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**Top Photo: Posted November 23, 2013.** Dennis Therrien about to release a beautiful, bright Kalum River Steelhead landed this month. **Note:** the use of the cradle net. Kalum River is now closed to guiding until April 1, 2014 **BUT** guiding is still available on the Zymoetz (Copper) River. We still have a few rod days available so if you are interested please [contact me](#) anytime. We have ocean fishing for Salmon, Bottom Fish and Dungeness Crab available too. **Cast on photo to view in larger size**

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## River, Ocean and Lake Reports

(Smithers, Terrace, Kitimat, Prince Rupert and Haida Gwaii - Queen Charlotte Islands)

*Last update was Saturday, November 30, 2013 at 1:22pm*

**Sunrise 8:31am Sunset 4:14am**

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  - **2013 [Zymoetz \(Copper\) River](#) class 1 and 2 sections (HOT right now!)**
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**Commentary:** Wind: SW 10km/h Light rain (+5 degrees C) Steelhead and Trout are the target fish now...BUT I must say **WELCOME** to the finest winter Steelheading in the world! **Note: Jamie Hunt** of the [Great Pacific Salmon Lodge](#) reports for Prince Rupert, see [Prince Rupert Ocean Fishing](#) section. **Note: Avid Sportfishing** ...sign up to receive their E-newsletters and email notifications on last minute deals, see [Haida Gwaii - Queen Charlotte Islands](#) section. **Note: FOR SALE** 10.55 acres Skeena River frontage, see [Market Place](#) section. **Note: FOR SALE** stunning walk-on waterfront acreage with custom log home, see [Market Place](#) section. **Note:** We are pleased to welcome [Skeena Meadows](#) onboard, see [Skeena River \(section 4\)](#) section. **Note:** We are pleased to **WELCOME Catchercraft Boats** on board, see more info below [Skeena River](#). **Note: NEW** section added called [Recommended Fly Fishing Gear](#). **Note: FOR SALE** ECO Tour Tenure license, see [Market Place](#) section. **Note:** We welcome [Hawkair](#) onboard as a sponsor.

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### Latest updates below:

**Update:** [Hawkair](#) has special fares available to fishermen, PLUS sign-up for their e-mail NEWSLETTER, see their Ad below. **Update: NEW Top Photo** posted Oct 27th. **Update: NEW** Product Profile: [Islander Reels](#) [www.islander.com](http://www.islander.com). **Update:** Video clip from 2009, see [Vintage Video Clips](#) section. **Update:** Past fishing reports, this one from first week November 1996, see [History](#) section. **Update:** Full month of [October 2013](#) is posted now. **Update:** stats for this website as of Nov 7th, see above for **new** numbers. **Update:** Dennis Therrien sent a pic of a beautiful Steelhead, see [Zymoetz \(Copper\) River](#) section. **Update: NEW Top Photo** posted Nov 10th. **Update: 2013 Skeena Tyeet Fishery** data and **2013 Salmon forecast** moved to: <http://www.noelgyger.ca/news-bulletin.htm>. **Update:** New Fisheries Regulations further gut habitat protection in Canada, study says, see [Conservation](#) section. **Update: Gibbs-Delta** has several 10' Trade Show Display Booths for sale, see [Market Place](#) section. **Update: Avid Sportfishing** sent pic and reminder to book early for next season, see [Haida Gwaii - Queen Charlotte Islands](#) section; they are already 50% booked. **Update:** for [Skeena River](#), [Zymoetz \(Copper\) River](#) and [Kalum River](#). **Update: NEW Top Photo** posted Nov 23rd. **Update:** The Cohen Commission website is GONE!, see [Conservation](#) section. **Update: Buy NOW and save with Hawkair**...Use promo code [WINTERSALE](#) for winter savings of 15%! Book by December 4, 2013 for travel by February 28, 2014. **Update: Rob Brown** latest story titled "Grizzly tale", see [Rob Brown - The Skeena Angler](#) 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.



