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Dear Fishing Friends:

**SUMMARY:** The heat wave is over. Temperatures near normal and no rain to speak of. Fishing for Sockeye, Chum, Steelhead, Cutthroat Trout, Bull Trout and Dolly Varden Char using fly, spin and conventional gear has been good. The Skeena River has been dropping all week and is extremely low and clean. The Skeena River is a very big river so low water usually does not hurt the fishing, in some ways it improves it. Sockeye fishing is good if you know the how and where to fish for them. Limit is lowered to 1 per day, 2 in possession on August 23rd. Steelhead and Coho fishing is excellent. It is not uncommon to catch both Steelhead and Coho on the same day and throw in the odd Pink. The Kalum River is low and in good shape. Steelhead and Coho are coming in now. Kitimat River level remained very low again this week. Despite the low water level, some Coho migrated into the Kitimat River albeit a little rain would bring a lot more fish into the river. The Douglas Channel is producing excellent numbers of Halibut and Coho. The Harbour fishing is good. Crab (Dungeness and King) fishing is excellent. Check out the detailed Ron Wakita report below. The Zymoetz (Copper) River is clean. Summer-run Steelhead are moving in now. Prince Rupert reports a good Coho fishery. Lots of Halibut following the Salmon in. Meziadin Lake has been a bit of a strange week. Dollies and Rainbow, which are usually in abundant supply have been hard to locate and catch. Check out the full report from Marvin Reid below. Bulkley River is a beautiful green and very low. Chinook run is coming to an end, but still a couple being landed. Coho and Pinks and Steelhead are starting to show up. The Kispiox River is super low, fishing has been tough. The Morice River has no access because of forest fires in the area. Check out the Bob Melrose report below. This week guide reports came from Ron Wakita, Marc Girard, Mike Herzberg, Wes Owen, Dave Payjack, Gill McKean and Kevin Reid Thank you to all of the fishing guides who have sent reports and photos. It is very much appreciated!

**WARNING:** BEARS on all our rivers. Be Bear Aware and carry Pepper Spray. Check your spray for expiry date!

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!**

Many people book three trips per year to our area; one trip in the spring (March-April-May), one trip in the summer (June-July-August) and one trip in the fall (September-October-November). They love having the same guide but fishing for different fish in different areas.
New Items on Website

August 20, 2010 - One New item (Book Now for: discount prices for guided fishing trips) 
http://www.noelgyger.ca/special-guided.htm
August 18, 2010 - One New item (conservation) 
http://www.noelgyger.ca/conservation.htm

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

Bulkley River
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Kalum River
The river is clean and dropping fast. I have had reports of Steelhead and Coho being caught. The run should build over the next couple of weeks. Please do NOT target the Chinook, leave them alone and let them spawn in peace.

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Skeena River Graph

Normal Temperatures: Max 22°C. Min 10°C.
Sunrise: 5:21am  Sunset: 8:54pm
Zymoetz (Copper) River
The water is low and clean. The talk around town is of a very good run of Steelhead entering the river.

Meziadin River and Lake
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Coho will be showing up soon at the mouth where the river joins the Skeena River. We need a bump in the water to move them upriver. Some fish will be holding 1/8 mile upriver in the deepest water along the cliffs.

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Babine River and Lake
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.

Fishing Guide and Tackle Shop Reports

Summary for Skeena and Tributaries

Fishing This Week
GOOD

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: no big fish reported this week. Ocean: no big fish reported this week.

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.
Kitimat River

The Kitimat River level remained very low again this week. Despite the low water level, some Coho migrated into the Kitimat River albeit a little rain would bring a lot more fish into the river.

Aug 15 Marc Girard with his friend Alice Waters landed a Coho on their afternoon drift. Marc and Alice were Hot Shotting with a Luhr Jensen Hot Shot #35. Congratulations Alice!

Aug 16 Marc Girard drifting with his wife Bonnie and their friend Alice Belado and Alice landed 2 Coho. Well done Alice! Great job Marc! Marc is having pretty good luck fishing with ladies for the early run Coho on the Kitimat River. If this trend continues, Driftboaters will just have to take their favorite ladies on the drift to have success...

