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Top Photo: Posted Saturday August 27, 2011. Hi Noel, with the Skeena dropping, **Kalum River Lodge** guests are enjoying some exciting fishing. Anglers today caught Coho, Sockeye, Pinks and Steelhead. Here are a few photos of our guests, David and Annella from Australia and Kermit from the USA, with just some of their super catches. The pic above is Dave. See my other guests pics in the Skeena River section below. Please [contact Noel](#) if you wish to book.

Regards, [Andrew Rushton](#) of [Kalum River Lodge](#)

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River, Ocean and Lake Reports

(Smithers, Terrace, Kitimat, Prince Rupert and Meziadin North)

Last update was Wednesday August 31, 2011 - 7:25am

NOTICE: [Cast on this link to review the fishing reports from July 2011](#) They have been archived in the **Past Fishing Reports** webpage.

New! **FOR SALE:** Condos **On** the Bulkley River See pics and detail in **Market Place** below:

Commentary: **NOTICE** - I have "*gone fishen*" for the day. I will update this report later on this afternoon. Wish me luck. Noel. **Update:** all rivers continued to drop overnight. Weather cloudy with sunny breaks (+9 degrees C). Most rivers are in good shape, except for the lower Kalum. It should clean up during the day. Weather predicted as good over the next couple of days, so conditions should only get better. This is the time when you can catch all 5 species of Salmon and Steelhead. So get out there and try you luck. **Update:** **Product Profile - Ace Line Hauler** www.acehlinehauler.com **Update:** **FOR SALE:** Condos **On** the Bulkley River - See pics and detail in **Market Place** below. **Update:** Check out the **LODGE SPECIAL** prices below. **Update:** for Zymoetz (Copper) River. **Update:** for Kalum River. **Update:** for Skeena River from Andrew Rushton of **Kalum River Lodge**, his fly fishing guests have been catching Steelhead and Salmon, see two new pics below. **Update:** Conservation piece from Alexandra Morton requesting "Premier Clark make the disease records public". **Update:** From Alexandra Morton, "we did it"! **Update:** Robin Rowland, more on the Halibut Issue and "clean up". **Update:** Skeena, Kalum, Copper and Kitimat river heights are dropping which is the BEST fishing condition you can get. More updates should come in as the day moves on. Cast on link to send me your [fishing report](#) or [feedback](#). Or phone **250-635-2568**, if I am not available leave your report on my answering machine. **Scroll down to read ALL the Current updates in Red highlighted in Yellow**

The most up-to-date reports are DATE STAMPED (Example: **Tue July 11/11**) **So when you scroll through the report look for these markers.**

New! **LODGE SPECIAL** for **Steelhead** and **Coho** between September 11 and 25. Fully guided 5 night/4 day \$2400 per person or 7 night/6day \$3500 per person. Prices Include: Lodging, all meals and any tackle required. Prices do not include: 12% HST, Alcoholic beverages, Fishing Licences and Gratuities. [Contact Noel](#) for more detail. Booking soon is a good idea!

Wed August 31/11 7:25am

Skeena River: is fishable below the Kalum River now. The section above the Kalum is in very good shape. Anglers are still fishing in the Skeena on Ferry Island and the gravel bars across from the Copper River. This is the time when you have a chance to catch all 5 species of Salmon and of course wild Steelhead. **Reg:** all wild Steelhead everywhere in British Columbia are catch and release. I suggest the fishing rod be a [GLoomis](#) STR 1265c/10'6" MED-HEAVY Moderate Action (GL 2 8-17lb – 3/8 to 1 oz.). Reel [Shimano](#) Calcutta (400B) filled with 20lb test [Maxima](#) mono. [Gibbs](#) makes some great floats. Be sure to use a [Gamakatsu](#) hook. [Sockeye](#) fishing is great. **Where:** There are anglers fishing at Ferry Island mostly fishing for Sockeye, but will also catch Steelhead, Coho and Pinks. All the fish will be bright silver so get out there and try your luck. More and more people are coming to our area to enjoy this fishery. **News:** The Sockeye run on the Skeena is predicted to be low this year but chart below shows an above average run has come-in so far. **Reg:** Sockeye limit: 2 per day. 0 per day from a boundary sign on the north bank of the Skeena River 100m upstream of the confluence with the Kitwanga River downstream to Mill Creek.

Wed August 31/11 5:40am



Kermit with Steelhead. Thomas with Sockeye

Noel, for the last few days the Skeena has been fishing well. High water from last week has meant that there are good numbers of fish migrating up the river. **Kalum River Lodge** guests have been landing a variety of salmon as well as Steelhead. Here are a couple photos of our guests Kermit and Thomas posing with some nice fish.

Regards, [Andrew Rushton](#) of [Kalum River Lodge](#)

Sat August 27/11 2:15pm



Kermit with one of many Sockeye Annella with a super Steelhead

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Regards, [Andrew Rushton](#) of [Kalum River Lodge](#)

Wed August 24/11 8:45am



Hi Noel, we have had a great day's fishing despite extremely high and dirty water. With these conditions we changed our tactics and looked for areas where fish were moving. This paid off with catches of Steelhead, Sockeye, Chinook and Pinks. We even landed a Dolly Varden. Long time guests Troy Adams and Marcus (Whitey) Ervin of Santa Cruz CA are back for another season as well as guests from Dakota and Australia. Dave from Australia also guides New Zealand and was very impressed with the Skeena fishing.

Regards, [Andrew Rushton](#) of [Kalum River Lodge](#)

Thu August 18/11 9:10am



New fly fisherman Tony fresh fly caught Steelhead

Hi Noel, our latest group of fisherman are having a super week. We have fished the Skeena and Kitimat the past couple of days. Our guests have landed Steelhead, Sockeye, Coho, Pinks and Chum salmon ([See Top Photo](#)) as well as Dolly Varden. This is a fantastic time for a lot of different fish. I have included some photos of Steelhead caught today on the Skeena as well as Chum from the Kitimat yesterday. Regards,

[Andrew Rushton](#) of [Kalum River Lodge](#)

Wed August 10/11 1:55pm



Wilson Wong with a huge Skeena River Chinook (King) Salmon.



Hi Noel, it has been a great week of fishing. The last day of Chinook season Wilson Wong landed a fantastic fish, photo attached. After that we targeted Sockeye, Coho, Chum and Steelhead. We have been fishing the Skeena and the Kitimat. Our guests have had good success on both rivers. I have included a couple of photos for your report.

Regards, [Andrew Rushton](#) of [Kalum River Lodge](#)

Sat August 6/11 3:30pm

I talked with 4 anglers on the Skeena River today and they had their limit of 2 Sockeye each before 1:00pm. The said fishing was fantastic! Water in perfect condition.

Tue August 2/11 9:10am



Hi Noel, here is a beautiful "wild" summer-run Skeena River Steelhead. My AAG (Assistant Angling Guide) Darren Bisson gently holds it up for his client and a quick photo before release. All the best, [Tracey Hittel](#) of [Kitimat Lodge](#)

Tue August 2/11 9:10am



Hi Noel, the Skeena is fishing very well. Today we landed Chinook, Sockeye, Coho and Pinks. Guests are fishing both gear and fly. This is a great time of year for anglers that have never fly fished to learn. There is a variety of fish in the rivers in large numbers and it is easy to be successful. I have enclosed a photo of return guest Peter Rush with a nice Chinook.

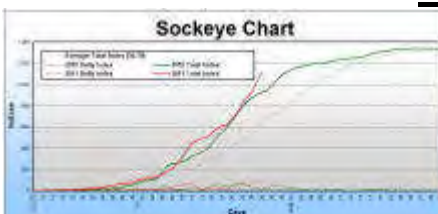
Regards, [Andrew Rushton](#) of [Kalum River Lodge](#)

UPDATED: Wed August 24/11 10:30pm **Cast on PDF links for current view of Charts**

Note: DFO have not updated their data since Aug. 23rd so we cannot update the charts.