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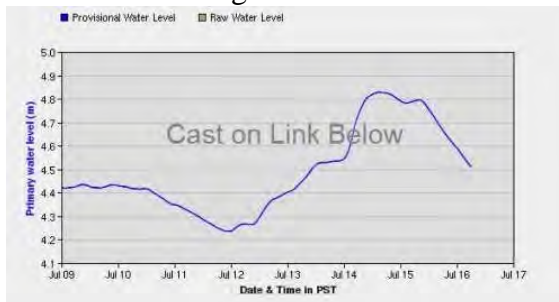
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**Sat Nov 30/13** 6:27am

### **Skeena River (section 1-2-3):**

Water is low and in good shape. Most all of the summer run Steelhead have gone through the Terrace area and are way up in their trib rivers by now. Trout fishing is the only option now.

Skeena Water heights below:



Cast on link for current 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)

### **2013 Salmon Fishing Outlook:**

Can be seen here:

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

### **Skeena River Tye Test Fishery for:**

2011, 2012 and 2013 can be seen here:

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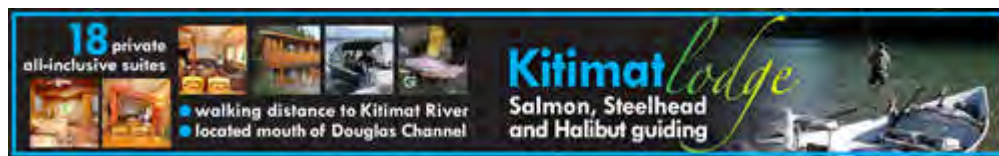


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# Kitimat Lodge



Tracey Hittel, owner [Kitimat Lodge](#) WELCOMES ALL to the 2013 season. The fishing guides and staff look forward to seeing you soon and getting you into the BIG ones...

### **Kitimat Lodge fishing report - October 30, 2013**

The Skeena river is in perfect condition, Steelhead are moving thru the system and into their home rivers. Finding the elusive Steelhead with the Spey fishing technique is a challenge and requires patience. And that patience payed off as the last week many good catches of Salmon and large Steelhead.



Attached in pic 1 is first time client as well first time fishing for Steelhead, momma as we call her nailed this 20 pounder behind her husband who had been pulling coho out almost each cast. I can tell you this is the biggest fish I can remember, with a thick tail, making it merely impossible to handle.

Of course with momma catching a big one, Pappa was no slouch as he fooled a 40 inch steelhead to chase his black intruder.

That same day, Ito and Youzo, repeat clients, landed each a 40 inch fish. I guess this fall has big fish.

And to top it off, Thurman from Texas today landed a 41 inch buck in the first pool. Winter is for sure close by as frost covered the boats this morning.



To end this report I included another pic of saltwater fishing for Halibut and Crab that is quite productive, and the start of winter spring fishing for smaller Chinook. I did however catch a 30 pounder some years ago with my neighbour Ferd Weunche.

With the guiding season here in Skeena and Kitimat coastal turning into a trickle, like the rivers, we are booking for 2014 and look forward to a bit of rest, Steelhead fishing! on our own and spending quality time with the family.

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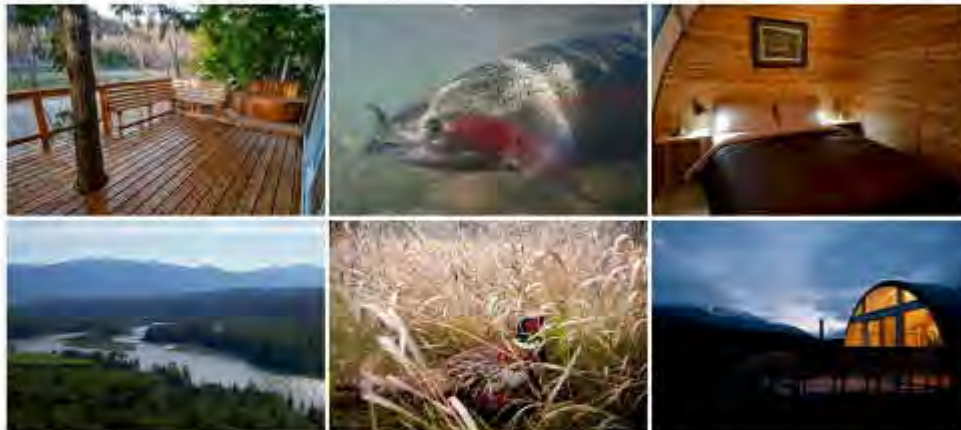
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For those of you wondering how the mainstem of the Skeena is fishing, we hope this helps...



