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## Photo of the Week

Coho (Silver) Salmon fishing closes today, October 31<sup>st</sup> and I thought it would be appropriate to end the season with a nice photo of a fresh Coho.

This fish was landed by Rudy Uli on one beautiful misty morning on the Kitimat River back in September. His pro fishing guide was [Mike Herzberg](#). He guided Rudy into four Coho this day using [Luhr Jensen](#) Kwik Fish plugs.

Mike is an associate fishing guide for Ron Wakita of **Reliable Guide and Charters**



The early Coho summer run numbers were low but picked up as the season went on. The fall run was outstanding. Photo by Mike Herzberg

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

### Noel Gyger

September October 24 to October 31, 2010

Number 189

Dear Fishing Friends:

**SUMMARY:** Angling for all Salmon in our rivers is over for another year signified by the Coho closure on October 31. In general I think it was a good year. Steelhead is the only target fish now along with the smaller resident Cutthroat Trout, Dolly Varden Char, Bull Trout and White Fish. The weather has been good all week with lots of sunshine and frosty mornings. The rain has arrived on the weekend but should not cause much harm as most of it will stay in the mountains as snow. Fishing for Steelhead, Trout and Char using fly, spin and conventional gear has been excellent. The Skeena River is in good shape and fishing for Steelhead continues although most fish are in their tributary rivers by now. The Kalum River is in good shape and fishing for Steelhead and Coho is fantastic! The Kitimat River was low and clear all week. Trout anglers caught lots of Trout on the Kitimat River and her tributaries. Float fishing with some variation of [live worms](#) has been the most effective for Trout. Some Fly fishers have also had success fishing for Trout. [Minnow patterns or Egg patterns](#) have been the most popular. One Fly Fisher reported hooking 2 Coho on a 5 wt. rod. He also reported that he got his "Butt" kicked trying to land them. Lots of Coho were caught on the Kitimat this week but they were all various stages of spawning colors. This is normal for this time of year. It appears that the Kitimat Harbour Winter Chinook Fishery is starting. Check out the Ron Wakita report below. The Zymoetz (Copper) River is clean enough to fish and I have many reports of some great Steelhead catches with both fly and spin rods. This week guide reports came from Ron Wakita, Ariel Koppers and Andrew Rushton. **Thank you** to all of the fishing guides who 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!

**Last minute RIVER FISHING DATES** available:

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**For Sale:** One **Drift boat** and two **Jet boats** plus **Riverfront property in Kitimat, Kispiox and Smithers** and **Wanted to Buy property and B&B's** for sale. All located near the end of this report. **Check them out below:**

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# New Items on Website

- October 27, 2010 **For Sale:** (market place) Skeena River front home 22km E. of Terrace, BC  
<http://www.noelgyger.ca/market-place.htm>

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

### Bulkley River

Sorry, no report this week...but I assume the water is in good shape with cooler weather and no rain.

### Kalum River

Is in good shape both upper and lower end. There are good runs of Steelhead and Coho in the river now. Guiding closed October 15. Coho fishing will close October 31 but Steelhead remains open all winter.

### Kispiox River

Sorry, no report this week.

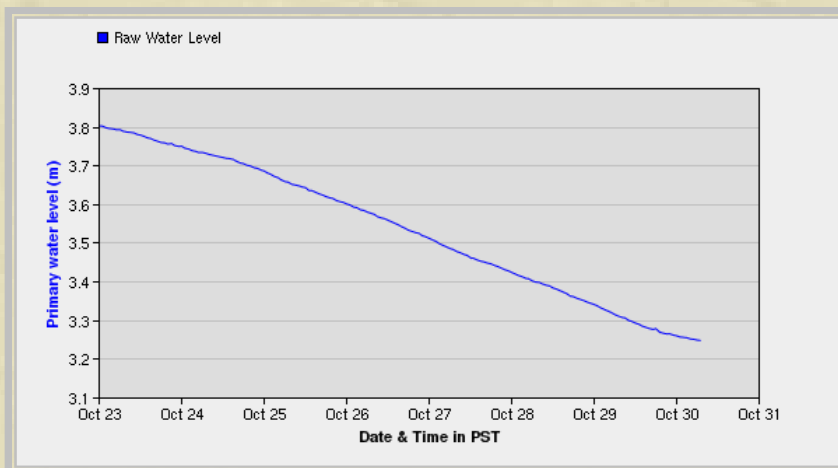
### Morice River

Sorry, no report this week.

### Skeena River

The Skeena River is in good shape. Fishing for Steelhead and Trout is good.

### Skeena River Graph



### Weather Reports

**Terrace:** 250-635-4192

**Kitimat:** 250-632-7864

**Prince Rupert:** 250-627-1155

**Smithers:** 250-847-1958.

### Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO):

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

### Hydrometric Data

[Babine River Graph](#)

[Bulkley River Graph](#)

[Kispiox River Graph](#)

[Kitimat River Graph](#)

[Morice River Graph](#)

[Nass River Graph](#)

[Skeena River Graph](#)

Normal Temperatures: **Max 8°C. Min 2°C.**  
Sunrise: **8:18am** Sunset: **6:19pm**

### Zymoetz (Copper) River

The water is in good shape. I have had reports of excellent Steelhead catches using both spin, conventional and fly gear.

# Fishing Guide and Tackle Shop Reports

## ***Summary for Skeena and Tributaries***

### Fishing This Week

**GOOD**

### Type of Fish Caught

**River:** Coho, 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:** 20-pound Steelhead from the Kalum River. **Ocean:** None reported this week.

