all caught fish, and this light colored one was the fish of the day, expressing almost ALBINO colors.



The other Brook trout were much darker and typical looking. Damsels, leeches and a few other [FLIES by WEBFLYZ B.C.](#) were used to fool this group of trout that topped the scales this week at just over 3 lbs. My son had a great idea for a **FLY** and built a **2 inch egg-sukin' TAPEWORM** and he caught the first 3 fish with that fly of his! Very satisfying watching your offspring build something and catch fish with it as well!



All of our fish ended up being smoked and tasted very good!



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### [Guest Reports and Photos:](#)

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### Going fishing!

Hi Noel, **Happy New Year!**

Looking through last season's pics I found a couple of shots, which you might like to use as illustrations on your website. They are not about "big fish" but rather about "going fishing", this is taking time, enjoying the landscape and the wildlife, feeling excited as every cast could produce a world record fish, being with friends etc.

The photos were taken by Kermit and Tom Sept. 2011.

Best wishes Tom Beusiman

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Bill Johnson with another nice Babine River Steelhead. Thank you very much for the photo Bill. Happy New Year... Noel

Past Top Photos:



**Photo posted Dec 27/11 to Jan 11/12.** Darren Bisson with a beautiful winter doe Steelhead. This is one of the nicest pics of a winter Steelhead I have ever seen. Darren is an AAG (Assistant Angling Guide) for Tracey Hittel of [Kitimat Lodge](#). Obviously Darren is enjoying the off season going fishing for himself. Thank you for allowing me to use your pic. This is truly winter Steelheading at its BEST...

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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%202011/>

Hey all. We just received this bit of press and I thought you would enjoy reading it:

**To read to full article in a clearer PDF file just cast here:**

<http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/great-pacific-adventure.pdf>

Bookings are moving very fast for 2012, I am sure this is just going to speed things up. We still have some great booking days available. Call me ASAP to make sure you get the dates you need.

# Great Pacific Adventure

By T.J. Schwanky

There are many towns and cities across British Columbia that claim to be the salmon capital of the world but I'm not sure you'd find a place more deserving than Prince Rupert. This quaint little coastal town has been the hub of salmon fishing activity since the late 1800s when countless commercial canneries dotted the nearby shorelines. While a profitable commercial fishery still exists in the region, it's sport fishing now, however, that brings most fishermen to Prince Rupert. For some reason, I'd never fished this region so when SCI supporter, Jamie Hunt of Great



Pacific Salmon Lodge suggested we come up and check out his new lodge, Vanessa and I jumped at the opportunity. We managed to talk a few friends into joining us and Jamie gave us run of the lodge. We'd be his only guests for four days.

Vanessa and I arrived a day early which gave us the opportunity to check out the town and enjoy some of the local fare. Right

along the waterfront adjacent to our hotel was the Cow Bay Shopping District. This historic part of town offers a number of great shops and fabulous restaurants; the highlight of which was dinner at the Cow Bay Café. This tiny little restaurant is world renowned for their fusion cuisine and reservations are an absolute must. The town is also rife with totem poles and being real fans of these Native monuments, Vanessa and I took a few hours to go check them out. Many were brought over from Vancouver Island and the Queen Charlottes many years ago and they are unquestionably some of the most incredible totem



poles I've ever seen.

Spending a day in town was a great way to acclimate to the West Coast pace but we were ready to go fishing the following day. Great Pacific Salmon Lodge is the only lodge right in Prince Rupert. It is located on a sleepy little island directly across from town so despite Prince Rupert only being a few minute boat ride away, you still feel like you are in a wilderness setting. The lodge itself is a converted house and it offers all of the amenities, including a chef that offers up some of the most incredible West Coast cuisine. Jamie has a fleet of three well-appointed boats with guides and also offers a service for anglers wishing to utilize their own boats and fish on their own.

The first day found us heading north for a couple of hours and as we rounded the corner of a particularly rocky point, our guide, Matt Anderson, pointed to a steep rock wall. "We'll start there."