Here is just a small sampling of some of the fish that Craig and Paul Pearson were into during their stay with us this past weekend. Thanks for sharing the pictures guys, and congratulations on some great fish.



Our Season is OPEN! Its great to see so many smiling faces! We're about to deliver tonight's menu to the tents for the guests to finish at their convenience and We thought you might like to know what they are having!

Lemon Grass poached spot prawns with curried ketchup dip

[Skeena Meadows](#) Mixed green salad with Karen's secret dressing!

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### **Kalum River:**

is in very good shape, both upper and lower. Steelhead fishing is fantastic. Please don't harass the spawning Coho. One can fish for Steelhead all winter here. **Reg:** Coho closed Oct 31st. **Tip:** [Gibbs](#) #45 Lure works pretty good to catch Steelhead. Water is dropping so be careful if you take your jet boat. Might be time for the raft or drift-boat. Check out this article I wrote; a few years ago but still relevant today:

Drifting in Paradise - The upper Kalum River - by Noel Gyger

[http://www.sportfishingbc.com/articles/freshwater\\_fishing/kalum.htm](http://www.sportfishingbc.com/articles/freshwater_fishing/kalum.htm)

### **Lakelse River:**

The fishing at Herman's is slow because the water is low. The upper river is full of spawning Coho. Anglers now are fishing for Steelhead, resident Cutthroat and Dolly's. When the water is high, the fishing is best.

**Tip:** Fly-fishing egg pattern flies work the best, also, the brighter the egg fly the better. **Tip:** Float fishing corkies (painted cork balls in various sizes) and a little bit of white wool works well. The bright red or orange ones are favored.

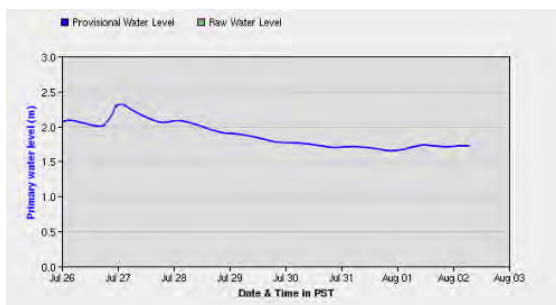
### **Zymoetz (Copper) River:**

The water is low and clean. The Steelhead have a chance to react when a fly comes drifting by. Dry fly works pretty good too. **Tip:** Float fishing the Pink Worm works very well in this river. This is the time of year...before it gets too cold. Need a guide for this just [contact me](#) anytime...we still have a few rod-days available.



I would like to thank Dennis Therrien for sending this pic of a beautiful Zymoetz (Copper) River Steelhead landed this month. The fish was quickly landed and gently released using soft mesh cradle net.

Sample Zymoetz (Copper) River heights below:



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

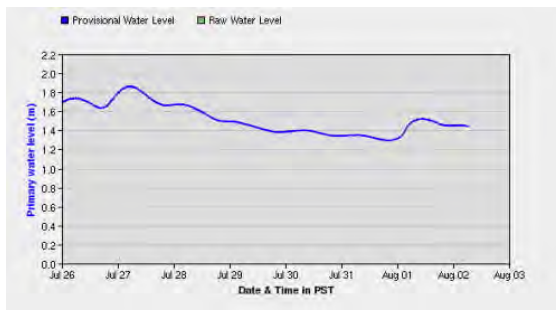
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### **Kitimat River:**

Trout fishing is very good right now. **Reg:** Coho closed on Oct 31st.



Sample Kitimat River waters heights below:



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### **Douglas Channel:**

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Was a GREAT DAY ocean fishing for my guests from Grande prairie and Medicine Hat and Calgary. Rivers going out can always count on some ocean for backup. Keep fishing I always say...See you soon...

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### **Smithers area Lakes:**

Lake fishing can be excellent at this time of year. Fish are bulking up before winter. Fish can be very aggressive. Use leach patterns, shrimp, small damsels....