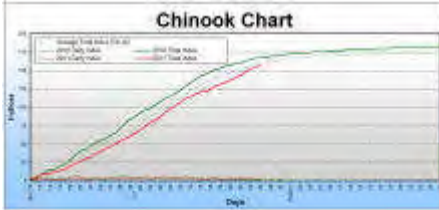
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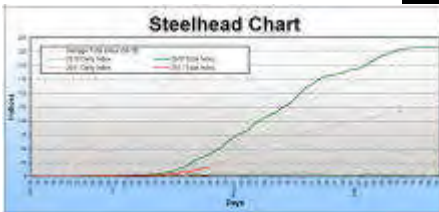
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Chinook Charts



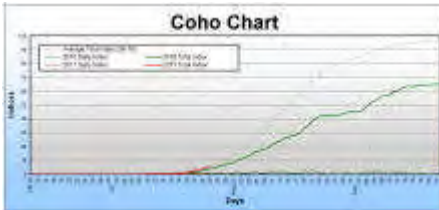
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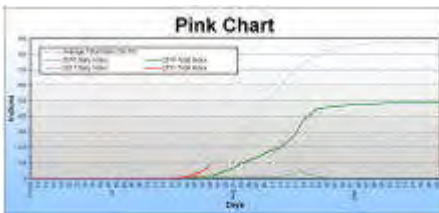
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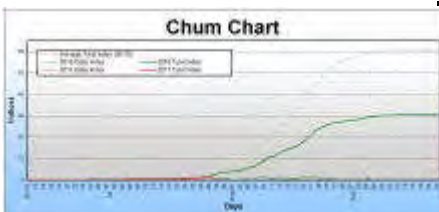
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Pink Charts



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Chum Charts



- [Current, Average and Previous Year](#)
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Fri August 26/11 3:45pm Current Skeena River heights below:



Direct Link to Skeena River water heights

http://www.wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/graph/graph_e.html?stn=08EF001

18 private all-inclusive suites
● walking distance to Kitimat River
● located mouth of Douglas Channel
Kitimat Lodge
Salmon, Steelhead and Halibut guiding

Sun August 21/11 5:45am





[Kitimat Lodge BC Canada Fishing Report - August 13, 2011](#)

As another week passes by the trees of autumn are starting to show, yellow tinges and the odd leaf in mid flight. The last groups at the lodge were from Australia, Manchester, and repeat, Hak from Japan. All with stories of large fish and many catches. Were mesmerized like little children as each guest waits for his turn to tell a tale. Attached in pic 1 is Dave with a beautiful Skeena Steelhead as well a fresh Coho Salmon. The Skeena system is full of fish and estimated returns of Sockeye Salmon are 2 Million.

Attached in pic 2 is of 80 year old Harry Marshall, Harry has been fishing with us for 8 years now and I still have to drag him off the river each day as he will cast until dark! Harry had a great week catching many Coho on light tackle and the Coho from the Douglas Channel are as bright as you can get.

With Chinook still in the systems, I had to add a whopper of a fish from the Aussie called Dipper, more like the Chinook Slayer, as he landed 2 Chinook that are considered Tyee, over 30lbs, as you can see in the pic he is giving those shoulders a good work!

With chin waggin at the lodge always on the menu, Hak was in town for Steelhead on the fly, and the Skeena produces the largest Steelhead in the world! Hak has been very fortunate to land many Steelhead over 20lbs, a lifetime achievement for all of us for sure. This trip he landed a 30lb Chinook Salmon on the fly and made little mention of it. His tale was about not only hooking 30lb Steelhead but watching them swim past him onto the upper reaches of this large water system. Hak hooked and lost 3 monsters, I said 30lber Hak? He said in broken English, 30lber a baby to this fish, he said 200 meters of fly line off his reel in 10 seconds, the fish jumping 2 times and threw the hook, only to find that the hook was straight, Hak says I will see you next year, as he made a small giggle. I also have to mention that, while the guests are at the lodge we take the crab traps out to soak while we fish and that one night in particular, as we ate a big plate of Crab, then another, then another, Hak tells me in Japan, crab is very expensive, so he ate and ate, in between giggles.

Harry Marshall said it all, this lodge has great camaraderie.

The other pictures I attached are some action and scenery photos of our tours, simply heaven on earth.

Arriving guests from Sweden, Japan, and BC.

Tracey John Hittel

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Wed August 10/11 1:55pm



KITIMAT LODGE FISHING REPORT KITIMAT BC CANADA - August 9, 2011

This week has been nothing but spectacular as attached are a assortment of happy clients. One of the larger Salmon this week was caught by Greg from Edmonton who drove in for a day on the Skeena and what a day, many Chinooks, 3 Coho, and a large Chinook that bust the line after taking most of the spool during a fight that ended in Salmon as victor.

Our next pic is of the foursome from Kamloops and Amsterdam, spending a good few days on the Skeena and Saltwater fishing the Douglas Channel, the foursome landing a nice assortment Salmon. As you can see in the pic they are testing their muscles for the pose. Our group of Italians arrived and the youngest lad of the group mentioned he caught 70 Salmon in one day while drifting the Kitimat with guide Ariel.

The first and nicest Steelhead of the season was caught by Randy from Medicine Hat Alberta with his pro guide Darren holding the fish.

Linda and Ted Free from Ontario were in town for Halibut and as you can see in the pics they will have a nice supply for this winter as they hold onto 3 nice chickens from the sea. And our last pic of week is of Tom Tuddle from Redding California holding a respectable Chinook. With the Chinook season ending the Coho fishing is awesome as well the Skeena Steelhead are migrating thru the system to upper reaches.

Arriving guests are from Japan, USA and England.

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Wed August 31/11 7:25am

Kalum River: Lower end is still dirty. The rain overnight and heavy this morning is not going to help. Stay tuned. The upper end "may be" fishable? If the lake is clean then the river will be clean. Coho and Steelhead are coming in now! This high water should bring in lots of Steelhead and Coho. **Tip:** Please don't target the spawning Chinook. **How to:** This is a good river to float fish a Pink Worm or Goopy Bob. I suggest the fishing rod be a [GLoomis STR 1265c/10'6" MED-HEAVY Moderate Action \(GL 2 8-17lb – 3/8 to 1 oz.\)](#). Reel [Shimano Calcutta \(400B\)](#) filled with 20lb test [Maxima](#) mono. [Gibbs](#) makes some great floats. Be sure to use a [Gamakatsu](#) hook. **Fly fishing suggestion:** [Kamloops Dragon fly rod, 10' Kamloops fly reel](#), AFTMA #8line. Backing [Dragon Fly](#) "Bright Orange" 30lb, 150 yard spool. Fly line [SA Sharkskin Steelhead WF-8-F](#).

Sat August 27/11 5:45am

Lakelse River: is in good shape. Coho are coming in now. A few have been caught already. **Where:** The Bridge on the lower end is a popular spot to fish for Chinook and Coho. **Reg:** one may still fish for Chinook off of the Bridge, it did not close on August 7th as previously posted. **Tip:** Fishing off of the bridge with a marabou jig is the most popular method, so is a [Hot-shot](#) or [Kwikfish](#) plug. **Camping:** There is a rough forestry campsite close to the bridge. **Where:** Fishing on the Skeena River at the mouth of Lakelse River is a good spot to fish for the current migrating fish such as Steelhead, Coho, Sockeye and Pinks. I have reports that fishing for Cutthroat, Dolly and Rainbows in the upper end is very good right now.

