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Photo of the Week

Hi Noel, well the 55-pounder (45 inch by 29 inch girth) in the pic is real as life as our latest guest from Grande Prairie Alberta set the hook on this Skeena Monster yesterday, August 5th just in time before the closure on Skeena Chinooks. Marvin fought this bad boy for a good 20 minutes and with the help of his partner Brad running my jetboat while I coached Marvin for the victory and a beached whale some 1.5 KMS down river. When the monster hit it took most of Marvin's line, and he mentioned later that he could see the last few wraps of line on the spool, I quickly threw the anchor into the boat and pushed off shore for the chase, and would you believe I forgot the net on shore, what a l!%\$#@ I thought to myself, oh well what could I do now. When you have no net you are not going to land the fish in the middle of the Skeena, so I decided to head to shore and do what all bank maggots



(another name for shore fishermen) do, and that is skid the fish on the rocks and he will lay over on his side and its all good, well Marvin did just that and there you have it, a fish of a lifetime! Report and Photo from [Tracey Hittel](#) of Kitimat Lodge

Weekly Fishing Reports (Smithers, Terrace, Kitimat, Prince Rupert and Meziadin North)

Noel Gyger

August 1 to August 8, 2010

Number 178

Dear Fishing Friends:

SUMMARY: Weather has been good. Temperatures were very hot (28-29 degrees Celsius) until Friday. It is cooler on the weekend with rain showers. Fishing for Sockeye, Chum, Steelhead, Cutthroat Trout, Bull Trout and Dolly Varden Char using fly, spin and conventional gear has been fair. The Skeena River is on the rise and dirty, mostly from the Zymoetz (Copper) River run off. The Chinook (King) Salmon fishery closed August 7th for another year in a zone from Lakelse River mouth upstream to the Skeena River overpass (new Hwy 16 bridge) at Ferry Island. Sockeye fishing is slow due to the coloured water. Limit 2 per day, 4 in possession. I've had reports of a few Steelhead caught also. The Kalum River is in good shape. The whole river is now closed for Chinook. Soon the Coho and summer-run Steelhead will be coming. The Kitimat River is closed now for Chinook. Chums, Pinks, Sockeye and Coho are in the river. Chum are 2 per day limit, Pinks are closed at the moment. There are more Coho showing up. **Watch out for bears on all our rivers. Pepper spray should be carried!** Thank you to Bob Melrose for this important "safety" tip. Now in the Douglas Channel is one of the few times during the year you can catch Halibut in the Kitimat Harbour. The outer waters of the Douglas Channel are producing exceptional numbers of Coho and bottom fish. A 74-pound Halibut was weighed in at **Home Hardware Tackle Shop**. See pic below. Crab (Dungeness and King) fishing is excellent. Check out the detailed Ron Wakita report below. The Zymoetz (Copper) River is mud dirty but that should not stop the summer-run Steelhead from coming in. Prince Rupert has excellent Coho fishing now. There are still a few Chinook but mainly the Coho and Pinks. Bottom fishing is good as there are so many places to fish out of Prince Rupert. A 103-pound Halibut was landed last week. Meziadin Lake fishing seems to have slowed down a bit as most angling effort over the past few weeks has been focused on Sockeye, not Dollies and Rainbows. Check out the full report from Marvin Reid below. The Bulkley River is green, but a little murky. People are still getting Chinook but Coho and Pinks should be coming soon. The Kispiox River water is very low and clear. Locals have never seen the river so low. The Babine Lake has been full of Sockeye fishermen since it opened on August 1st. The Babine River also has been lined up with fishermen. Check out the detailed Bob Melrose report below. Cranberry River is fishing fair for Chinook. This week guide reports came from Ron Wakita, Marc Girard, Tracey Hittel, Gill McKean, Marvin Reid, Wes Owen, Serge Carignan and Jeff Carlson. **Thank you** to all of the fishing guides and anglers who have sent reports and photos. It is very much appreciated!