Lake fishing can be amazing in the fall. Give it a try before the lakes freeze over.

### **Bulkley River:**

River is in awesome shape. A few fresh fish have been caught. Maybe try a dry????



My niece Nicole and her husband Ed had a great day Steelhead fishing on the Bulkley River this season. Thank you Nicole for letting me post the pics.

### **Kispiox River:**

**Sun Oct 27/13 5:01am**

In beautiful shape. Fishing is not easy. Few big fish have been caught.

### **Morice River:**

**Sun Oct 27/13 5:01am**

Low and clear. Fishing is fairly good. Water temperature is still fairly high for the end of October.

### **Babine River:**

**Sat Sep 28/13 5:01am**

The upper Babine is fishing well. The water is nice and clear. Further down the water is somewhat coloured but fishable for sure.

**Note:** Reports for Smithers area Lakes, Bulkley River and Kispiox River are courtesy of [Oscars Source for Sports](#) in Smithers BC

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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.

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-15 Additional Yellow Eyes

-18 **Halis** to the boat looking for a MONSTER. Largest released was 85#'s

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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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Predictions for 2014 Chinook (King) salmon runs look very good with more 4 and 5 year old fish returning meaning bigger average size than in 2013.

Please contact us to discuss dates and join Avid Sportfishing for another season of great fishing, and good times on the West Coast of Haida Gwaii in 2014!

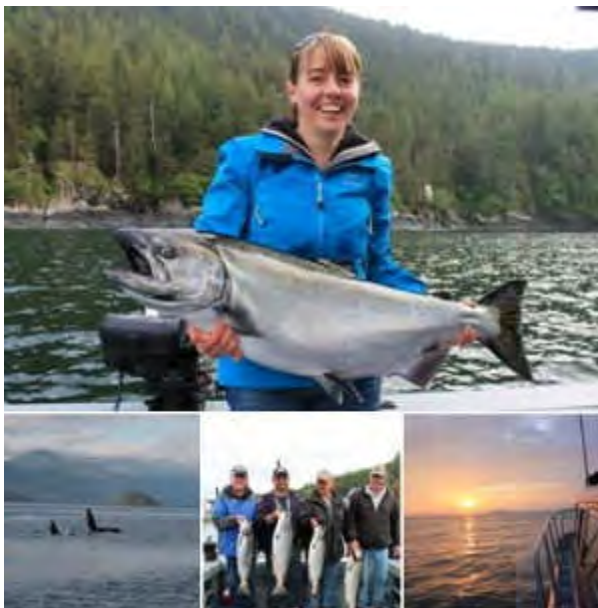
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They say the early bird catches the worm or in this case the most fish! Prime dates are booking up fast so be sure to reserve your spot today and don't miss out on another great season of fishing the west coast of Haida Gwaii.



2013 was a season of plenty, hard to go wrong when your fishing the best spot on the planet!



Thanks to everyone who came fishing with us in 2013! Hope to see you again next season!  
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### Update:



Hi Noel, last day for the three guys from Italy. The biggest Steelhead of the day caught by Enrico, with a 8wt Meiser spey rod, well done Enrico.

### **SPECIAL** for 2013:

- Day trip bookings.
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Best regards,  
David Wulms

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## **Guest Reports and Photos:**



Hi Noel, this is Sherry Lynn and I had the pleasure to introduce her to coho river fishing. We were fishing early October. You can see from her smile that she loves it. Cheers, Joe Vidal

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## **History:**

**1996** November 10

### **NORTHWEST B.C. WEEKLY FISHING REPORTS**

**Fishing Report For November 3 - 10, 1996**



The photo of the week shows my fishing buddy, Bruce Knudson, with the biggest Steelhead that he has ever landed. He estimated this big buck to weigh around 24-pounds! I agreed with him! This fish was landed with a size two Gamakatsu barbless hook and 14-pound test leader.

Dear Fishing Friends:

I'm gathering information on the Heinz Wichmann world record 92.5-pound Chinook Salmon that he landed on the Skeena river, way back when. As soon as I get it together I'll send it off to you.