Wed August 31/11 7:25am

Zymoetz (Copper) River:



Water is fishable. Last year we had a record run of Steelhead, lets hope at least we have another good run this year. The fly rods work extremely well in this river. **Fly fishing suggestion:** [Kamloops Dragon fly rod](#), [10' Kamloops fly reel](#), AFTMA #8line. Backing [Dragon Fly](#) "Bright Orange" 30lb, 150 yard spool. Fly line [SA Sharkskin](#) Steelhead WF-8-F. **Where:** Sockeye fishermen are working the bars across from the Copper River. Fly fishing is the choice of many anglers on this river. Wading with quality [Simms](#) waders and accessories is the way to go. A friend of mine is very happy with his new [Islander](#) fly reel. [Trophy XL](#) fly rod, [Cortland Line](#) and [Maxima Tippet](#). **Tip:** Fly fishermen please wade safely by using a wading staff. [Trophy XL](#) makes a nice one in 7 sections. Easily folds up and stores in a pouch on the waist.

Direct Link to Zymoetz (Copper) River water heights:

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

Mon August 29/11 11:05am

Kitimat River: **DANGER**on the Kitimat River, two log jams below Sawmill are blocking the river completely. So far, the rain we had overnight has not hurt the river very much. Good weather is predicted tomorrow and next day so we might be OK? It is still fishable and anglers are catching good numbers of Coho. **Tackle suggestion for Coho:** Pull a [Luhr Jensen](#) Hot Shot for a drift boat. The smaller sizes work best.

Come one come all to the 24th Annual **Kitimat Fish Derby** September 3-4, 2011. Largest Coho \$1000. Largest Halibut \$1000. [Cast here for ALL the details...](#)join in the fun-everyone welcome

Sun August 14/11 10:40am



Guiding for Chum (Dog) Salmon on the Kitimat River has been very good this season. Pictured here is pro guide **Darren Bisson** holding up a bright male Chum for a quick photo before release. The pic on the right is pro guide **Ariel Koppers** with a couple of big Douglas Channel Dungeness Crab. Both Darren and Ariel are AAG (Assistant Angling Guides) for [Tracey Hittel](#) of [Kitimat Lodge](#) Tracey Hittel guides both river and ocean. Book Now!!

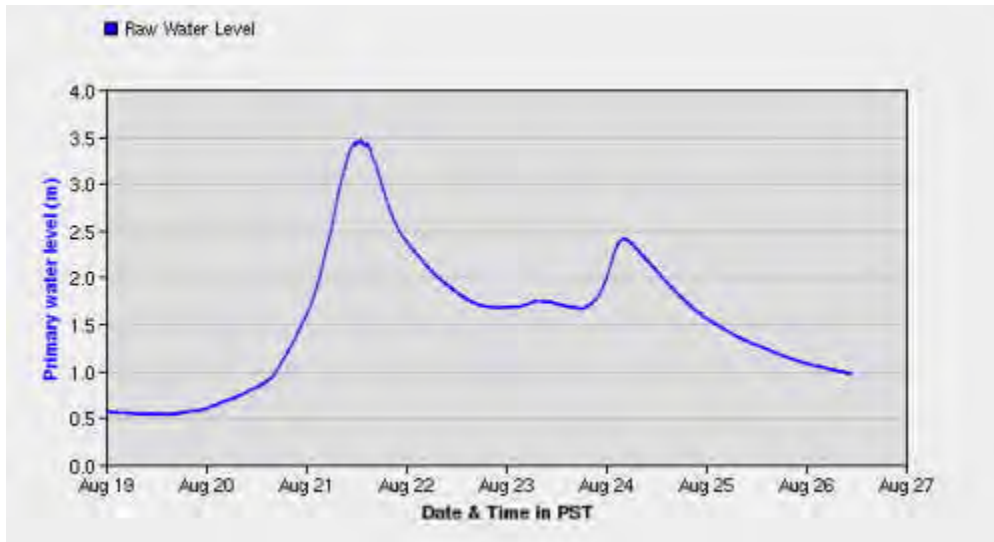
Wed August 10/11 8:55am



Hi Noel, it has been a great week of fishing. The last day of Chinook season Wilson Kwong landed a fantastic fish, photo attached. After that we targeted Sockeye, Coho, Chum and Steelhead. We have been fishing the Skeena and the Kitimat. Our guests have had good success on both rivers. I have included a couple of photos for your report.

Regards, [Andrew Rushton](#) of [Kalum River Lodge](#)

Fri August 26/11 3:40pm Current Kitimat River waters heights below:



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http://www.wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/graph/graph_e.html?stn=08FF001

Sat August 27/11 5:45am

Kasiks River: Coho are coming in now. Most would be holding in the lower end under trees and in deep pools. Jigs and lure work well. So does fly fishing. Some fish will be holding 1/8 mile upriver holding in the deepest water along the cliffs. **Where:** Early in the Coho season try fishing the pool right below the highway 16 bridge. **Tip:** don't fish for them unless you see them rolling. This is the first river to go out of shape from rain but is the first river to come back into shape once the rain stops. Sometimes, when the rain stops you can see the river cleaning right in front of you.

Sat August 27/11 5:45am

Exchamsiks River: Coho are coming in now. They will be holding in the lower end deep pools. If they are in a pool you should see them rolling. **Tip:** don't fish for them unless you see them rolling. Jigs and Lures works well most of the time. This river is closed for Chinook (King) Salmon above the highway 16 bridge. **Tip:** Below the highway bridge can be a good spot to fish for Coho.

Sat August 27/11 5:45am

Exstew River: Coho are coming in now. How to: This is one of the best rivers in the world to fly fish for Coho...but first conditions must be perfect. This rivers is usually colored up and fishing is not that good. Timing is everything. This river is closed for Chinook (King) Salmon above the highway 16 bridge.

Sun August 28/11 2:05pm

Douglas Channel: **NOTICE:** DFO closes recreational halibut fishery as of Sept. 5. 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 over night trips are returning with their 2 day limit of 32 Coho. Halibut is also very good but most boaters are focusing on the Coho. **Update:** with all the rain we had the channel close in the harbour is full of small debris. We need the rain to stop so this mess can clean out. With all the crap the fish cannot distinguish from bait from debris. Good news, Coho should be moving into the river big time. Stay tuned. **Suggestion:** To make it very easy to pull your Crab or Prawn traps use an [Ace Line Hauler](#).

Thu August 18/11 9:10am



89-pound Halibut



Halibut Ling Cod

Hi Noel, Dick a client and good friend from Calgary came up for a day trip to fish for Halibut. We landed Lingcod's, Rockfish and a 89-pound Halibut close to Eagle Bay. If you wish to book a Trip with **Kingfish Westcoast Adventure Ltd** please contact [Noel!](#)

Best Regards, Andreas Handl www.kingfishwestcoastadventuretours.com

Wed August 17/11 9:05am



Hi Noel, Adam, Taylor and Collin from Vancouver came up this time for Coho and Halibut. We had the best day on the water so far, sunshine and flat sea made this trip special and unforgettable. In only 2 hours we had our limit on Coho's and we started fishing for Halibut. Taylor lost a big one in the Ursula Channel and Adam landed a 75-pound Halibut.

The guys booked already an overnight trip with stay at the Bishop bay natural hot springs in September. This time we will go straight for Halibut and try to see a Kermode bear.

Please contact me through [Noel](#) for your next fishing adventure.

Best Regards, Andreas Handl www.kingfishwestcoastadventuretours.com

Mon August 15/11 4:45pm





Hi Noel, I was fishing with clients from Williams Lake last week, the Douglas Channel is outstanding for Coho fishing right now.

Perfect conditions for trolling around Hartley Bay. The first Coho's arriving as well in our coastal Rivers on the Channel. **Kingfish Westcoast Adventures** offers remote Coho fishing trips to different Coastal micro streams on the Westcoast of BC. Most of our valuable clients prefer to catch Coho and Halibut at this time of the year. Please contact me through [Noel](#) for your next fishing adventure.