With the participation of some of the Best Dealers (Tackle Shops) in the Northwest I have distributed DVD players and Video clips featuring the Best Fishing in the Northwest highlighting several of the Best Guides and Charters in the Northwest using a variety of the Best Fishing Products on the Market today. The dealers that have the DVD players are: **Home Hardware** in **Kitimat**, **J&E Tackle and Hunting Shop** in **Prince Rupert**, **Oscars Source for Sports** in **Smithers**, **Meziadin Park Store** in **Meziadin Lake BC** and **Fish Tales Tackle Shop** in **Terrace**. **Please visit these Tackle Shops to watch the shows!**

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New Items on Website

July 22, 2010 (two weeks ago) One **FOR SALE:** (Beautiful Log House on Skeena River waterfront 5 minutes from downtown Terrace)

<http://www.noelgyger.ca/recreation-retirement-waterfront.htm>

River Reports Weather - Normal temp - Sunrise & Sunset - Tye Test Fishery – Tides – Hydrometric Data

Bulkley River

The river is green, but a little murky. We had some rain last night that may bump up the water level and get some more fish coming in. People are still getting Chinook, but Coho and Pinks should be coming in soon – report by Bob Melrose

Kalum River

The river is now closed for Chinook (King) Salmon. The BIG Chinook are left alone to spawn without anymore fishing pressure. Soon the Coho Salmon will be coming into the river. I guess a few summer-run Steelhead will be coming in also but as far as I know most of the Steelhead are a fall run...coming in around September, October and November.

Kispiox River

Locals have never seen the river so low. Fishing has been tough because of the low, warm water. Great for swimming but not so great for fishing. Sockeye are in and a few Coho have been seen – report by Bob Melrose

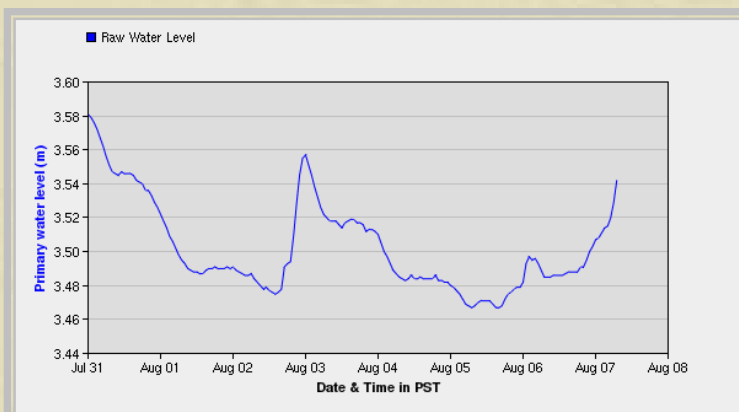
Morice River

Water is low and clear. Fishing has been slow – report by Bob Melrose

Skeena River

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Skeena River



Weather Reports

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Kitimat: 250-632-7864

Prince Rupert: 250-627-1155

Smithers: 250-847-1958.

Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO):

[Tye Test Fishery](#) for the Skeena River

Tides

[Kitimat Tides](#)

[Prince Rupert Tides](#)

[Port Edward](#)

[Hartley Bay](#)

Hydrometric Data

[Babine River Graph](#)

[Bulkley River Graph](#)

[Kispiox River Graph](#)

[Kitimat River Graph](#)

[Morice River Graph](#)

[Nass River Graph](#)

[Skeena River Graph](#)

Normal Temperatures: Max 23°C. Min 11°C.
Sunrise: 5:56am Sunset: 9:24pm

Zymoetz (Copper) River

The water is dirty.

Meziadin River and Lake

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Babine River and Lake

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Fishing Guide and Tackle Shop Reports

Summary for Skeena and Tributaries

Fishing This Week

FAIR

Type of Fish Caught

River: Chum, Coho, Sockeye and Pink Salmon, Steelhead, Cutthroat Trout and Dolly Varden Char.

Ocean: All five species of Salmon, Halibut, Bottom Fish and Dungeness and King Crab for ocean.

Thank you for using barbless hooks! (This is a BC fishing regulation)

Largest Fish of the Week

River: 40-pound Chinook on the Kitimat River. 55-pound Chinook Skeena River. **Ocean:** 74-pound Halibut Douglas Channel. 103-pound Halibut out of Prince Rupert.

BOOKING NOW for fall **Steelhead and Coho**. Let me know if I can be of service to book you with the "best" fishing guide and/or fishing lodges for both river and ocean. There are **NO** extra charges to book through me, just a lot of free information and advice from a person with years and years of fishing and fish guiding experience. It is like hiring two guides for the price Your "dream trip" awaits. [Contact Noel](#) anytime...to start planning your trip. Everything will be to your entire satisfaction.