Matt worked quickly to set up a couple rods with cut-plug herring and in no time both downrigger cables were singing in the morning breeze. We were right at the tail end of the

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## Jamie Hunt via Great Pacific Salmon Lodge

A little video of our Lodge. Make sure you pick up the fishing issue of Outdoor Canada for a great story wrote by Patrick



**Operation Tye: The Movie – Outdoor Canada**  
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Down below is a video teaser for my adventure travel feature "Operation Tye," which appears in the Fishing 2012 issue of Outdoor Canada magazine (on newsstands February 5). Many of the images shown here do not appear in the print article. The following events took place July 17 to 19 in Chatham Sou...

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Steve Hidber - Oscars Source for Sports, Smithers BC [www.oscarssports.com](http://www.oscarssports.com)



**Christmas Sale Event**

River fishing is just about over for another year. And what a year it has been. Rain, rain and some more rain. Oh well, we have 2012 to look forward to.

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Sale ends December 31. We are looking forward seeing you in the store!

Kerry, Alex & Steve

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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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[Ecojustice challenges fairness of JRP, PMO responds with another attack on "foreign radicals"](#)

The Vancouver environmental umbrella group, Ecojustice, a coalition of the Raincoast Conservation Foundation, the Living Oceans Society and Forest Ethics, has filed a motion with the Joint Review Panel calling into question the fairness of the hearings.

Within hours of the Ecojustice filing, the Prime Minister's Office issued an "InfoAlert," saying that it was Ecojustice who was interfering with the fairness of the Joint Review Hearings saying "Foreign radicals threaten further delays."

**Sun January 29/12 5:10am**

[International Pacific Halibut Commission confirms 18 per cent cut in overall quota for 2012](#)

According to Alaska media reports, the International Pacific Halibut Commission, meeting in Anchorage, has confirmed an over all cut in Pacific halibut harvest quota of 18 per cent, or 7.5 million pounds for 2012.

**Tue January 24/12 5:10am**

[Recreational halibut quota buy-in program had "limited success:"](#) DFO report to IPHC

A report prepared by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans for this week's meeting of the International Pacific Halibut Commission in Anchorage says the controversial program where recreational fishers could buy quota from commercial fishers had only "limited success...with few pounds caught."

The report also says that Fisheries Minister Keith Ashfield will be making a "decision on any changes to the current allocation plan in advance of the 2012 fishing season."

**Sat January 21/12 5:10am**

[Flanagan suggests that Harper use constitutional override](#) clause to force through Northern Gateway

According to the CBC Inside Politics blog, Tom Flanagan, a former advisor to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, a professor at the University of Calgary and a frequent guest on CBC's Power and Politics is advocating the use of constitutional override clause to force the completion of the Northern Gateway pipeline.

**Fri January 20/12 5:20am**

Two Alerts: 1) Obama denies Keystone XL permit. 2) Gitxsan formally reject Enbridge deal

[Gitxsan formally reject Enbridge deal:](#) Calgary Herald

The Calgary Herald reports that the Gitxsan First Nation have formally rejected the deal with Enbridge signed in December.

[Obama administration rejects Keystone XL pipeline. TransCanada can reapply](#)

The US State Department has rejected the application from TransCanada to build the Keystone XL from the Alberta bitumen sands to Texas. But the door is open for TransCanada to reapply for a permit, using a new route.

**Tue January 17/12 5:10am**

**Here are 3 updates:**

1) [Costa Concordia followed course similar to Queen of the North](#)

Tracking data obtained by the definitive British shipping news service, Lloyd's List (subscription required) and posted on both the Lloyd's and the BBC News websites show that the cruise ship Costa Concordia was far off its assigned and programmed course before it ran aground near the island of Giglio.

2) [The collapse of BC's oil rich economy is a lesson for](#) BC, Alberta and the world

British Columbia once had the richest, longest-lasting, sustainable oil economy on the planet.

That's almost all gone now. While the environmental movement loves to quote Joni Mitchell's "You don't know what you've got til it's gone,"

the collapse of BC's oil economy is perhaps the best example in history of what Mitchell meant in her

song. Big Yellow Taxi.