Best Regards, Andreas Handl www.kingfishwestcoastadventuretours.com

Thu August 4/11 5:45am



Hi Noel, more great Douglas Channel Halibut fishing. The smaller ones like these do make the best eating. Folks call them "Chicken of the Sea". We are really busy, so if your readers want to go, please let them know to book soon. Regards, [Tracey Hittel](#) of [Kitimat Lodge](#)

Wed August 3/11 5:30am



Hi Noel, we were successful landing this huge Halibut down the Douglas Channel this morning. We guide both river and ocean. Give us a shout to book anytime!
Photo courtesy of [Tracey Hittel](#) of [Kitimat Lodge](#)

Prince Rupert:

NOTICE: DFO closes recreational halibut fishery as of Sept. 5

Wed August 17/11 8:50am



Hi noel, had another great day at Dundas island 30 lb Halibut and 31lb Chinook

www.bcstylefishingcharters.com

Tight Lines and see you on the water.

Jeff Carlson – owner

Sun August 7/11 8:15am



Hi Noel, as usual the fishing around Dundas Island was fantastic Sent wirelessly from my **Black Berry device on the Bell network**. Book NOW for some fabulous Salmon fishing!

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Tight Lines and see you on the water.

Jeff Carlson – owner

Tue August 2/11 11:35am



Hi Noel, bottom fishing in the Hecate Strait is fantastic! Pics tell the story...

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Tight Lines and see you on the water.

Jeff Carlson – owner

Tue August 2/11 11:35am



Hi Noel, here is a pic of a 35-pound Ling Cod. Salmon and Halibut are also present in good numbers.
Contact me to book anytime.

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Tight Lines and see you on the water.

Jeff Carlson – owner

Mon August 1/11 5:45am



Hi Noel, Salmon fishing off of Lucy island.

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Tight Lines and see you on the water.

Jeff Carlson – owner



See full report **Sun July 24/11** below. GREAT FISHING is here NOW...

Jamie Hunt - Owner www.GreatPacificSalmonLodge.com

Mon August 1/11 9:00am

I have reports of some good Chinook fishing. Fishing for all bottom fish including Halibut is doing well.

Tip: When trolling for Chinook try a [SplitKing Lure](#). Jeff Carlson of [BC Style Fishing Charters](#) reports good success with this lure. I have reports of limits of Dungeness Crab and Prawns. **Tip:** Use the [Ace Line Hauler](#) to pull your traps. **Reg:** When travelling with Crab you must leave the shell on. Bottom fish and Crab remain very good, as usual.



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Unique Shape Makes it Highly Effective For: King Salmon, Coho, Steelhead, Trout, walleye and Northern Pike **Lure features:** Heavy duty solid brass construction 3 3/8" long 1" wide. Opposing curved surfaces with premium plating for maximum flash and reflection.

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<http://www.splitkinglures.com> for testimonials, tips, online store and more...

Prince Rupert (Chatham Sound area):

NOTICE: DFO closes recreational halibut fishery as of Sept. 5

Thu August 18/11 9:10am

Hi Noel, still a few halibut around. LOTS of Coho to be had....sure to make a fisherman's day! Regards,
Carole **Oceanwild Nature Shop & Expeditions**, Prince Rupert, BC

Tue August 9/11 11:30am

Hi Noel, we have sunshine and blue sky...some halibut being caught...Coho is really good. Report is that everyone is limiting out...so come by work channel area and drop a line...Have a good day. Carole
Oceanwild Nature Shop & Expeditions, Prince Rupert, BC

Mon August 8/11 6:45am

Hi Noel, Here' s the latest that I have heard...LOTS of Coho, Halibut still good, still some springs being caught. Have a good day. Carole **Oceanwild Nature Shop & Expeditions**, Prince Rupert, BC

Mon August 1/11 10:30am

Carole from **Oceanwild Nature Shop & Expeditions**, of Prince Rupert reports Coho and Pinks showing up. Lots of comments on BIG Springs breaking gear...no complaints though. Overall rating is good.

Suggestion: To make it very easy to pull your Crab or Prawn traps use an [Ace Line Hauler](#).

Lakes - Smithers: Lake fishing in the area is still very good. Fishing for rainbow trout and lake trout has been very productive.

Morice River:

Sat August 27_2011 5:45am

The Morice is in good shape. Coho and some Steelheads caught.

Sat August 20/11 5:45am

The Morice is fairly quiet at the moment. Coho's should arrive soon???

Tue August 9/11 6:50am

Just like the Bulkley, the Morice is in great shape. We had some reports of springs being caught late last week.

Thu August 4/11 6:45am

We have had some very good reports on the Morice River this week. A number of fish have been caught on the Morice this week!

Bulkley River:

Sat August 27/11 5:45am

The Bulkley River above Telkwa is in great shape. The Telkwa River is cleaning up; good news for people who want to fish the Bulkley downstream of Telkwa. Pinks and Coho are being caught in the Bulkley. Steelhead are starting to show up as well.

Sat August 20/11 5:45am

The water level in the Bulkley River is dropping despite the rain that is falling on and off. Visibility is great. Fishing for Pinks and Coho's is in full swing now. There are also a few early Steelhead in the system.

Mon August 15/11 8:45am

The Pinks have arrived! Fishing for them is a lot of fun for the entire family! Use pink Crocs, pink spinners or some weighted flies....

We have had some reports of Cohos being caught on the Bulkley as well (below Moricetown...). There are also some springs left in the Bulkley.

The Bulkley is finally nice and green (it is raining as I am writing this.....).

Tue August 9/11 6:50am

The Bulkley is in excellent shape! The water has receded. Springs are being caught. The pinks should be here any time now. Fun fishery for kids! Pink Crocodiles are the lure of choice!

Sat August 13/11 9:15am

SPECIAL REPORT from Cory in Smithers:

Fishing for Chinook has been phenomenal for HOUSTON residents, as they experienced a HUGE volume of springs in the BULKLEY RIVER confluence and the BYMAC boat launch on the MORICE RIVER because of the HIGH water allowing the TYEE salmon to shoot right past the SMITHERS and TELKWA areas this year. Bar fishing, FLY FISHING, Bottom bouncing and float fishing is how they are catching these KING salmon. Babine River Sockeye has been slow due to HIGH water levels, but now the BABINE FISH FENCE has been installed, allowing awesome chances for anglers to angle for sockeye below the fence. TUKKI LODGE and the FULTON RIVER MOUTH areas of the BABINE LAKE have proven to be awesome for trolling for sockeye behind the flasher with a down rigger or with an 8oz weight. USE WEBFLYZ B.C. custom creations that work as FLIES, behind flashers and also in the PACIFIC OCEAN!!! ... Any questions regarding how, where, and when to fish for ANY FISH, ask me here>>

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The Bulkley River is still proving itself as a salmon provider as PINK, and COHO SALMON are just arriving in LARGE numbers, EATING WEBFLYZ FLIES!! REMEMBER that this year is a ODD YEAR for PINKS, ensuring a great fishery for CHILDREN and ADULT ANGLERS alike! If you need advice, FLIES, JIGS, or any means of catching ANY FISH in the BULKLEY VALLEY area, WEBFLYZ B.C. will help you catch fish!!! email me