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Mike a few “Lucky Charms” in his truck. Whether or not the Lucky Charms played a
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chose my Coho as Photo of the Week.**

**Aug 20** John Schikoski and Betty Benner drifted the Kitimat River and they landed 4
Coho. John and Betty have recently moved to Frazer Lake but return to the Kitimat
River to fish. When John and Betty lived in Kitimat it was a common sight to see them
drifting the Kitimat River in their **Alumaweld** Driftboat with their dog. Congratulations
on your catch and it is nice to see you on the water again.

**Summary:** All and all, the Coho run on the Kitimat River seems to be on track to be a good year. It seems that we are seeing
more early run Coho than we normally do. There also seems to be a few more late Pinks in the river than was anticipated.
The main run of Coho usually starts to show up this time of year and there were more Coho showing in the latter part of this
week. I suspect that with a little rain there will be a lot of Coho in the Kitimat River.

**Douglas Channel**

**Aug 16** Wes Owen of **Golden Fishing Adventures** fishing with Giorgio and Dennis Lawson landed 4 Coho and a Pink.
The Coho fishing is just starting and Wes’ group enjoyed the early stages of what I think is going to be an outstanding Coho
fishery in the harbour. Well done Dennis and Giorgio!
Aug 17 Ken Craven reports fishing with Lucy Slykerman and her niece Allison Green from Windsor, Ontario. Allison caught her first Salmon 17 August. Nice Coho Allison! Good fishing on a calm sunny day near Cleo Bay." Congratulations to you all.

Aug 17 Dave Payjack of Seawest Adventures reports, "here is a picture of client Dallas with his father Bryan and brother Clint. We had a great day on the water and man was it ever hot!!! We landed 3 chinook, 4 coho and 17 Pacific cod and a feed of crab. We were fishing around Fishtrap area when we got into the big cod. It was very nice to hook into so many that were way above average size." Congratulations to you and your clients! Anyone wishing to book a trip with Dave please contact Noel noel@noelgyger.ca

Aug 18 Wes Owen fishing with his clients Valerie Michel, her son Matt and Rollie Sarabun landed 3 Coho in the Kitimat Harbour. The wind picked up a bit but Rollie said, "they had a great day on the Douglas Channel". Wes commented that Valerie pointed out that her son Matt had a huge smile on his face. That was the most important part of the trip for her. It is not very often that I have the honor of reporting a Mother and son enjoying the passion of fishing. Thank You for letting us play a role in creating some fond family memories. Sorry no photos.

Aug 19 Wes Owen fishing with his clients Kelly Kelsey and her Mom and Dad landed 3 Coho in the Kitimat Harbour. My apologies for not reporting their names. It appears that this week is Dad/daughter week to be fishing the Douglas Channel. And Mom too! Great news! Good for you folks. Kelsey's parents joined Kelsey in Kitimat to fish with us all the way from Texas. Wow! Wes said that "everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves". Well done everyone!
**Summary:** The outer waters of the Douglas Channel continue to produce outstanding numbers of Coho. Many of the boaters that are going out with 4 anglers on overnight trips are returning with their 2 day limit of 32 Coho. Halibut is also very good but most boaters are focusing on the Coho.

The Kitimat Harbour fishery is starting to pick up as the Coho migrate up to the Kitimat end of the Douglas Channel. If the catch results on the outer waters are an indication of what we can expect in the Kitimat Harbour, we are going to have a good season in the harbour.

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*

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

Hi Noel, fishing is great right now on the Skeena River. Water is in perfect shape. It is possible now to catch Steelhead, Coho and Pink on the same day. WOW. Lots of fun!

The following are special deals I am offering for a limited time.