Ron Wakita: Reliable Guide and Charters, Kitimat BC

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Home Hardware Tackle Shop E-mail wakita@telus.net Phone 250-632-1275



Kitimat River



Kitimat River in Kitimat area air temperatures were incredibly hot early in the week. It was so hot that a few anglers abandoned their fishing rods and jumped into the river to cool off. The hole below the Haisla Bridge became a popular swimming hole. Due to the extreme heat many anglers preferred to fish in the early morning and in the evening.



Aug 1 My son Brandon and I drifted with my very good friend Doug Rumley. We hooked a bunch of Pinks and a Chum with our Spey Rods. Brandon was using a [Loomis](#) GLX 14' 9/10 Dredger Rod with an [Islander](#) LX4.5 Fly Reel. Doug was using a [Sage](#) 9150 Rod. These were a bit heavy for Pinks but the "right tools for the job" for Chum and Chinook.



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Aug 2 Marc Girard fishing with his daughter Chrissy and his future son-in-law Johnny Southwick, landed 1 Coho, 1 Jack Chinook, 10 Chum and 4 Pinks during their drift. Wow! Congratulations on a great day of fishing! Special Congratulations to Chrissy and Johnny on their engagement!

Summary: Chinook retention closed on the Kitimat River last weekend unceremoniously as there were no big Chinook in the last hours of the opening.

Chum stocks to date appear to be low this year especially in the lower Kitimat River below Haisla Bridge. The only hole that has produced Chum consistently this week was the gravel bar below the Kitimat Hatchery. The other lower Kitimat River holes produced Pink and Chum sporadically. The upper Kitimat has pockets of Chum and Pinks stacked up but they seem to be a little difficult to entice to take a lure. Fly anglers have reported better success than the lures during the mid afternoon sun.

Pink stocks on the Kitimat River have been disappointing to many anglers. Those who have experienced the exceptional fishing for Pinks in the last few years have had to hone their fishing skills to catch their share of Pinks this season. The Pink closure may be what is needed to rebuild the stocks. Please release the Pinks with care.

Chum remains open to 2 per day over 30cms. Coho is open to 4 per day, 2 over 50cms. There were 4 more Coho reported this week and many anglers are waiting anxiously for the Kitimat River Coho season. It is still early for Coho on the Kitimat River but with the Gill Net fishery for Chum curtailed we may see more than average numbers of early run Coho in the coming weeks.

Douglas Channel



Aug 4 Merv aboard his boat the "Fantesea" reports catching Coho and Chinook in Fish Trap bay down the Douglas Channel. Merv's son also caught a Halibut in Fish Trap. I apologize for not mentioning all the names of the anglers but I did not have them at the time of this report. Congratulations on your catch.

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Aug 5th Wes Owen caught a 10lb Coho trolling in front of Kitimaat Village in the Kitimat Harbour. Wes is always doing some pre client trips in preparation for clients we have booked for later in the month. Wes was using a [Luhr Jensen Abe and Al #1 flasher](#) with an Anchovie inserted into a **Rhys Davis** Anchovie head.

Anyone wishing to book a trip with Wes, please contact Noel noel@noelgyger.ca



Aug 6 Tony Dunn weighed in a **74lb Halibut** in our **Home Hardware Instore Derby**. Tony caught this Halibut just below Coste Rocks in the Kitimat Harbour. This is one of the few times during the year when anglers can catch Halibut in the Kitimat Harbour. Congratulations Tony!



34lb Spring caught on a 9 inch frog pattern [Lyman Lure](#).....near Ucluelet

SPECIAL PROMOTION

Hi Colin Redisky, thank you for the photo with the automatic testimonial for [Lyman Lures](#) I have forwarded the photo to Noel for him to give Lyman some additional exposure as well. Noel is very good with promotion. I am sure he will include this in his next Fishing Report.

Best Regards,

Ron Wakita

Summary: The outer waters of the Douglas Channel are producing exceptional numbers of Coho. One charter boat reports boating 24 Coho with his clients and their limit of Halibut. Other boaters reported similar results fishing the outer waters of the Douglas Channel. With each tide more Coho will migrate into the Kitimat end of the Douglas Channel. Some boaters have already started to catch Coho at Jesse Falls. It is shaping up to be an outstanding Coho season.

Halibut and bottom fish catch numbers are also starting to increase in inner waters of the Douglas Channel. It is an exciting time to be fishing the Douglas Channel where you can catch Halibut and Coho on the same day.