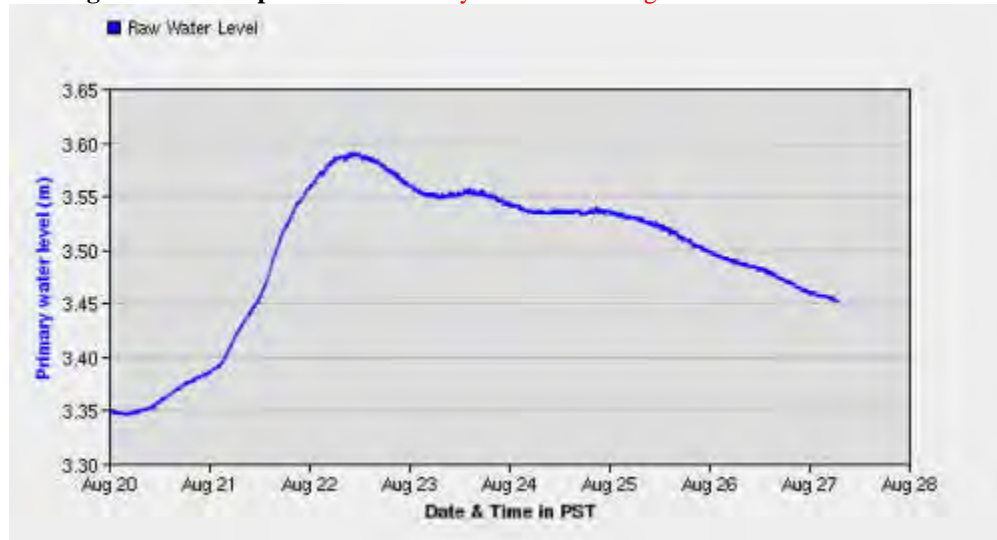
HERE>>cory@webflyz.com<< for any questions regarding fishing in the BULKLEY, MORICE, TERRACE, KITIMAT or the PACIFIC OCEAN for any FISH SPECIES!! Check out my SQUID PATTERNS that are not found in any stores, and have proven themselves for CHAR, SALMON, HALIBUT, RED SNAPPER, and many other species that EAT in FRESH and SALTWATERS! The BABINE RIVER FENCE has been installed and the sockeye salmon numbers are very high! If you need and PINK, SOCKEYE, COHO or trout flies for the BABINE RIVER system, ask me at:

www.webflyz.com

Thu August 4/11 6:45am

The Bulkley is still high for this time of year but it is clearing up. Some springs are being caught in Moricetown and closer to Smithers as well.

Sat August 27/11 4:00pm Current Bulkley River water height near Smithers BC below:



Direct link to Bulkley water height near Smithers:

http://www.wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/graph/graph_e.html?stn=08EE005

Kispiox River:

Sat August 27/11 5:45am

The Kispiox is still out. Lots of rain and snow up higher in the drainage system. Pinks and Coho in the Kispiox....

Sat August 20/11 5:45am

Pinks and Coho are in! The water level was super high but is coming down. It should be fishable unless we get more of the wet stuff.....

Mon August 15/11 8:45am

The river is in good shape and the steelhead will be arriving soon....

Tue August 9/11 6:50am

The Kispiox is in awesome shape. Make sure to check the fishing regulations before you go up that way.

Thu August 4/11 6:45am

The Kispiox was in awesome shape. It has come up a little bit over the weekend. It is still fishing.

Direct Link to Kispiox River water height:

http://www.wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/graph/graph_e.html?stn=08EB004

Babine River:

Sat August 27/11 5:45am

Still lots of Sockeye caught in the Babine River! Heavy sink tips are used with weighted flies....

Sat August 20/11 5:45am

The weir is now in place and fishing is good - excellent. Space is still an issue as the river is super high for this time of year! Wear a life jacket and bring a wading staff! Heavy sink tips are a must and so are pink or green flies.

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Tue August 9/11 6:50am

The Babine river is now open for sockeye (please consult the Provincial and Federal Fishing Regulations). Anyone going up to the Babine fence should bring and wear a life jacket! The water is still very high and fast. A wading staff is also a good idea! Don't forget to bring your heaviest sink tip!

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Direct Link to Babine River water height at outlet of Nilkitkwa Lake:

http://www.wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/graph/graph_e.html?stn=08EC013

Babine Lake:

Sat August 27/11 5:45am

Babine Lake is still producing lots of fish. The limit has been increased to 4 fish on the lake. Please see notice in the news and events section of [our website!](#)

Wed August 24/11 8:45am

Babine Lake is still producing lots of fish. The limit is still 2 fish per day - 4 fish in possession. Now is the time to hit Babine Lake.....

Sun August 14/11 3:25pm

Babine Lake is producing lots of fish. Flasher, red hook and beads!

Tue August 9/11 6:50am

Babine Lake is the place to be at to catch a sockeye! Use a flasher, red hook and some beads. A down rigger is recommended.

Reports from the Smithers area rivers and lakes are from Steve Hidber and the staff at [Oscar's Source for Adventure](#) in Smithers, BC

Lakes - Meziadin:

Mon Aug 1/11

New content for August coming soon..

Tight lines,

Marvin Reid

marvin_reid@telus.net

250-639-9856

Internet problems are preventing Marvin from sending his report. Hopefully they can solve the problem soon. Please stand by.

Guest Reports and Photos:

Sun August 29/11 9:15am

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Springs (aka Chinooks) 2011 - Terrace, BC

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Blessed with 8 springs this year. Wanted to post so people can see one man's hunt for the elusive spring salmon! Terrace, BC. Some of the best fishing in the world!! I didn't have any huge hogs this year which is great as I had cracked a rib in the end of June. God bless!

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Hi Noel, I have made **YouTube** photo slide show of springs I've caught in 2011. I thought it would be good to show people one man's hunt for the elusive spring in a season. If you have anywhere you can share this on your site, please do. I really enjoy your website and LIVE fishing reports. Keep up the good work! Best regards, Adam Brown

Caption: Blessed with 8 springs this year. Wanted to post so people can see one man's hunt for the elusive spring salmon! Terrace, BC: Some of the best fishing in the world!! I didn't have any huge hogs this year which is great as I had cracked a rib in the end of June. God bless! Cast on link below to watch:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqoHh-YgqJo&feature=channel_video_title

Scenic Photos:

Mon Aug 1/11

New August content coming soon...

Past Top Photos:



Posted August 23-24-25-26_2011. Here is a bright Coho (Silver) Salmon landed in a Skeena tributary just before the heavy rains fell last weekend. Good news, the rain and higher water should bring in more of these beauties. Photo courtesy of Darren Bisson. Darren is an AAG (Assistant Angling Guide) for [Tracey Hittel](#) of [Kitimat Lodge](#)



Posted August 20-21-22-23_2011. This beautiful bright Coho (Silver) Salmon was landed on the Kitimat River this season. These fish really like to chase a fly if presented properly, and I must say the fishing

guides really know how to teach this technique. The gentlemen who caught this fish was guest of [Tracey Hittel](#) of [Kitimat Lodge](#)



Posted August 18-19-20_2011 Hi Noel, our latest group of fisherman are having a super week. We have fished the Skeena and Kitimat the past couple of days. Our guests have landed Steelhead, Sockeye, Coho, Pinks and Chum salmon as well as Dolly Varden. This is a fantastic time for a lot of different fish. I have included some photos of Steelhead caught today on the Skeena as well as Chum from the Kitimat yesterday. Regards, [Andrew Rushton](#) of [Kalum River Lodge](#) Mike poses this fresh male Chum. BTW the Chum run in the Kitimat River is very good this year!



Posted August 16-17-18_2011 The Sockeye (Red) Salmon run on the Skeena River is absolutely fantastic this season! [Cast on this link for stats](#) from the **Tyee Test Fishery**. This beautiful photo is courtesy of pro fishing guide Darren Bisson. Darren is AAG (Assistant Angling Guide) for [Tracey Hittel](#) of [Kitimat Lodge](#).