**NEW!** I am offering a “Super Special” FULL DAY guided Drift-Boat fishing trip on the Skeena and Kitimat Rivers! Maximum 4 per boat. Please contact Noel for details and prices

**NEW!** I am offering a “Super Special” FULL DAY guided Jet-Boat fishing trip on Skeena and Tributary Rivers! Maximum 4 per boat. Please contact Noel for details and prices

**NEW!** I am offering a “Super Special” TWO FULL DAYS guided Jet-boat fishing trip on rivers north. Minimum two persons required to do this trip. Maximum four persons. This trip involves lots of travel so one overnight is required. Guests are responsible for their own meals and accommodations. Please contact Noel for details and prices

Tight Lines

*Gill McKea*

*Fishing is our addiction - Guiding is our passion - Adventure is in our blood*

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

Sorry no report today. I would assume Jeff is very busy chartering on the water.
BOOK your charter dates now. Contact Noel noel@noelgyger.ca

BC STYLE Fishing Charters

To book your charter for Salmon, Halibut and Bottom Fish onboard the Trish-Anne (boat on the left) please contact Jeff Carlson of BC STYLE Fishing Charters www.bcstylefishingcharters.com

Prince Rupert Weather: http://www.theweathernetwork.com/weather/cabc0236

Prince Rupert Tide Charts:
http://www.waterlevels.gc.ca/cgi-bin/tide-shc.cgi?queryType=showFrameset&zone=18&language=english&region=1&stnnum=9354
This may be the time to book that guided fishing trip of a lifetime! A few day bookings and lodge packages are being offered at super low discount rates. Click here for details [http://www.noelgyger.ca/special-guided.htm](http://www.noelgyger.ca/special-guided.htm)

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

Hello Noel, Chinook fishing is over. Let em spawn! 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!

Fish Tales has incredible deals on all of your fishing needs. We invite everyone to come in and check out our full inventory of equipment so you are properly prepared to catch your monster fish! We also have a complementary phone for our out of town guests to use to call home. Also, Fish Tales would love to display your favorite picture on our in-store **BIG SCREEN**. Please email your pictures to [jason@fishtalesterrace.com](mailto:jason@fishtalesterrace.com) so we can display them for all to see!

**Happy Fishing to all from Fish Tales Fly & Tackle Shop!!** P.S. We just received our shipment of Premium Roe!! Yes, That Roe!!!

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.**
Fish Tales would like to take the opportunity to WELCOME Simms into our store. We now carry a solid Simms product line and growing. Fish Tales invites everyone to come in and check out our store display of this top quality product. Comfort is key for a great day on the river!!

Happy Fishing to all from Fish Tales Fly & Tackle Shop!!

Website and Instore flyer coming soon...

Out of town orders are always welcome. Come in for a coffee anytime.

Cheers!
Jason Munday

Marvin Reid: Meziadin and Northern BC

Hi Noel, It has been a bit of a strange week for fishing at Meziadin Lake. Dollies and Rainbow, which are usually in abundant supply, have been very hard to locate, not to mention, to actually catch. We have spent quite a few hours on the lake this past week, with very little to show for our efforts. To make it even more confusing, I am unable to identify the fish that we were able to land (see pic below)
It is not something I have ever seen before, at least a fish of this colour. Anyone have an opinion or want to guess?

The commercial salmon fishery on the Meziadin is over and the targeted amount of Sockeye have been harvested. The other good news is that fresh Sockeye continue to enter the Meziadin system which means that chances are still good, that bright fish can be caught for awhile yet.

Meziadin Lake Provincial Park will be closing on Sept 22nd, and the gate will be locked. The boat launch that is located on the Meziadin River will also be inaccessible, as it is on private property, and the road leading to it will be gated as well.

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 a 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**

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**Bob Melrose:** **Oscars Source for Sports, Smithers BC**  [www.oscarssports.com](http://www.oscarssports.com)

**Value Added**

This is an update of a column I wrote last year. It is worth repeating.

In over 50 years of selling outdoor equipment, and especially fishing tackle, I have come to realize that most of the things I have learned I have learned from the customers that frequent the tackle shops. They are the real experts as they live their passion and play it forward.

As a boy growing up in Southern Alberta, I hung around the tackle shops listening to the tales told by the people who were in the field and streams every chance they could get. Like a sponge I absorbed every little bit of info I could. Gradually, and with the mentoring of many individuals, I built up a strong foundation for pursuing fish and game throughout Alberta, Montana and later BC.