We still have available days on our driftboat trips, jetboat trips and saltwater trips. Any interested anglers please contact Noel noel@noelgyger.ca

Thank You to everyone for contributing photos and info for this fishing report.

Sincerely and Cheers

Ron Wakita

Gill McKean: *Westcoast Fishing Adventures, Terrace BC and rivers north.*



Hi Gill, Attached are 2 pics, with 2 more in next e-mail. Thanks, Tom Shillington, Mt Julliet, TN USA
Tom

NEW! I am offering a "**Super Special**" **FULL DAY** guided Chinook Drift-Boat fishing on the Skeena and Kitimat Rivers!
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Tight Lines

Gill McKean

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Tracey Hittel: Kitimat Lodge, Kitimat BC

Hello Noel from the Kitimat heat wave, 35c is the normal temperature here these days and the camels are loving every minute of it, or is it a mirage. Well the 55lber in picture 1 (**See Photo of the Week**) is real as life as our latest guest from Grande Prairie Alberta set the hook on this Skeena Monster yesterday just in time before the closure on Skeena Chinooks.

Marvin fought this bad bay for a good 20 minutes and with the help of his partner Brad running my jetboat while I coached Marvin for the victory and a beached whale some 1.5 KMS down river. When the monster hit it took most of Marvin's line, and he mentioned later that he could see the last few wraps of line on the spool, I quickly threw the anchor into the boat and pushed off shore for the chase, and would you believe I forgot the net on shore, what a l%\$#@ I thought to myself, oh well what could I do now. When you have no net your not going to land the fish in the middle of the Skeena, so I decided to head to shore and do what all bank maggots (another name for shore fishermen) do, and that is skid the fish on the rocks and he will lay over on his side and it's all good, well Marvin did just that and there you have it, a fish of a lifetime!



Also pictured in our next slide is Robert Anderson of Medicine Hat Alberta with a chrome bar from the Skeena. This fish pushed the 30lb mark and is a Tye, not to mention another pair for the day landed. It's the biggest fish Bob has landed as well his grandson Austin proved he could pull in Skeena fish too.

Our **Missouri Circus Show** owner Leonard and Company spent a day on the Skeena with us. Pictured is me with Leonard and another beauty. During August the Skeena produces a large run of fresh Steelhead and attached is Tom the Ukrainian necktie, with a Steelhead fresh from the sea. This was Tom's second trip this season as he was in Kitimat in June for Chinooks, landing a 30lber.

Also fishing with us this week was Greg Chacalias and Garth Stark. These guys had very good success and the story of the week was 2 days ago when Greg launched into a 70lb plus Chinook on the famous Kalum River. His guide Barkley said it was the biggest fish he has ever seen, having it elude his net on 2 occasions, unsure if it could even fit the large Salmon net. After a 1 hour battle, the beast snapped the 30lb test line and away it disappeared into the green emerald water. It's always about the one that got away that keeps us going back out!

This weeks arriving guests are from the USA, Japan, Alberta, Switzerland and the UK. The run of Coho in the rivers and the Saltwater begins this week as well peak Skeena Steelhead.

Tracey John Hittel

Jeff Carlson: BC Style Fishing Charters and J&E Tackle Shop, Prince Rupert BC

Hi Noel, fishing in and around Prince Rupert is excellent. I heard of boaters getting their limits on Salmon and Bottom Fish at many of the popular fishing grounds plus limits of Crab and Prawns. Coho numbers are picking up.



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Hi Jeff,

I've attached a photo of a 55 lb. Chinook salmon caught this foggy morning by Brad Bardua east of Stephens Island.

Have a great evening,
Denise ;-D

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Prince Rupert Tide Charts:

<http://www.waterlevels.gc.ca/cgi-bin/tide-shc.cgi?queryType=showFrameset&zone=18&language=english®ion=1&stnum=9354>



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Tight Lines and see you on the water.

Jeff Carlson – owner

Jason Munday: *Fish Tales Tackle Shop, Terrace BC*

Hello Noel, Chinook fishing has slowed down as the season is nearing its end. More and more reports are coming in reporting Steelhead and Coho being caught. As one fishery comes to an end another takes its place! You gotta love this region for its run after run of fish all year long. Sockeye, Pink, Coho and Steelhead are gearing up! So get out there and have FUN!