Posted August 13-14-15_2011 Hi Noel, we had a great day of fishing on the Skeena today. Our Clients from Germany landed 12 Steelhead and a Chinook. The fishing was far beyond their expectations; the group is already talking about their next trip to Kalum River lodge. Client, Soren gives the wild Steelhead a

small pat before I release her back into the Skeena River. Regards, [Andrew Rushton](#) of [Kalum River Lodge](#)



Posted August 9-10-11-12_2011 Dave from Australia poses an extremely bright Skeena River Steelhead. This is "prime-time" when anglers can catch ALL five species of Salmon plus wild Steelhead. It does NOT get any better than this folks! Dave is a guest of [Tracey Hittel](#) of [Kitimat Lodge](#)



Posted August 5-6-7-8_2011 Pro fishing guide Tracey Hittel does his best to hold up his guests BIG Chinook (King) Salmon landed on the Skeena River. Anglers are reminded that Chinook closes Sunday

August 7, 2011 in a zone from Lakelse River mouth upstream to the Skeena River Overpass (New Hwy Bridge) at Ferry Island. It is a good year and it will be soon time to leave them alone to spawn. Then target Steelhead, Sockeye, Pink and Coho. There are not enough Chum in the system to target them. Tracey is taking Chinook bookings for next year now! Contact him anytime to reserve your dates. [Tracey Hittel](#) of [Kitimat Lodge](#)



Posted August 1-2-3-4_2011 Pro fishing guide Tracey Hittel does his best to hold up his guests BIG Chinook (King) Salmon landed on a Skeena River trib.
Photo courtesy of [Tracey Hittel](#) of [Kitimat Lodge](#)



Posted July 26-27-28-29-30-31_2011 Pro fishing guide Tracey Hittel does his best to hold up his guests BIG Chinook (King) Salmon landed on the Kitimat River last year. The Chinook run this year seemed to be smaller than normal but the "best" guides still did OK. Photo courtesy of [Tracey Hittel](#) of [Kitimat Lodge](#)



Sun July 24/11 4:04pm



Noel, things have been busy here.
We just said goodbye to some of the top Outdoor writers in Canada
Brad Fenson (Field editor for field and stream)

TJ Schwanky (Field editor Alberta Outdoorsmen) And host of Outdoorquest TV.

Patrick Walsh (Editor of Outdoor Canada)

Here is a link to 2 of the Blogs

<http://outdoorcanada.ca/blogs>

<http://outdoorquestblog.blogspot.com/>

Today's fishing was just amazing with limits of Salmon and Halibut by 11 am and BIG Salmon at that. 37, 32, 31, 24

Still some room in the lodge for people that would like to try out some of the best Salmon fishing on the coast.

Thanks

Jamie Hunt - Owner www.GreatPacificSalmonLodge.com

View more pics here:

<http://smg.photobucket.com/albums/v718/JamieHunt/Salmon%20fishing%202011>

Sat July 2/11

Fishing here at **Great Pacific Salmon Lodge** has really picked up again. Though they are not jumping in the boat, we are able to hit Limits and more importantly show our guests what a true sporting experience can be.

What I can't believe, is the amount of Tyeed class fish we are hooking into. This week alone saw 10-12 hooked and 8 landed including our new Lodge record of 38 Pounds all this and a 70 pound Hali. A few Coho are around these days as well. Obviously the size isn't there yet on these feisty fish, but every day they seem to get a bit bigger and bit more sporty. Personally, I can't wait to break out my Fly rod and my [Islander LX3.8](#). Nothing can compare to the rush that you find while fly fishing Coho. Even if your not casting to them, the fight that ensues is just magical.

The general fishing plan these days is to avoid "Chasing the Bite". Time after time we hear of people going where we were yesterday only to float around for 10 hours. Our head guide Matt Anderson recognized what was going on and immediately implemented a new strategy. With the rain we are seeing these days, it will become even more important to start hunting these fish.

On an equipment note, Our [Islander MR2's and MR3's](#) are proving themselves invaluable on these big fish. The training exercise we have put together really seems to be working with the guests who are just starting out on these fine pieces of equipment.

We still have room this summer for those that would like to experience the Lodge and all that it offers. I would invite you all to come experience what we have put together.

A few pics of our lodge and some great fishing. To see all latest pics just cast to this link:

<http://smg.photobucket.com/albums/v718/JamieHunt/Salmon%20fishing%202011/>

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I encourage you to take advantage of this offer as soon as possible as spots are filling rapidly.

Feel free to call me directly, I look forward to talking with you soon. 403-813-2704

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Steve Hidber - Oscars Source for Sports, Smithers BC www.oscarssports.com



GRAND OPENING

Thank you to everyone who stopped by over the last few days! Also, thank you to all the participants: The car and ATV dealers, Friends of Wild Salmon, Steelhead Society, Ken Driedger, Billy Labonte, Pierce Clegg, Paul's Bakery, BV Wholesale, Schimmels, the Conservation Officers.

We at **Oscar's Source for Adventure** had a fabulous time and we are looking forward to a great fishing season. A new fishing season is upon us and we at Oscar's are very excited to announce the opening of our new store: **Oscar's Source For Adventure**.

The new store will be all about the **outdoors** with fishing as our focal point. In addition to fishing we will carry footwear from **Merrell, Patagonia** and **Lowa** as well as apparel from **Marmot, Simms** and **Patagonia**. Great brands to enjoy the **outdoors!**

The new store will also house a fine selection of family camping products from Camp furniture to sleeping bags, to tents. We look forward to welcoming you to the new store!

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Sun July 17/11

Lost:

Hi Noel I was wondering if you could possibly mention a lost rod and reel on the cranberry river, I was there on the 6th and 7th of July and accidentally left it there at km 16. We didn't catch anything but we did see a monster Chinook surface right on front of us. The rod is a ugly stick with a Stradic c 14 f reel. Thanks Ben Marcer. bamarcer@hotmail.com 250-261-0841

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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:

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The **2011 SkeenaWild Film Festival: Film & Photo Contest** is looking for your 'Skeena'-centric films & photos! Why you're passionate about the Skeena Watershed – the scenery, the ecology, the adventures? **This is your chance, to tell your story!** We are accepting submissions in 2 categories as either a short or feature length film &/or photos this year: **Wild People of the Skeena:** Adventure/ Eco-tourism and **Wild Animals & Plants of the Skeena:** Environmental/ sustainability Vision or story; etc. For all of you **Wild People of the Skeena**, show us how you and your friends enjoy the amazing Skeena watershed – the amazing places you go – the wild adventures you experience!

For all of you **Wild Plants, Animals & Places of the Skeena** (...or people who can speak on behalf), it's your chance to 'show-and-tell' an incredible creature, an awe inspiring spot or YOUR VISION for a vibrant and sustainable Skeena. Any genre of film is fair game; from adventure or documentaries to drama or even comedy.

The selected films and photos will be shown on the SkeenaWild Film Fest Tour, clips may be included in the festival trailer, films will be posted on the SkeenaWild website along with hopefully more locations to be announced shortly! There **will be great prizes in each category, so get out & get shooting.**

For more contest details & how to enter, download the Film Submission Guidelines & Entry Form at www.SkeenaWild.org or e-mail rod@skeenawild



Robin Rowland - Visual Journalism and Editorial

Robin Rowland, the editor and publisher of **Northwest Coast Energy News**, first encountered the northern British Columbia wilderness as a toddler on the shores of Ootsa Lake. After a short time in Vancouver, his family moved to Kitimat, where his father Fred, was the assistant property manager for Alcan. For the first two years, the family lived in the old Smeltersite (where from time to time his father would go fishing with others with Haisla guides on Douglas Channel and take the kid along). After that the Rowland family moved to main the Kitimat townsite. After seven years in Kitimat, the family moved to Toronto where Fred Rowland joined the development department of the booming city. Robin attended York University and then studied journalism at Carleton. He worked as a reporter photographer for the *Sudbury Star* and later was hired by CBC News, where he would work for most of his career (with gaps for travel, book writing and six years at CTV News). In 1996, he joined the new CBC news online division. In 1998, he was named web producer for The National and in 2003 became photo editor for CBC News. In 2010, Robin decided to take early retirement and return to northern British Columbia to pursue his interests in photography and writing.

Robin is co-author with James Dubro of *King of the Bootleggers*, about organized crime during the Prohibition era and a follow-up. *Undercover Cases of the RCMP's Most Secret Operative*. In 1995, Rowland co-wrote, with Dave Kinnaman, of Washington State, the first book on how to do research on the Internet. In 2000. Robin wrote *The Creative Guide to Research*. His latest book, published in 2008 is *A River Kwai Story: The Sonkrai Tribunal*.

He founded Northwest Coast Energy News in 2011 as an independent, neutral news website covering all aspects of the environmental and energy issues facing northwest British Columbia from the perspective of the northwest.