The tackle shops and its denizens are where I found new spots to fish, how to get there, the right gear, the best time etc. It is where I was shown new knots, new tackle, new methods and met many new friends. If the customers felt you were worthy, they shared new hot spots with you, hoping that you would zealously guard some of the more fragile spots and that you judiciously gave out some of the info you learned.

Many of the most memorable fishing trips I have been on, came about because of a tip from a fellow angler, who was willing to share a spot or method. That is what I love about fishing. It is a journey, not a destination. If you have an open mind, there is always a chance to learn. Even though I have sold tackle for 50+ years I am still learning from the many anglers who fish the fabled waters of Central and Northern BC.

When I am fishing a new area I always make time to acquaint myself with the local shop, get some recommendations, and add a little gear to my arsenal. I spent a couple of weeks in the great waters of Yellowstone and Montana fishing. The shops
were extremely helpful on giving me the exact info I needed to make the trip a huge success. If I had tried to do it myself I
would not have had anywhere near the success.

In my early years of chasing Salmon and Steelhead the tackle shops in Smithers, Terrace, Prince Rupert and Kitimat clued
me in quickly. Instead of blindly thrashing around I was fishing and recognizing productive water in a very short time. The info they gave me was invaluable in making those first forays successful. Because those first trips were successful my love for these beautiful fish became a lifelong passion.

Over the years we have seen many advances in gear. Graphite rods, fluorocarbon lines, downriggers, depthfinders, ultraviolet lures, fish attractants, fly line technology, braided line, and new lures have all changed fishing, but one thing has remained the same. We learn about the new gear and can talk to someone about that gear at your knowledgeable specialty tackle shop. They are the front line in passing along that new info and helping you to make use of the new advances.

Having current info is especially important in regards to the various Salmon and Steelhead situations. What is running, how are the water conditions, what are the best lures or methods, special restrictions, licence requirements, regulations etc? If the shop staff is busy you may have to wait to get your questions answered but it is time well spent. No sense rushing up to a river only to find it blown out or closed for some reason, or the fish have not arrived. There are ways to get the info you need, and being considerate and patient is the way to go. I have had anglers over the years interrupt me with a customer and thrust a map at me with an order to mark all my favourite holes. Not recommended for best results. There are some spots in the US where books have been written with maps showing where to stand on rock "X" and cast to "Y". Thankfully no such books are available here. In an age of instant gratification, thank God, we don't need that on our streams. The river is like a woman and she gives up her secrets slowly, and then, only to the most patient and worthy lover.

I have met the best people in the outdoors through the tackle shops and learned a great deal from them. Cultivate your
friendship with your tackle shop and support them. Of course they sell tackle but more important they value your continued
business and trust in making your trips afield an enjoyable one.

Your local pro shop is "value added". They don't charge extra for the right info. They are there to help, feel free to ask
questions. Be patient if they are busy or approach them at slack times. They talk fishing and you should listen.

This Value Added is not only applicable to the shops but also to the Guides. There are many guys who can find fish in the
easy spots and when there are lots of fish. The good guides can find fish in the tough situations. When the river is high, dirty,
low or crowded is when the experienced guides shine, and give you your moneys worth. Years on the water and every day
experience, assure you of the best possible outcome. I have learned many valuable lessons from the guides over the
years. New casts, holes, flies to try, areas to fish, methods, and sometimes, and maybe the most important new, and lifetime
friends. They are on the water every day. Come to think of it, that is where I would like to be.

Prince Rupert Excellent Coho fishing in the Rupert area. Dundas, Work Channel Eddy Pass, Stephens Island, Tree Nobs,
Humpback Bay with anchovy in holders, blue and green hoochies, and Coyote spoons, Apex. Lots of Halibut following the
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Enjoy your weekend.

Bob Melrose
Welcome to Gibbs/Nortac, makers of Quality Fishing Tackle

Established in 1908 by Rufus Gibbs, they are Canada’s largest manufacturer of fishing lures, landing nets, sinkers and accessories for both saltwater and freshwater use. They currently manufacture over 7000 different products at their plant in British Columbia.