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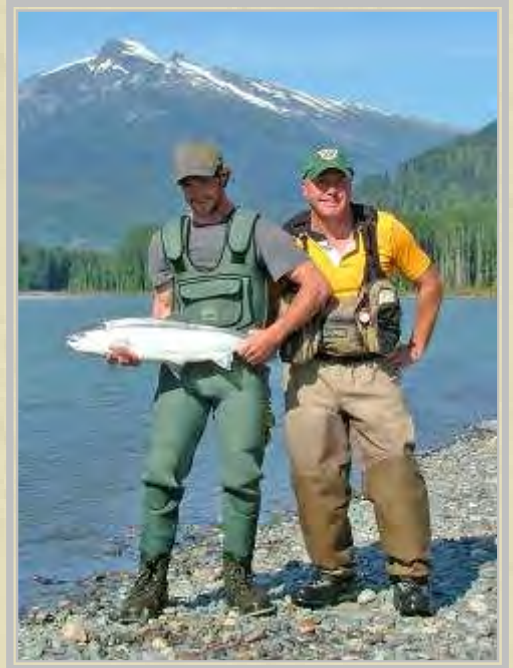


Photo of the two McCleary's. Photo by Willie



This week [Redl's item is a Trophy XL Wading Jacket](#). Launched in July 2006. Trophy XL's waterproof and breathable wading jackets are available at your nearest Trophy XL deals. Their wading jacket is designed to meet the needs of river anglers in the Pacific Northwest. Available in small, medium, large, extra large and extra-extra large. **Regular price \$121.99** on **SALE 20% off** for **\$97.59** each.



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Cheers!

Jason Munday

Marvin Reid: Meziadin and Northern BC

Fishing seems to have slowed a bit on Meziadin Lake. I believe this is due mainly to the fact that most angling effort over the past few weeks has been focused on Sockeye, and not Dollies and Rainbows. The Sockeye that had been reported to be in the Nass River, have not entered the Meziadin system as of yet. Time will tell, if in fact this will happen. Dollies will be congregating at the mouths of the inlet streams, in search of salmon eggs, as the sockeye enter the streams to spawn.

There has been a lot of confusion over the past week as to highway conditions and road closures, due to forest fires at the north end of Highway 37. All services and Provincial Parks are open along Highway 37. As I have mentioned in previous reports, there are many great places to fish along Highway 37 for a variety of different species of fish. If you are travelling up this way, please drop into **Meziadin Lake Provincial Park** and I will be happy to share any information I have on the area with you.

I am now the operator of **Meziadin Lake Provincial Park**, as well as operating the Park which has a **Store**, and wireless internet to all sites. We also offer **Travel Trailer Rentals** to persons wishing to enjoy the outdoor experience.

I do guided fishing trips on Meziadin and other local lakes along Highway 37.

Meziadin if not the best lake in Northwest BC for Dolly Varden and Bull Trout, up to 11 lbs, must be very close to the top of the list. I supply all rods, tackle and bait. Care of catch and cleaning.

[Trips can be booked](#) by the hour or by the day. I use an 19ft **Harbercraft** powered by a 75 **Yamaha**.

We can be contacted at marvin_reid@telus.net , or 1 866 500 7302

Best regards, *Marvin Reid*

Bob Melrose: Oscars Source for Sports, Smithers BC

Staying Sharp

How sharp are you? Whoa, not talking about you losing it, talking about losing fish. The single, most important, thing you can do to having more success in landing fish is to have sticky sharp hooks. Yet, many anglers forget this critical bit of advice. Over the years, we have had many anglers say they had hooked but not held onto fish. When asked if the hooks were sharp or had been sharpened, a glazed, but familiar look comes over them. Without that sharp hook, you may make many passing acquaintances but no lasting friendships. In order for that hook to penetrate a fishes hard mouth, that hook needs to be sticky sharp. Sticky means grabbing, and not sliding, on an inclined fingernail. Sharp hooks are necessary for any fishing but especially so when it comes to Salmon or Steelhead. If the fish so much as sniffs your offering you want him/her hooked. Those hooks should also be checked and touched up every time you touch bottom. Many anglers do not take the time to do this. In fact, the majority of anglers do not own a hook sharpener.

Most hooks that come on the various lures are not sticky sharp and need to be touched up, or replaced, with the excellent Gamakatsu, or another of the premium hooks available. In BC we must use single hook only so we can replace the trebles or inferior single hooks with the open eye [Gamakatsu](#) hook. These hooks have an open eye, so are easy to attach to the split ring. A WARNING here: Gamakatsu are very high tempered and if you close that open eye quickly, you may crack the hook. Close slowly to avoid breakage.