Type of fish caught: Steelhead

Fishing this week: POOR \_\_\_\_\_ FAIR \_\_\_\_\_ GOOD \_\_\_\_\_ EXCELLENT \_\_\_\*\_\_\_

Largest caught this week: 24-pound Steelhead Where: Kalum river

Name of Angler: Bruce Knudson

**Weather**...has been excellent all week with lots of sun, a few clouds and just the odd rain shower except near the end of the week it started to rain and snow. Air temperatures have been normal. (Low +1 High +7 degrees Celsius)

**Water conditions**...on all rivers is excellent. With normal temperatures, most of the rain stays in the mountains as snow.

**Kitimat River**...Not much activity in this river anymore, just spawning Coho

**Kalum River**...Nov. 3/96 My two friends and I fished the upper Kalum river today with a drift boat. The fishing for Steelhead was fantastic! We hooked at least 12 Steelhead and landed nine. Actually we landed eight, the ninth fish was a smolt about 12 inches in length. We also landed one Coho (fairly bright), two Dolly's, two Cutthroat's and one Whitefish. We landed one double header Steelhead in the upper 16K pool. We were float fishing very small egg bags on size two barbless Gamagatsu hooks with 12-pound test Fenwick Riverline leaders. The largest fish was an incredible 24-pound "bright" buck. See... the photo of the week!

...Nov. 7/96 My son-in-law, Dennis, and I drifted the upper Kalum and had a great day fishing! We hooked 15 fish (13 Steelhead and two Coho)! All fish were released. The drift is five miles long and we were hooking them from the first pool to the last. By the way, there are 27 pools to fish in one day, unfortunately, with the shorter days we can only fish 18 to 20 pools. The weather turned bad around noon when it started to rain mixed with snow. I've talked to my jet-boat buddies who fished the lower river and I get the same report, LOTS OF STEELHEAD AROUND!

**Lakelse River**...The upper river is full of spawning Coho. Anglers now are fishing for Steelhead, resident Cutthroat and Dolly's. When the water is high, the fishing is best. Fly-fishing egg pattern flies work the best, also, the brighter the egg fly the better. Float fishing corkies (painted cork balls in various sizes) and a little bit of white wool works well. The bright red or orange ones are favored.

**Copper (Zymoetz) River**...Nov. 4/96 A good run of Steelhead is in the river and the water is in excellent shape. This is the river for the fly-rod. The water is clean and the Steelhead have a chance to react when a fly comes drifting by. Float fishing the Pink Worm works very well in this river.

**Tips**...For true "catch and release" one should use small barbless hooks. Big hooks with barbs can do a lot of damage.

**River Records**... For Chinook Salmon: Skeena River, 92.5-pounds; Kalum River, 85-pounds; Kitimat River, 74-pounds; Steelhead: Skeena River, 45-pounds; Coho Salmon: Skeena River, 27-pounds

**Catch & Release formula**...Chinook: girth squared x length x 1.54 divided by 1000. Steelhead: girth squared x length x 1.33 divided by 1000 (inches)

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Yours sincerely,

Noel Gyger

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## **Vintage Video Clips:**

### **Kalum River Steelhead - 2009**



**Uploaded on May 6, 2009 - Andrea's First Steelhead**

Andrea Charlton, April Vokey and Rob Vodola invited me to go fishing with them on the Kalum River on May 4, 2009. We hooked steelhead in just about every pool we stopped to fish but we lost them all...until Andrea landed this fish. This was her first Steelhead landed ever! The video clip tells a story, I think.

Andrea's friend April Vokey is a fishing guide based out of Chilliwack, BC. In addition to fish guiding, April specializes in fly-casting instructionals, workshops, wilderness camps and ladies clothing. Her company is **Flygal Ventures** [www.flygal.ca](http://www.flygal.ca)

I just about titled this video clip "Screaming Fly Gals" but I could not do it out of respect for the gals. I think the girls were a little embarrassed with ALL their screaming...but I understand, it is a gal thing...anyway, LANDING a Steelhead should have ALL of us (male or female) screaming! Congrats Andrea on landing your first Steelhead!