**Dodgers** Dimple Dodger; Herring Dodger  
**Flashers** Farr Better Flasher; Highlighter Flasher; Skipper Flasher; Sockeye Flasher  
**Jigging Lures** Cod jig; Depth Charge; FloorWalker; Minnow; Mudraker  
**Lake Trolls** BMW; Cowichan; Jumbo Willow Leaf; Lake Special; Willow Leaf  
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Note: the above tackle are all "trade marked" "TM"

**Gibbs Delta 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](http://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](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish)  
Effective April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2011 (Note: regs good for two years)

**Regulation Change**

**Sockeye** July 14 – August 22, 2010 **2 per day.** August 23 – September 15, 2010 **1 per day**

In other words:

**Fishery Notice**
“Effective 00:01 hours Monday, August 23, until 23:59 hours Wednesday, September 15 the daily limit for sockeye salmon has been decreased to 1/day from 2/day in the following waters:

- The mainstem waters of the Skeena River from the mouth upstream to a point immediately above the confluence with the Babine River.

Anglers are reminded of the sockeye non-retention area on the Skeena River near the mouth of the Kitwanga River as marked by boundary signs.

The possession limit for sockeye salmon is twice the daily limit

Variation Order No: 2010-354

For More Information

Mark Reagan, Resource Manager-Recreational Fisheries
North Coast Area
Phone (250) 627-3409”

Stolen Boat

Hello Noel. Would it be possible to have a space in the next fishing report to inform your readers of the theft of a 10 foot Fish Cat pontoon boat stolen from Radley Park in Kitimat on July 31, 2010? Unfortunately, myself and my fishing partner were enjoying a day fishing on the ocean when the theft occurred from my friends campsite (the boat was secured during this time). I realize theft is not limited to bigger or more frequented areas, it just hits home more when occurring in my backyard or of course, when unsuspecting of same.

This is also a warning that we take safety for granted when leaving our boats while getting rides back up to our launch area of the day. This boat will be recognizable to many co anglers on the Kitimat River as we have been enjoying this sport for the past years here.

Please contact me at cell 250-641-7608 or home 250-632-3254 for any information that the readers may have.
Sincerely, Wendy Onofrechuk
Electronic Voice can read this report to you – here’s how:

This needs to be done through Adobe Reader so I suggest you save the PDF file on your desktop and open with Adobe Reader. Go to top left where you see “View”. Click on “View” and scroll to the bottom of the menu list and select “Read Out Loud”. Then go back to “View” and scroll down again to “Read Out Loud” where you can choose 1) Read This Page only or 2) Read to the End of Document. Click on one and sit back and let the electronic voice read the report to you.

Chinook Video clips for 2010 season

The following are YouTube links. To watch in the highest quality “full screen” mode choose setting of 480p

June 17  32-pound Kitimat River Chinook  Plays for 2:45
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nfe0sBRphc0

June 22  Kitimat Chinook Adventure  Plays for 4:03
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dMk5oWOs1lE

July 8  CLACKACRAFT Kitimat Chinook  Plays for 2:10
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eKleEU9bcMg

July 27  Skeena River King Salmon  Plays for 3:01
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L9eQ66zFP14

Steelhead run this year is:

Just glancing over the Tyee Index for Steelhead as of August 12th, and must say the numbers look encouraging. The 1998-2002 seasons were the glory years, and those of you fishing then probably have many fond memories of that period. The numbers this year show the closest to those wonderful times over the last ten years.

Of course, a lot of things can happen, and often do when it comes to fishing. But by nature anglers are more glass half full than glass half empty people and time on the river is really never wasted. As Roderick Haig-Brown so wisely said "If fishing is just an excuse to be close to rivers, I'm glad I thought of it." So, if the numbers look good, we think it is going to be good, and we always go out there optimistically – info courtesy Bob Melrose

Jet Boaters be safe

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 is 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 log jam or boulders is no fun. **Contact me anytime** and I will be happy to give you tips on how to row your jet boat.

**Guest Reports and Photos**

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

Sorry none this week, everybody must be too busy fishing😊

**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**

**Real Estate**
SOLD 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

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
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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](mailto:Noel.Gyger@CalderwoodRealty.com)

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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
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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.

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