Robin also continues to freelance for major media, including CBC News and the Canadian Press picture service. As a freelance photographer he is available for editorial, wilderness and commercial assignments throughout the northwest region. His long term aim over the next couple of years is to launch a professional photo workshop business to bring more tourists to the northwest. Contact info:

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Wed August 31/11 7:25am

Is that halibut playing a [smart phone video](#) game?

The International Pacific Halibut Commission is trying a new way of tracking halibut migration using technology invented for smart phones and tablets.

The same high tech that lets your smart phone or tablet know the screen should be horizontal or vertical may help the commission, responsible for the conservation of halibut from the Bering Sea along the Alaska and BC coasts all the way to California, track the migration of the valuable and possibly threatened groundfish.

Micro organisms played key roles in Exxon Valdez, BP [cleanup: study](#)

A study by the U.S. Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory is reporting that microbes, mostly bacteria, but also archaea (single cell organisms without a cell nucleus) and fungi, played key roles in mitigating both the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska and the BP Deep Ocean Horizon disaster in the Gulf of Mexico.

Wed August 23/11 9:00am

Halibut update 1

DFO [closes recreational halibut fishery](#) as internal memo warns of "significant economic impacts in the fishery"

Thu August 18/11 9:10am

Parasites greater threat to Coho, other salmon, increasing mortality: [Oregon study](#)

A study at the University of Oregon suggests that parasites in fish, including a threatened species of Oregon Coho salmon, may have a greater impact on fish health than previously believed. Chronic parasite infection could be increasing the mortality in salmon and other fish species, leading to another factor in declining stocks.

The study, which took place on the West Fork Smith River concluded that heavy loads of parasites can affect salmon growth, weight, size, immune function, saltwater adaptation, swimming stamina, activity level, ability to migrate and other issues. Parasites drain energy from the fish as they grow and develop.

Fri August 5/11 7:30am

Oysters, mussels threatened by ocean [acidification from climate change](#)

A study from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute is warning that mollusks, especially oysters and mussels, are increasingly vulnerable to the acidification of the oceans caused by rising carbon dioxide emissions.

Wed August 3/11 4:40pm

Stephen Harper apparently likes to fish

It certainly hasn't made news or the political profiles up to now, but apparently Prime Minister Stephen Harper likes to go bass fishing. This YouTube video from a barbecue by Toronto Mayor Rob Ford begins with Ford's account of how the Prime Minister took him fishing last week

<http://nwcoastenergynews.com/2011/08/stephen-harper-apparently-likes-to-fish.html>

Conservation:

Wed August 31/11 7:25am

[wildsalmonpeople] We did it!

Hello

Shortly after I sent my email last night, you began emailing the Premier asking her instruct the provincial lawyer to retract opposition to release of the provincial salmon farm disease records. After lunch the lawyer stood up and did just that! So now I can finally tell you why I think salmon farms are responsible for the 18-year Fraser sockeye decline, and the 2010 and 2011 returns.

This is not my research, it is what DFO, the Province of BC and other scientists have said. I have simply looked through the 500,000 documents supplied to Cohen this is what I learned.

Alexandra Morton

<http://alexandramorton.typepad.com/>

Mon August 29/11 2:10pm

wildsalmonpeople@npogroups.org; on behalf of; Alex Morton [gorbuscha@gmail.com]

Premier Clark make the disease records public

Dear Premier Clark:

Salmon farms are dumping all their pathogens into public waters. When the Provincial government of BC cited salmon farms on the Fraser sockeye migration route in 1992, the Fraser sockeye began declining one generation later. DFO scientist Dr. Kristi Miller, told the Cohen Inquiry last week that a virus is infecting, weakening and killing 100,000,000s of Fraser sockeye and the evidence suggests it began infecting the sockeye in 1996.

Dr. Miller is not allowed to speak to the media, she was flanked by guards at the hearing and her funding has been cut.

On August 26, Justice Cohen made the BC provincial salmon farm disease records the only Exhibit out of 1,534 Exhibits - **not** available to the public.

The lawyer for the Province of BC argued this was in the public good.

Premier Clark, I would like to know your position on this decision.

Alexandra Morton

<http://alexandramorton.typepad.com/>

**Wild Salmon Rally - Vancouver Art Gallery, 12:30-2:00 August 30, Tuesday events
10- 4pm be there if you don't feel good about secret viruses in wild salmon**

Wed August 24/11 9:00am

From Alexandra Morton re:

The Cohen Inquiry - Finally a window into what has been going on

Wild Salmon People,

The Disease Hearings at the Cohen Inquiry have been riveting. Finally, we are getting a look behind the scenes at how much consideration the wild sockeye have been given by DFO. Dr. Kristi Miller has shown up daily in the audience shadowed by a very large government security guard wearing an earpiece. Salmon farm executives are there, Chief Bob Chamberlin, Dan Cody DFO, Policy Advisor and lots of wild salmon people are also witnessing this.

For details see my blog daily: <http://alexandramorton.typepad.com/>

Tomorrow Kristi Miller gets to speak.

"Fisheries and Oceans researcher Kristi Miller [still not talking](#)" (The Globe & Mail, 23rd August):

"Fish scientist accused of avoiding research" (CBC, 23rd August):

"Salmon farming on the [hot seat](#) at Cohen Commission" (The Vancouver Sun, 23rd August):

Sat August 20/11 8:50am

[wildsalmonpeople] And so it begins...

Hello Wild Salmon People;

The aquaculture hearings begin on Monday, August 22, with hearings on disease. The legal teams have submitted the material they would like question the witnesses with. Thus we have tipped our hands, we know what we are up against. Justice Cohen gets to decide whether documents will be admitted into

evidence. He will decide what the witnesses need to answer to.

On the first panel are four experts in salmon disease.

Dr. Stewart Johnson, Head of Aquatic Animal Health, DFO, is responsible for understanding the health of the Fraser sockeye.

Dr. Michael Kent, is a professor at Oregon State University, who used to work for DFO. During that time he wrote several scientific papers on Salmon Leukemia. Salmon Leukemia has two other names - Plasmacytoid Leukemia and Marine Anemia. We have already seen evidence that Dr. Miller, the scientist apparently muzzled by the Privy Council, suspected this disease was responsible for the 18-year decline and crash of the Fraser sockeye. Plasmacytoid Leukemia arrived on the Fraser sockeye migration route in the early 1990s in Chinook salmon farms. It killed so many farm salmon it threatened the survival of the smaller companies that were operating at that time. Kent and others tried to figure out what it was. They put it through screens, measured its buoyancy, tested its ability to infect, and arrived at the conclusion that it must be a virus. It did infect sockeye and to a lesser extent Atlantic salmon. For some reason they never completed this work, leaving this disease difficult to diagnose.

Dr. Christine MacWilliams is a Fish Health vet for DFO's Salmon Enhancement Program.

Dr. Craig Stephens is Director at the Centre for Coastal Health & Faculty of Veterinary Medicine. Coincidentally he did his PhD Thesis on Plasmacytoid Leukemia! In a paper he coauthored in 1995 he wrote:

- "Evidence supporting the hypothesis that marine anemia is a spreading, infectious neoplastic [cell proliferating] disease could have profound regulatory effects on the salmon farming industry" Stephens and Ribble (1995). With Dr. Kent he wrote that the environmental conditions created by intensive aquaculture may have facilitated the emergence of marine anemia. (Stephen, Ribble and Kent, 1996).
- In a statement in his Thesis at the U of Saskatchewan 1995 he wrote: we should be in "...preparation for the possibility of marine anemia becoming a problem for other farmed and wild species."
- Dr. Stephens did publish on a method of diagnosing Salmon Leukemia by examining the kidney. This has been helpful to the salmon farming industry.