British Columbia even supplied much-needed oil to Alberta.

(Note the first part of the article is a teaser for people not in this area. It's a story about oolichan)

3) [Report on Enbridge Kalamazoo spill delayed until fall](#): Michigan media

The official United States National Transportation Safety Board report on the Enbridge pipeline breach and oil spill at Kalamazoo, Michigan has been delayed to the fall, according to local media reports.

The Kalamazoo Gazette and WDIV TV say the report will be six months late.

**Mon January 16/12 8:55am**

[Cruise line issues statement emphasizing safety precautions](#), but blaming captain

[Twitter spam infects Kitimat Northern Gateway debate](#)

**Wed January 11/12 5:10am**

[Oliver releases open letter, attacking "radicals" for stifling Canadian economy](#)

The Minister of Natural Resources, Joe Oliver, released a stinging open letter on Monday, January 9, 2012, accusing what he called "environmentalists and other radical groups" of blocking Canada's opportunity to diversify trade and hijacking the regulatory system.

The release of the letter and an interview with Oliver came day before Joint Review Panel hearings on the Northern Gateway pipeline open in Kitimaat Village.

**Tue January 10/12 5:10am**

[Environmental groups re-issue poll, showing BC worried](#) about US, Chinese control of natural resources

A coalition of BC environmental groups have re-released a poll from last spring showing that almost 75 per cent of British Columbians are worried about foreign investment in Canadian natural resources. The poll also shows that only a small minority of British Columbians (15%) are concerned about charitable funding provided by US philanthropic foundations to Canadian environmental groups.

**Mon January 9/12 9:05am**

Editorial:

[Just asking: why didn't anyone object to the Americans at the NEB LNG hearings in Kitimat?](#)

In a Twitter debate last night, many even moderate conservatives and even moderate Albertans were saying there is too much foreign influence in the JRP hearings.

I have one question for these people. Where were you in June? On a beach?

It was in June that the National Energy Board held hearings on the first of the three proposed Liquefied Natural Gas projects in Kitimat.

Why weren't Levant and the rest of the blue-eyed sheikh crowd (OK they don't all have blue eyes but you know what I mean) across the Rockies here in June objecting to those Americans interfering in Canadian affairs with their plans to export liquefied natural gas to Asia?



**Sat January 7/12 8:45am**

[Harper concerned Joint Review hearings being “hijacked by foreign money”](#)

Prime Minister Stephen Harper told reporters at a photo op in Edmonton on Friday, January 6, 2012, that he is concerned about the possibility that the Joint Review hearings on Enbridge’s proposed Northern Gateway pipeline would be “hijacked” by “foreign money, to really overload the public consultation of regulatory hearings for the purpose of slowing down the process.”

**Sat January 7/12 5:10am**

[What did Ipsos-Reid mean about “northern British Columbia” in the Enbridge pipeline poll?](#)

What did Ipsos-Reid mean about “northern British Columbia” in the Enbridge pipeline poll?

A poll by Ipsos-Reid, commissioned by Enbridge, released on Jan 5, 2012, gauging support for the Northern Gateway Pipeline, has become almost as controversial as the pipeline itself. It shows 48 % of British Columbians, 55 % in the “north” support the project.

According to Ipsos- Reid a key point is that a majority of British Columbians are not familiar with the project.

There were also pointed questions in north western British Columbia about the figures that showed strong support, 55 per cent in what Ipsos-Reid called “northern British Columbia” and questions from those familiar with the pipeline project, posted on Facebook, Twitter and blogs about the term “oil.”

Northwest Coast Energy News asked Ipsos-Reid vice -president of public affairs Kyle Braid for clarification.

**Thu January 5/12 8:45am**

[Five energy companies reveal backing for Northern Gateway pipeline](#)

Five major energy companies have filed documents with the Northern Gateway Joint Review Panel saying they are backing the pipeline project in one way or another

Cenovus Energy Inc., which runs the condensate operation at the old Methanex site in Kitimat and MEG are funding participants, that is they are investing in the pipeline.