**Cast on this link to watch:**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fkmi-m8UVEU>

It runs for 2 minutes 28 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:**

Guest reports and photos are posted here:

[http://www.noelgyger.ca/archived-fishing-reports/february-1-28\\_2013.pdf](http://www.noelgyger.ca/archived-fishing-reports/february-1-28_2013.pdf)

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## **Past Top Photos:**



**November 10 to November 23, 2013.** Dennis Therrien about to release a beautiful, bright Zymoetz (Copper) River Steelhead landed on November 2nd. For info to book guided fishing on this river please [contact me](#) anytime. We still have a few rod-days available. We have ocean fishing for Salmon, Bottom Fish and Dungeness Crab available too. **Cast on photo to view in larger size**



**October 27 to November 10, 2013.** This is 1 of 3 this size we landed in a single day fishing the Spey! First time Japanese lady creamed this beauty. Photo and caption by Tracey Hittel of [Kitimat Lodge](#). **Note:** this is how to use the [Gibbs](#) "catch & release" soft mesh net. For info to book guided fishing trips (ocean or river) please [contact me](#) anytime. **Cast on photo to view in larger size**



**October 20 to October 27, 2013.** Helmut with his first Steelhead ever. The fish was estimated to weigh around 25-pounds. Helmut was being guided by **Kori Doll** of [Skeena Wilderness Fishing Charters](#). For info to book guided fishing trips (ocean or river) please [contact me](#) anytime. **Cast on photo to view in larger size**

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Luanne Roth, Marine Director **Prince Rupert Environmental Society** 250 627 4201



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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>

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

## **Conservation**

**Sat Nov 30/13 6:25am**

**The Cohen Commission website is GONE!**

The findings and recommendations that resulted from the Cohen Commission of Inquiry were SPOT ON: from identifying "irreversible harm" to wild salmon stocks from the farmed salmon industry, to pointing out the conflict of interest on the part of DFO, to exercising the precautionary principle in protecting wild salmon while definitive studies are conducted.

Now we need to make sure that accountability continues. Removing the Cohen Commission website is unacceptable. Add your voice in telling the authorities responsible: we are not going to allow wild salmon to be swept under the rug. RESTORE THE SITE!

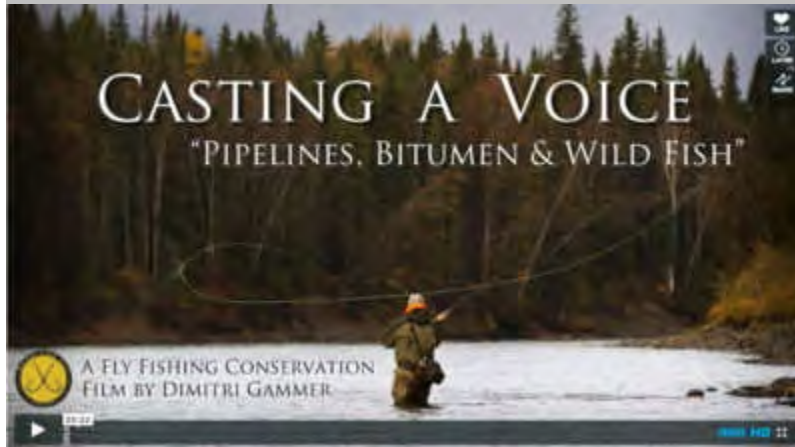
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### **New Fisheries Regulations further gut habitat protection in Canada, study says**

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According to long-time angler Rob Brown the Skeena River drainage is "the last bastion of wild steelhead." This film examines the value of the Skeena River and its fish, and the steadily growing risks it faces to development and energy transportation proposals. The energy industry is vital to Canada's economic strength, and the Northern Gateway Pipeline project would use parts of the Skeena as a corridor to reach new global markets. This said, there is also immense value in the diverse ecosystems and wilderness that make up the Skeena.

Produced, filmed & edited by Dimitri Gammer

Cast on link to watch the film: <http://vimeo.com/78876102>

### **Is DFO protecting wild salmon?**

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### **Scientists say new fisheries law "guts" protection for habitat**

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### **OK CFIA which is it?**

The CFIA has been telling the media they retested my ISA virus positive samples and found they were all negative.

This set up a chain of events that led to stripping the lab I am using of it's international reference status.