Justice Cohen has provided us an interesting panel of experts. As these hearings proceed it will be a detective effort. The best fit answer is going to have to explain an 18-year decline of only the sockeye that migrate along eastern Vancouver Island, while other neighbouring runs were unaffected, even increasing. It will have to account for the 2010 return and a seemingly good run this year. DFO has deemed the 2011 run big enough that several fisheries have been opened. And the answer will have to fit the timing, behaviour and condition of the Fraser sockeye over this time period.

I am going to try and write blogs as often as possible to keep you informed. We are encouraging a media outlet to live-stream the hearings to a website. We will also be distributing daily briefings to the public. First Nations of the Fraser River and the coast will be holding a rally on the 30th. All of this information will be kept updated at www.salmonaresacred.org.

If any of you can offer support it would help enormously. You can donate via pay pal at www.salmonaresacred.org or send a check to Pacific Coast Wild Salmon Society, Box 399, Sointula, BC V0N 3E0

Stay tuned for a great detective effort into the future one of the last and most generous natural resources on earth - the Fraser sockeye. Show up if you can, because it is going to make a difference for the witnesses to have your support.

The fish have shown us they can survive with us, now it is time for us to do our part.

Alexandra Morton <http://alexandramorton.typepad.com/>

Thu August 18/11 9:10am

**From TheCanadian.org: Rafe: Rumours of Enbridge Pipeline's Demise
Rumours of Pipeline's Demise Grow as Speculation Surrounds Enbridge**

It's impossible to divine anything concrete from the flurry of interesting chatter surrounding Enbridge's embattled 1,100 km Northern Gateway Pipeline proposal. Alternate routes, Asian energy experts laughing at our stupidity, Enbridge as a straw man to help push through another pipeline to the US...Much of it is coming via rumours, hypotheses, and veiled political innuendo. But one thing it does indicate is a sudden shift in the once-predictable narrative connected to Enbridge's project.

<http://thecanadian.org/k2/item/958-enbridge-pipeline-rumours-speculation-damien-gillis>

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Mon August 15/11 8:45am

From TheCanadian.org: [Farmed Salmon Confidential](#)

Farmed Salmon Confidential (Part 2): The Cover-Up

In Part 2 of this feature, we examine the efforts Norwegian salmon farming corporations have gone to to keep important disease data from the public. Citing "irreparable" financial harm to their shareholders, the industry has done its best to see that records which could show Infectious Salmon Anemia is here in BC remain confidential - while the Harper Government muzzles a senior DFO scientist from discussing her groundbreaking research into Salmon [Leukemia](#) with the media. Our independent voice for BC's environment depends entirely on your generosity - please contribute to our work:

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Tue August 9/11 10:35

From TheCanadian.org: [Farmed Salmon Confidential / Ray Grigg on why we shouldn't trust them](#)

Farmed Salmon Confidential (Part 1): ISA and the Cohen Commission - by Damien Gillis

The Common Sense Canadian brings you a two-part feature on the cover-up of important data suggesting several salmon viruses may be lurking in BC's waters. Could Infectious [Salmon Anemia and Salmon Leukemia](#) be affecting BC's wild salmon?

Part 2 will be published on Thursday.

Shades of Green - Don't Worry, Be Happy - by Ray Grigg

"Don't worry, be happy" is the implicit message from our governments and corporations, working together to bring us a prosperous future. "We are in control, we know what we are doing," they contend. "Together we will lead you to a Promised Land of endless prospects and great profits. The tomorrows will always be better than the todays if you will follow our course of progress, believe in the rewards of perpetual growth and suppress the urge to be doubtful and critical.

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Thu August 4/11 1:35pm

From TheCanadian.org: [Retired DFO Manager on Politicizing Science / Rafe Reflects on BC Day / Parenting in an Uncertain Age](#)

"Is Scientific Inquiry Incompatible with Government Information Control?" - by Dr. Gordon F. Hartman

A retired DFO senior manager reflects on the history of politicizing fisheries science - from the covering up of a key report on the proposed Alcan Nechako Dam to recent revelations of muzzling Dr. Kristi Miller. "If political people must over-ride science for reasons of 'greater societal good', which they have every right of do, let them do so openly. Then let them also explain it openly, rather than trying to shape and manipulate science, through the bureaucracy, to serve political or business ends."

<http://thecanadian.org/k2/item/937-hartman-science-government-information-control-dfo>

Rafe: Reflections on BC Day

"I have begun to see August 1 as a day to reflect on what I remember about the outdoors when I was a child and where that outdoors is today. Of course there are huge differences - I've been around a long time and could write reams about being a boy on the west coast. Much as I like to reminisce with pals I used explore the North Shore rivers with - the days on the Musqueam Indian Reserve Tin Can Creek, in reality Musqueam Creek, which thanks to the people taking care of it, still has salmon spawning in it...These days - and for some time now I've worried about our attitude towards nature's blessings. It's not hard to see what we've ruined and are in the process of ruining. But why are we doing it?"

<http://thecanadian.org/k2/item/934-reflections-on-bc-day-rafe>

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Sat August 13/11 9:15am

Cory Koenig: <http://www.webflyz.com>

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Fishing for Chinook has been phenomenal for HOUSTON residents, as they experienced a HUGE volume of springs in the BULKLEY RIVER confluence and the BYMAC boat launch on the MORICE RIVER because of the HIGH water allowing the TYEE salmon to shoot right past the SMITHERS and TELKWA areas this year. Bar fishing, FLY FISHING, Bottom bouncing and float fishing is how they are catching these KING salmon. Babine River Sockeye has been slow due to HIGH water levels, but now the BABINE FISH FENCE has been installed, allowing awesome chances for anglers to angle for sockeye below the fence.

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Sat August 13/11 9:15am

Noel Gyger has 96 fishing video clips on YouTube:

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

Total Uploaded Views as of August 12, 2011 were: **545,101**

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Highway webcam: <http://images.drivebc.ca/bchighwaycam/pub/html/www/111.html> to view road conditions. This one is near Terrace BC and is located at the junction of Highway 16 and Highway 37, looking east on Highway 16. The image will update every 15 to 30 minutes

Fishing Regulations:

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

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

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

Shellfish Contamination Closures:

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

On-line tidal waters fishing licenses:

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

2011-2013 Freshwater (Provincial) Fishing Regulations Synopsis:

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

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

Check for In-season Regulations Changes at:

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

Buy your fishing license online at:

www.fishing.gov.bc.ca

Safety and survival on water:

A good set of Oars and Oar Locks is NOT just for Drift-Boaters:

The smartest thing you can do is install a good set of oars and oar locks in your jet-boat and learn how to use them. If your engine quits just snap in your oars and turn your jet boat into a drift boat and either row to shore or float to the boat launch. I have had to do this a few times myself when I was guiding. I've seen too many jet boats and all they have is puny paddles. One person with one paddle is useless and even two persons with two paddles are difficult to control a large or even a small jet boat. Throw those paddles away and get yourself a good set of oars and oar locks. **Do it now! It may save your life.** Drifting out of control into a sweeper, log jam or boulders is no fun. [Contact me anytime](#) and I will be happy to give you tips how to row your jet boat.

Attention Anglers Cold Water Kills:

The waters of British Columbia are cold year-round.

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

YOU HAVE:

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

PREVENT COLD WATER SHOCK:

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

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

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

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

Do this to your life jackets NOW:

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

SURVIVAL ITEMS ONLY

You should put the following items into the pocket:

- Silver space blanket
- Fire starter
- Water-proof matches/lighter
- Candle
- food/candy
- Pocket knife, etc

These items can be vacuumed packed so your pocket does not have to be water proof. Actually some drain holes in the bottom may be a good idea.

Anything that will help a person survive at least one night and not die of hypothermia is a good idea, I think.

Thank you and please be safe...

Noel F. Gyger

PS I have friends who almost died of hypothermia in a boating accident. Wearing their lifejackets saved them from drowning but the cold and damp almost did them in. They would have been more comfortable during the night if they had some survival items in their life jackets.

Wed August 31/11 5:40am

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