When using the Octopus or beak type hooks look at the size of the eye to see if the split ring will fit through the eye. Hooks are available with different sized eyes appropriate for the application. Our laws also demand barbless, and if your hooks are barbed you can squeeze those barbs down SLOWLY, to avoid breakage. Most of the hooks can also be purchased in the Barbless version.

There are many hook sharpeners available at your speciality retailer. The most common is the [Luhr Jensen](#) Hook File in various sizes and with or without a handle. They are good but harder to finesse a hook if it needs just a minor touch up. The diamond sharpener by **EZE-LAP** are good in that they are pen-like and clip on your pocket. Pull out the sharpener, reverse it, and the round, diamond encrusted rod has a groove for aligning the hook. They work well and don't remove near as much material as the L.J. Hook File.

The best one I have found is the **DR. SLICK** diamond paddle. One side of the paddle is fine, and a medium on the reverse side. It is very easy to use and finesse even small flies. Clipped onto a retractor it is always available and should be used often.

Hook sharpening should be done towards the point, at three different, equal angles for best results. Test for sharpness on your fingernail.

If you want to "Hook and Hold" keep those hooks sharp.

Chumming Around:

Most of our salmon fishing for Spring/Chinook Salmon is now winding down or closed. Many anglers enjoy the great fighting qualities of the next biggest of the Pacific Salmon, the Chum. Chum are much maligned as "Dog Salmon" (for their canine teeth in spawning phase, and for there "only good for dog food" misnomer). However, with proper care they are good table fare.

Chum Salmon are short river travellers and deteriorate quickly on entering fresh water. Fresh Chum should be cleaned and iced immediately after catching for best eating or smoking. Many anglers have the salmon sitting in the water for hours on a hot day and then complain that the fish are soft or terrible. In fact some cynical recipes for Chum tell you to cook the Chum on a cedar plank and then eat the plank. Like I say they get a bum chum rap.



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Chum have a low oil content and smoke up well as many First Nations folk will tell you. Best cold smoked or made into Salmon Candy. Chum Chowder is a great soup and many Chum recipes can be found on the net by people who take the time to get the best results. The most important thing is to use only the freshest fish that are cleaned and iced immediately.

They will readily take flies and this is becoming the most popular way to fish for them. A #8-10 weight rod is needed as they can reach the mid 30's in size (15-kg). They will also take spoons and Spin-N-Glos.

The Chum Salmon run in the Kitimat River is not a big run this year but they sure provide a great fight and more Coho are showing up daily.

Prince Rupert

Excellent Coho now out of Rupert. Still a few Springs but mainly the Coho and Pinks. Bottom fishing good as there are so many places to fish out of Rupert.

Babine

Babine Lake has been full of Sockeye fisherman since it opened on August 1st. Fishing has been fair-good. Fish are in, just not as many as there will be in another week. Fish with a red [Gamakatsu](#) hook (barbs are allowed) a couple of red or green beads on a 18"-24" leader with a flasher, anywhere from 25-45 feet deep.

Babine River also has been lined with fisherman. Make sure you have a really heavy tip, you have to be on the bottom in order to catch any of these excellent tasting fish. Anywhere from a 9-11 inch-per-second tip is good. Make sure to give the bears their space, get out of the water at the first signs of any bears.

Kispiox

Locals have never seen the river so low. Fishing has been tough because of the low, warm water. It is great for swimming, not so great for fishing. Sockeye are in and a few Coho have been seen.

Bulkley

The river is green, but a little murky. We had some rains last night that may bump up the water level and get some more fish coming in. People are still getting Springs, but Coho and Pinks should be coming in soon.

Morice

River is low and clear. Fishing has been slow.

Enjoy your weekend.

Bob Melrose

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For your viewing pleasure please cast to this link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1kyPvojL6rM> and watch Ron Wakita and I test fish the **new** braided line **Tuf-Line Duracast**. Did I say we loved the line and caught a bunch of Coho?