**Wed January 4/12 9:25am**

[Ethical Oil group launches attack ads supporting Northern Gateway](#)

The Alberta-based “Ethical Oil” group is launching a series of American-style attack ads that will appear on British Columbia radio stations and in BC newspapers in coming days warning the province against what they call “foreign influence” opposing the Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline

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## Conservation

**Sun January 29/12 5:10am**

From [TheCanadian.org](http://TheCanadian.org): Where's Dix on Enbridge? / Rafe Ready for the Bulldozers / Salmon Politics and the Egg Trade / Should BC Have Enbridge Referendum?

[Time for Dix to Take a Stand on Pipelines and Tankers](#) - by Rafe Mair

This is an open letter to NDP leader Adrian Dix and his Energy Critic, John Horgan. It's time, gentlemen, topee or get off the pot. The issues of the proposed Enbridge Pipelines and tanker traffic on our coasts demand your immediate statement of policy...There are many who think that the Common Sense Canadian supports the NDP. We do not - we stand for a political commitment against the catastrophes I have described. That commitment cannot fairly be inferred from snippets of criticism, but only by you, Mr. Dix, declaring your firm opposition these certain pipeline/tanker disasters.

#### [Salmon Politics and the Egg Trade](#) - by Ray Grigg

The source of the infectious salmon anemia virus (ISAv) now being found in BC's wild salmon is almost certainly from imported Atlantic salmon eggs, the international trade that has provided coastal salmon farms with most of their stock. The salmon farming industry, of course, is still denying that ISAv is here, although evidence given at the Cohen Commission's extraordinary three days of hearings on December 15th, 16th and 19th essentially obliterates that defence... Documents presented at the Cohen Commission suggest that the arrival of ISAv coincides with the early importation of Atlantic salmon eggs to West Coast salmon farms.

#### [Should BC Have a Referendum on Enbridge?](#) - by Rafe Mair

If there's one thing above all politicians hate it's democracy. For God's sake, we can't have the rabble have a say in decisions! Let them do this once and we'll never get to run the province again! They believe that we live in a parliamentary, representative "democracy" which means that we hire people, called representatives, to do our thinking for us and take decisions in our name...I believe there are issues of such importance that the voter must be called upon to render its opinion and I say that the Enbridge pipelines and tanker traffic are just such issues.

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**Sat January 21/12 5:10am**

[TheCanadian.org](#): Enbridge and Cancer Research / Damien on EthicalOil.org / Staniford's Battle

#### [Time to Call Cancer Foundation on its Enbridge Sponsorship](#) - by Damien Gillis

The BC Cancer Foundation is ready for your concerns over accepting sponsorship from Enbridge for this year's annual "Ride to Conquer Cancer". They even have a handy instruction sheet preparing their staff to deflect your tough questions and subdue your outrage. I should know - I helped draft it (well, sort of)...Readers who wish to continue supporting cancer research through a cycling activity may choose to divert their funds from the Enbridge Ride to Conquer Cancer to the "Ride2Survive" - a BC-based charity whose proceeds go 100% to cancer research.

#### **Audio:** [Damien Talks "Ethical Oil", Harper and Enbridge on CHLY](#)

Listen to Damien Gillis on CHLY's A Sense of Justice from last week, discussing Enbridge and Kinder-Morgan's proposed Tar Sands pipelines through BC. Damien and host Rae Kornberger cover the National Energy Board's recently-begun hearings into the Northern Gateway Pipeline to Kitimat and the contention by fake grassroots group Ethical Oil and the Harper Government that foreign interests are behind BC's opposition to the project. Is there any truth to these claims and what is the relationship between [EthicalOil.org](#) and the Harper Government? (41 min - from Jan. 11)

#### [Salmon Activist Draws Outpouring of Public Cash for Legal Battle](#) - by Damien Gillis

If money talks, then the geyser of financial support that has sprung in the past few days for salmon activist Don Staniford's legal defence speaks volumes. Staniford is being sued by the world's second largest farmed salmon producer, Oslo-based Cermaq, for defamation. The trial, expected to run 20 days, begins today at the BC Supreme Court in Vancouver. The company, whose biggest shareholder is the Norwegian Government, may have been banking on Staniford submitting to its demands out of court - but any chance of that happening disappeared over the past weekend when the activist raised over \$20,000 (now close to \$30,000) in public donations for his legal battle.