This made it possible to ignore their results.

But in a long email chain the CFIA told me that in fact they never retested any of my samples for ISA virus.

So which is it?

If the CFIA never retested, do the lab results stand?

What did the CFIA tell the World Organization for Animal Health?

I have been writing to the CFIA since July asking did they retest or not?

They have not answered.  
What does this mean for the wild salmon of BC?

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## **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](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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### **Cast on PDF link to read article:**

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November 27, 2013

**Grizzly tales**

[http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-nov-27\\_2013.pdf](http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-nov-27_2013.pdf)

**Sun Nov 24/13** 7:23am

November 20, 2013

**Smart Beasts**

[http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-nov-20\\_2013.pdf](http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-nov-20_2013.pdf)

**Sun Nov 17/13** 5:01am

November 13, 2013

**Thompson 4**

[http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-nov-13\\_2013.pdf](http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-nov-13_2013.pdf)

**Sat Nov 9/13** 5:01am

November 6, 2013

**Thompson 3**

[http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-nov-6\\_2013.pdf](http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-nov-6_2013.pdf)

**Sun Nov 3/13** 5:01am

October 30, 2013

**Thompson 2**

[http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-oct-30\\_2013.pdf](http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-oct-30_2013.pdf)

**Sun Oct 27/13** 5:01am

October 23, 2013

**Thompson**

[http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-oct-23\\_2013.pdf](http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-oct-23_2013.pdf)

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## **(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](http://www.steelheadsociety.org/sites/default/files/June_2013.pdf)

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### **News updates:**

#### **Package Your Fish Properly for Transport**

British Columbia Tidal Waters Sport Fish Packaging Guidelines:

<http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/publications/pdfs/package-emballez-eng.pdf>

#### **Fishery Notice - Fisheries and Oceans Canada**

Sportfishing for Sockeye on the entire Skeena Rivers system remains closed until further notice.

#### **Fishery Notice - Fisheries and Oceans Canada**

Subject: FN0578-RECREATIONAL- Salmon- Region 6- Corrections to the 2013-2015 BC Freshwater Salmon Supplement

Please note the following corrections to the 2013-2015 BC Freshwater Salmon Supplement.

Region 6

#### **Bulkley River – Date change**

Effective immediately until December 31, 2013, there is no fishing for Chinook salmon in all tributaries to the Bulkley River other than the Suskwa River.

#### **Kasiks River – Change to waters described in the Coho closure**

There is no fishing for coho in that portion of the Kasiks River upstream of boundary signs located below the upper pool.

Variation Order No: VO 2013–319

#### **Fishery Notice - Fisheries and Oceans Canada**

Subject: FN0103-RECREATIONAL - Eulachon - All Freshwater in BC - Gear restriction

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

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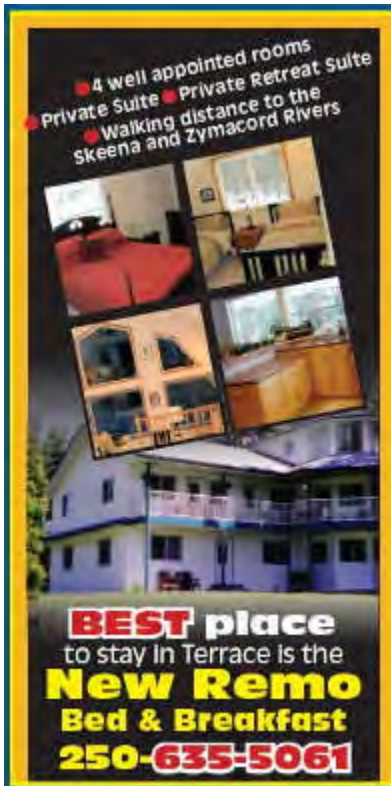
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## **Fishing Regulations:**

2013-2015 **BC tidal waters and fresh-water (Federal)** Salmon fishing information (including recent updates):

<http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/index-eng.htm>

**Effective April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2015**

Shellfish Contamination Closures:

[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)

2013-2015 **Freshwater (Provincial)** Fishing Regulations Synopsis:

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

**Effective April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2015**

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)

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