Gamakatsu Dealers in the Northwest: City Centre Hardware and Sporting Goods in **Kitimat**, Oscars Source for Sports in **Smithers** and Fish Tales Tackle Shop in **Terrace**

Fishing Regulations

2009-2011 BC tidal waters and non-tidal (Federal)
Salmon fishing information:
www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/recfish
Effective April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2011

2009-2011 Freshwater (Provincial) Fishing Regulations
Synopsis:
www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish
Effective April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2011 (Note: regs good for two years)

Guest Comments and Photos

***** If any of you have special fishing photos, testimonials, scenic river photos, wildlife photos or articles I would love to see them.**



Fishing with Serge Carignan of **Predator Fishing Charters** of Prince Rupert (250 627-1993) on August 8, 2009. The largest fish was a 103-lb halibut caught by Steve Dotto - on his first time fishing on the ocean. Shown left to right are Clarence Braam, Steve Dotto, Mike Folkema and Jim Mantel - all of Terrace, BC. Photo credit - Serge Carignan.

Catch and Release Formula

Chinook: girth squared x length x 1.54 divided by 1000 (inches)

Steelhead: girth squared x length x 1.33 divided by 1000 (inches)

Marketplace

[Contact me](#) anytime to post your items. There is no charge for a posting. Here are the latest postings:

Fiberglass Fish Reproductions



This 42 x 23.5 inch Steelhead was estimated to weigh 30-pounds. There are many sizes and positions available, and pretty much any species. Call Carey Braun anytime at 250-639-3769 and he will be happy to build one for you. Yes, that's Carey in the photo. **Place your order NOW**

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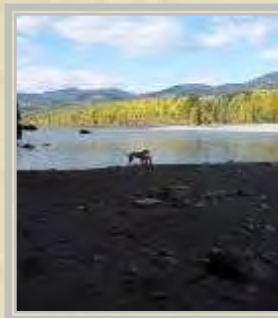


Terrace, BC Beautiful 3300sq ft Log House on the Banks of the Skeena River 5 min. west from Downtown Terrace, BC. Situated on .75 of an acre and built in the early 70s before setback rules and is only 20 ft from the bank of the River, but out of the floodplain. **There is a trail leading down to a bench where you can tie up your boat most of the year.** Completely renovated house including new doors, windows, plumbing, and electrical, & is like a brand new house. It has 4 bedrooms (possible 5th) and 2 1/2 baths and two natural stone fireplaces. There is also a 22 X 32 shop & a double carport. Very private and quiet, just the sound of the river. [Contact Noel Gyger for more photos and info](#) **(Make an offer)**



Terrace, BC This property is a ten minute drive from the Terrace/Kitimat Airport part way between Terrace and Kitimat. Near Mount Layton Hot springs, within 45 minutes of internationally acclaimed Shames Mountain, 15 minutes from 18 Holes at the Skeena Valley Golf Club, and central in all directions from world class salmon fishing, mountain biking, hiking or kayaking. This property features over 400 feet of sandy beachfront. While approximately 25 acres is left forested, the balance has been levelled and prepared for your dream home, or potential development. This property is home to local wildlife, including Moose, Deer, and perhaps the occasional Spirit Bear, plus countless smaller mammals and birds. This property is truly a one of a kind natural treasure. Properties of this quality rarely become available, act now! [Contact Noel for more info.](#)

Rick McDaniel Re/Max of Terrace



Terrace, BC With over 3200 feet of river front, panoramic mountain views, beautiful natural spring on the property, mobile home and guest cabin, barn, stable, workshop, gardens, a 5 1/2 acre area that was formerly a vegetable growing plot that supplied the local area and has been fallow for several years now. May be organically certifiable. Pick your fishing spot along the riverfront, with several different good looking options available. Clear views of the Seven Sisters range, plus mountains to the East, West and South as well. Located 76 KM East of Terrace this is literally a piece of Paradise on Earth. The balance of the property carries up the ridge toward the majestic peaks on the South side of Highway 16. Perfect as a small farm or build your dream home. [Contact Noel for more info, maps and more photo's](#)

Rick McDaniel Re/Max of Terrace

WANTED TO BUY I have a client who is interested in property of 5-10 acres or larger on the Skeena River or one of the tribs, not too far out from Terrace BC. Need winter access, hydro and phone connection, or at least wireless coverage. He wants to be able to walk down to the river with his Spey rod and fish, so Skeena 4 would be ideal, but no farther than USK. [If you have larger acreage that is sub-dividable to suit my client please Contact Noel Gyger](#)