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**Sat January 21/12 5:10am**



Cast on link for [Living Oceans Update](#)

**Sat January 21/12 5:10am**

Marine Harvest – Guilty

Hello

A victory!

Marine Harvest pleads guilty and is fined \$5,000. Indeed this is a small amount - but it is legal precedence.

<http://alexandramorton.typepad.com>

Thank you all for standing together on this.

Alexandra Morton

**Sun January 15/12 5:10am**

Hello

Next week courage will be tested as two huge Norwegian salmon farming corporations are brought into Court.

If you want to see wild salmon protected from this industry there is a crucial role for you.

Please see my blog <http://alexandramorton.typepad.com>

Godspeed and good luck to wild salmon and all of us in the BC courts next week.

Alexandra Morton

**Fri January 13/12 9:30am**

From [TheCanadian.org](http://TheCanadian.org): EthicalOil.org & Harper Government / Enbridge: There Will be Spills

[EthicalOil.org and the Harper Government](#) - by Damien Gillis

The various spokespeople for supposed "grassroots" pro-Tar Sands and pipeline organization EthicalOil.org have steadfastly maintained their campaign has no connection to the oil and gas industry or the Harper Government. But as the links between these groups continue to pile up, that contention becomes harder and harder to swallow. From identical talking points - "ethical oil", alleged foreign meddling in Canadian pipeline politics, the dismissal Enbridge's opponents as a handful of environmental "radicals" - to the revolving door between EthicalOil.org and the Harper Government, it's hard not to see the two groups are working together on behalf of predominantly foreign oil interests.

[Enbridge Admits There Will be Spills](#) - by Rafe Mair

Under Setting Leak Reduction Targets And Performance Goals: " We believe that pipeline safety and reliability begin with prevention. This means recognizing conditions that have been known to cause failures in the past - then working to minimize the risk." Again, Enbridge does not talk about eliminating the "risk" but managing it! This release confirms what The Common Sense Canadian has been saying all along: spills from pipelines are not "risks" at all but dead certainties...No matter what is said, and by Enbridge's

confession, Pipeline ruptures cannot be stopped but are dead certainties, the only question being the damage done.

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**Sat January 7/12 5:10am**

ISA virus - What a Mess

Hello

I spent the past few weeks pouring over the Cohen ISA virus hearings. That all the lawyers were called back for three days, speaks to the significance of ISA virus to BC. This hearing made it clear the salmon farming industry has grown beyond the control of government.

DFO is mandated to protect salmon, but when a virus concerns trade partners, the CFIA takes over. The CFIA has never heard of the Wild Salmon Policy.

DFO closed commercial fisheries to protect Cultus Lake sockeye. They have the power over us. 100% of the Cultus sockeye died just before spawning in 1999, 2000, 2001. When they were tested in 2002, 2003 - 100% were positive for ISA virus which is popping up everywhere there are salmon farms. DFO did nothing, no one breathed a word about this, not then, not now to this federal Commission into the fate of these sockeye and not ever to the First Nations of the Cultus Lake Region. It was a federal secret... why?

The CFIA said if the ISA virus is really in BC, markets could close permanently..... and this is the heart of the beast.

One of the strangest pieces of evidence was an internal CFIA email complaining that the Minister of Fisheries "may not understand that ISAV is no longer theirs." Undaunted the Minister's offices dictates precise, but inaccurate, wording for a letter to U.S. Senators that the "official" DFO lab has confirmed all ISAV tests were negative. But no one in the "official" lab actually said the tests were negative. Words like inconclusive and unconfirmed were used. We learned the machine the "official" lab uses is notorious for lack of sensitivity. We heard the scientists who did get positive results, found their reputations and labs threatened with ruin.

Dr. Jones, a DFO sea lice scientist, is inexplicably put in charge of the study that detected ISA virus in US and Canadian wild salmon in 2002/3 and he becomes the gate-keeper on that information. It would never have seen the light of day, if it were not for Dr. Kibenge. Dr. Miller a DFO researcher using cutting edge science, learns the hard way that "research must not fog policy" but she does not back down. Dr. Kibenge - one of two world reference labs for ISA virus thanks his university for fending off the attacks to his reputation, as a result of his diagnosis of ISA virus Pacific salmon. Dr. Nylund, present from Norway via video feed, just recently survived an industry "misconduct" attack for reporting that ISA virus traveled to Chile from Norway via farm salmon eggs.

The federal Minister of Fisheries describes independent reporting of ISA virus tests a needless risk to Canada's reputation. Really! That's pretty huge.

It looks like the whole problem is some deal out there where some country is paying for ISAV-free salmon and they might not be getting it. It is that simple.

Our governments can't afford to protect wild salmon in the face of global fish farm market pressures. I don't know exactly when this slipped out of their control, but my overall impression is WHAT A MESS. They have no idea what they are doing.

It is time for us to move on, we have been knocking on the wrong doors. It is not against the law for us to respect wild salmon and their health cannot be a federal secret anymore.

To be continued.....

If you want to read their own words see my blog.

<http://alexandramorton.typepad.com>

Alexandra Morton

**Sat January 7/12 5:10am**

From [TheCanadian.org](http://TheCanadian.org): Gitxsan Media Operation

[Gitxsan Battle Enbridge with Video Cameras and Social Media](#) - by **Damien Gillis**

In the wake of the bogus deal Enbridge attempted to foist on the Gitxsan people of Northwest BC last month to help pave the way for its controversial proposed Northern Gateway pipeline, the community has banded together in inspiring fashion - with camcorders and the Web as their weapons of choice. The Enbridge resistance has given birth to a new website, YouTube and FaceBook pages and twitter feed which thoroughly document the opinions of elected and hereditary chiefs and citizens, community gatherings, and interactions with the RCMP and ousted treaty negotiators who sparked the crisis by signing the since-invalidated agreement with Enbridge.

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**[Rob Brown - The Skeena Angler](#)**

I would like to welcome Rob back 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)

**Rob Brown blog:** [http://web.me.com/skeenaangler/Skeena\\_Angler/Blog/Blog.html](http://web.me.com/skeenaangler/Skeena_Angler/Blog/Blog.html)

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**Fri January 20/12 5:10am**

**Dog quest 5**

Perplexed and annoyed at my adolescent dog's habit of barking at shadows incessantly and relentlessly, I took her to Lou. Lou Alorza had a passion for angling in exotic locales. As we sat in one of the inner rooms of his Veterinary hospital, I examined the many photos of Lou and his fishing companions releasing large trout in what I guessed was Argentina or Chile.

What's the problem, Rob? Lou asked in a way that showed he was sincerely concerned. Then he listened intently as I described how Pawsome barked at shadows.

Lou's brow furrowed and moved his mouth in a way that made his handle bar moustache turn even farther up at one end.

Just a second, he said as he found a small flashlight then put my dog on the metal table. He turned off the overhead light and shone the flashlight into her eyes.

Look at this, he said.

I gazed into my dog's eyes. They were coated with milky clouds.

Cataracts, said Lou, his voice tinged with excitement at the discovery.

At the sound of the word, images of river water spilling over rock sprang into my mind. I could see how whoever coined the term cataract might have thought the milky opacity covering the lens of my dog's eyes resembled the white water behind river rock - and to the ancient eyes of whoever coined the term, that natural analogue must have seemed logical. To my 20th century orbs Pawsome's eyes more more closely resembled pictures of earth enveloped in white clouds taken from space.

Cataracts? I said. Aren't they an old folks' disease?

They can be congenital too, said Lou. Her vision is poor. She can't make out things distinctly.