Waterfront/Dock location

Smithers BC - 8 terraced acres of Bulkley River Waterfront. Experience the advantage of nature's tranquility only 20 minutes from downtown Smithers, BC. Prime building lot awaits your ideas for development. Proven year round water source. **Boat launch access for world class fishing, kayaking, rafting, etc.** School bus service available. Recreation waterfront and privacy all at your door step. [Contact Noel Gyger](#) for detail and more photo's.
Chris Timms Calderwood Realty Ltd of Smithers



Kispiox BC - Fishing paradise out your back door, world record steelhead were caught in this fishing hole. 24 acres of rare Kispiox Riverfront and host to the "Cottonwood Hole". Level, benched property part. Flood plain. Value of old homestead at buyers discretion. **Prettiest small parcel in the valley.** [Contact Noel Gyger](#) for detail and more photo's.
Chris Timms Calderwood Realty of Smithers

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B&B's For Sale



Sooke, BC [Ocean Wilderness Inn](#) This breathtaking 4.6 acre oceanfront property boasts a private setting with small creek towering trees and lots of wildlife for photographers and nature lovers. The beautiful walk on waterfront is almost a full mile of private beach. The home offers 9 very large bedrooms with large bathrooms. The fir floors blend into the log theme of the home, everyone who visits feels at ease in this comfortable home. Current owners have done extensive renovations to keep the property in top condition. The home has been featured in several publications and is well known for its great meals, crystal clear water, spectacular gardens and customer service. Enjoy spectacular views from the hot tub. Just a few minutes drive to fabulous salmon fishing and surfing beaches. [Contact Noel Gyger for more info](#)



Quadra Island, BC [Moon Shadows B&B](#) 4500 square foot home on an acre of beautiful gardens, lots of room for toys in barn and storage shed. What a wonderful life choice with the ocean at your door step and fabulous Islands and inlets to discover while sailing or kayaking, fabulous fishing, clamming and oysters. Just a wonderful way to enjoy life while raising your family. Home is fully operational as a B&B, and is being sold with all furnishings, bedding and kitchen tools as the current owners are leaving the province. [Contact Noel for more info](#)



Sooke, BC Coopers Cove Guest House Beautifully appointed 6 bedroom 7 bathroom waterfront B&B. This spectacular B&B was featured on Oprah for its gourmet cooking classes. Fabulous large professional kitchen, wonderful grounds complete with herb and vegetable gardens, and two hot tubs. Home is steps from the Galloping Goose Trail leading into the heart of Victoria. [Contact Noel for more info](#)

Boats for Sale



Price reduced to \$10,500

For Sale: Custom 15 foot all welded aluminum Jet boat: 2000 Johnson 40 jet power with power trim stainless steel impeller (and stock aluminum impeller) 8 degree hull with tunnel. Center consol. Front fishing platform with storage. 3 Rod holders. 1 Scotty down rigger. Hummingbird 520 fish finder, Karavan trailer. **One owner, never used for guiding.** Turn key ready. \$11,500 obo. Phone 250-635-4007 ask for Jamie.



For Sale or Lease: 1997 24' Ali-Craft jet-boat & boat trailer: \$35,000 (will cost you over \$60K new) For complete listing details and contact info [please click here](#) (to read a Microsoft Word Document .doc)



For Sale: 16' Fiberglass Dory and Trailer: \$6,500 (will cost you \$8-9K new) Very well maintained. Comes with anchor, anchor rope, life jackets (up to six), fish box, 10' ash oars, and spare new trailer tire. Has water-tight, lockable dry storage under the front seat also has dry storage under the bow. Knee braces at the bow, for standing & fighting fish while floating downstream. Current owner will deliver anywhere in northwestern BC. May be viewed at Meziadin Lake.

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Yours sincerely,

Noel F. Gyger

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Last Minute "discount" booking prices

We've just had a major cancellation, and now have 6-8 spaces available during the week of August 15 to 21 – as you know, one of our **prime time fly fishing weeks on the Skeena and Copper!** Though I don't like giving really large discounts, we're in a tough spot right now. So, we are offering a 20% discount off the 2010 rates to clients if they join us either at the lodge or as a day booking.

We also have some great spaces during our Fall Steelhead and Coho season, during the weeks of: September 12 to 18, September 26 to October 2, October 10 to 16 and October 31 to November 6. With the Steelhead numbers at Tyee, it's shaping up to be a good Summer and Fall on our rivers. If interested please [contact Noel Gyger soon](#).

[Let-me-know](#) what you think of the **New!** Fishing Report format? Your ideas are always welcome. Thank you.