Lou's diagnosis explained many of Pawsome's odd ball behaviours. Her barking was the natural reaction of her inability to identify motion, like the rattling of leaves and branches against the truck and the flickering of shadows against on the ground on bright days.

Getting Pawsome to behave on a leash was a task that would have taxed the most skilled trainer, but this wasn't a great concern to me. I had no intention of taking my dog into the woods on a leash. Paws' initial training consisted of walking the trails, and the places between the trails, on Terrace mountain from the

time she was so small I had to lift her over the logs. At this she shone, running just far enough ahead that I could only make out the white tip on her tail. Then, when she was straining against the invisible leash of her herding genes, she would unfailingly return to check up on my progress.

When I first took her to the river, it was at Shames. We walked down the creek from past the railway bridge then across the gravel beach to a spot where I could wade a back channel and make my way to the main river. I made the short, waist deep wade to the far side and turned. Pawsome was still at the water's edge attempting to parse the situation. She looked at me then tentatively touched the water with a paw, then she jumped in and swam across. From that point on she unhesitatingly followed me across rivers and streams. She didn't have the power of a retriever, but she was a strong swimmer, and except for one of her first outings, when she impetuously jumped into the river for no apparent reason and was swept under a log jam, and fortunately, popped up downstream a few anxious seconds later, she had no close calls.

When you fish salmon rivers, you need a dog that doesn't roll in the rotting salmon carcasses that wash up, or are pulled up, onto the banks late in the fall. When we encountered that situation, Pawsome showed no interest in rotting fish.

Porcupines are another challenge for dogs. Some dogs attack them, get a face full of quills, and learn to keep their distance after that, as Chimo did. Others swear a canine vendetta against Porkies after their initial encounter and take on every one they meet thereafter. Such dogs are a liability in bush and a strain on the wallet.

Again, partly due to her herding instincts, Pawsome sat on bank and kept an eye on me during fishing trips and showed no inclination to chase critters or their scents.

On several occasions, I managed to get lost. On every one of those debacles, I simply commanded Pawsome to go to the truck, and every time she did so as I followed, marvelling at her unerring accuracy.

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**Sun December 4/11 5:10am**

**[Noel Gyger has 96 fishing video clips on YouTube:](#)**

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

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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):

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

On-line tidal waters fishing licenses:

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

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

[www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish/regulations](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish/regulations)

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

Check for In-season Regulations Changes at:

[www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish/regulations/#Inseason](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish/regulations/#Inseason)

Buy your fishing license online at:

[www.fishing.gov.bc.ca](http://www.fishing.gov.bc.ca)

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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.

#### **Attention Anglers Cold Water Kills:**

The waters of British Columbia are cold year-round.

If you fall in the water, remember the 1 – 10 – 1 Principle

## **YOU HAVE:**

- 1 minute to get your breathing under control;
- 10 minutes before you are too numb to hold on or to tread water effectively; and
- 1 hour before you become unconscious due to hypothermia.

## **PREVENT COLD WATER SHOCK:**

- Always wear your lifejacket on board. Make sure it fits properly and is in good working order.
- Check the weather before departing.
- Don't overload your boat.
- Always tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return.

Over 90 percent of anglers who die while boating are not wearing a lifejacket. When you fall overboard, a lifejacket stored under your seat will do little to save your life.

Anglers are reminded to carry proof of competency such as a **Pleasure Craft Operator Card** on board at all times.

To prepare for a safe trip on the water, visit [www.boatingsafety.gc.ca](http://www.boatingsafety.gc.ca) or call 604-666-2681 to speak with a Boating Safety Officer. Courtesy Transport Canada

## **Do this to your life jackets NOW:**

Sew on an elongated pocket on the back and near the bottom edge of all your life jackets. Have either a zipper or Velcro closer. The pocket should be clearly labelled with large letters:

## **SURVIVAL ITEMS ONLY**

You should put the following items into the pocket:

- Silver space blanket
- Fire starter
- Water-proof matches/lighter
- 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.



Market Place:

**Tue January 31/12 5:10am**

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  - New 30 year roof installed May 2011, Landscaped lot, in ground sprinkler system
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