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## Ron Wakita: Reliable Guide and Charters, Kitimat BC

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### Kitimat River

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**Oct 26** 2 Coho were reported caught at the Pump House. The angler I spoke to said, "One was bright silver while the other had started to turn".

**Oct 27** Kyree Dos Santos and Athan Ivanaki landed 15 Trout using Bubba's [Bait Dew Worms](#) and [Gibbs](#) pink wool [Gibbs](#) Floats. They were fishing one of the tributaries of the Kitimat River.

**Oct 28** Kyree and Athan landed 3 Coho on the Kitimat River. Well done Kyree and Athan.

**Oct 29** Kyree Dos Santos and Athan Ivanakis hooked 3 Coho and bunch of Trout. Well done guys. I apologize for no photos but I had not received them at the deadline for posting this Fishing Report.

### Summary:

Anglers are reminded that Coho closes on the Kitimat River Oct 31. The regulations state: Kitimat River **"Nov. 01 - Dec 31 No fishing for Coho"**

With Coho closing on the Kitimat River early next week, anglers will focus their efforts on the Kitimat River to Cutthroat Trout. Fly fishing for Trout is very popular on the Kitimat River but be careful. When Trout fishing on the Kitimat River, there is always the possibility of hooking Coho or even the odd Steelhead.

We have some great Trout fishing on the Kitimat River due to the efforts of the **Kitimat Hatchery**. We are indeed fortunate to have the Kitimat Hatchery on the Kitimat River.

### Douglas Channel

Richard from **MK Bay Marina** reports Humpback Whales in the Kitimat Harbour this week. "They were having breakfast right in front of the Marina" said Richard. Richard and I both agreed that the Humpback were in the Kitimat Harbor feeding on the Winter Chinook or some bait fish. Either

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way the Humpbacks are a good sign that there are Winter Chinook in the Kitimat Harbor. Richard was going to try to take some pictures for this Fishing Report but I had not yet received any at the deadline for this report. Anyone interested in viewing these Humpback Whales are always welcome to view them from the **MK Bay Marina Restaurant**.



**Oct 12-13-14** Ferd Wuensche hooked 24 Winter Chinook fishing with Ray Hepting in the last 3 days. Ferd said, "We had a bunch break off. We limited out 3 anglers almost every day we went out." Sounds like an awesome 3 days of Winter Chinook fishing! Well done guys. Ferd and his group were fishing with the **Gibbs Highliner Flasher** with **Rhys Davis Anchofy Teaser** and **Rhys Davis Anchovies**.

**Summary:**

It appears that the Kitimat Harbor Winter Chinook Fishery is starting. We have Charter boats available for any angler wishing to get out on the Douglas Channel. Please contact Noel [noel@noelgyger.ca](mailto:noel@noelgyger.ca) to book.



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## New Products



We just received our **Mustad** fishing accessory order that I placed at the recent [Red! Sports Tackle Show](#). **Mustad** produces some exceptional fishing products at very good pricing. These would make excellent stocking stuffers for any angler.

Thank You to everyone for providing photos and info to this Fishing Report.

**Good Health and Good Fishing!**

Sincerely and Cheers

*Ron Wakita*

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**Andrew Rushton: Kalum River Lodge**

Hi Noel

October fishing has been good for most of the month. We did have a period of high water but most of the month fishing was very good for both Steelhead and Coho. We were still catching bright Coho mid Oct. Rivers have been dropping very quickly now with the cooler weather this week.

Regards,

*Andrew Rushton*

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

Sorry, no report this week.



**Prawn Traps on Sale for \$39.95**



As the season is coming to an end, this is the time to get out there and get a few Coho to put in your smoke house.

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Here are some photos of the **Trish Anne** at Lucy Island.



## PRINCE RUPERT FISHING DERBY

It is only October and people have already started talking about the 20<sup>th</sup> annual **Marc(Dezi) Desautels Blue Knuckle Fishing Derby** which is held on December 27th in Prince Rupert. The **Prince Rupert Lions Club** has already started to prepare for this event with all monies raised going to the **Salvation Army**. The Prince Rupert Lions Club would like to thank all of the participants in last year's derby who helped make this event a huge success. There will be more to report as this event gets closer to December.

**BOOK** your charter dates now. Contact Noel [noel@noelgyger.ca](mailto:noel@noelgyger.ca)

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*Jeff Carlson* – owner

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

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



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Cheers!

*Jason Munday*

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

Unfortunately, Bob could not send his weekly "words of wisdom" this week as he is feeling under the weather. We all hope Bob feels better soon.

**Kispiox River**

Sorry, no report this week.

**Bulkley River**

Sorry, no report this week.

**Morice River**

Sorry, no report this week.

Enjoy your weekend

*Bob Melrose*

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# Rob Brown, The Skeena Angler

I would like to welcome Rob to my **Weekly Fishing Reports**. Rob contributes a weekly column to our local **Terrace Standard Newspaper**: [http://www.bclocalnews.com/bc\\_north/terracestandard](http://www.bclocalnews.com/bc_north/terracestandard)

Here is the link to his latest column: [http://www.bclocalnews.com/bc\\_north/terracestandard/sports/105714083.html](http://www.bclocalnews.com/bc_north/terracestandard/sports/105714083.html)  
Title: **Going for Grayling 4** Published: **October 26, 2010 11:00 PM**

Here is the link to his blog: [http://web.me.com/skeenaangler/Skeena\\_Angler/Blog/Blog.html](http://web.me.com/skeenaangler/Skeena_Angler/Blog/Blog.html)

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Hi. I'm Rob Brown. For the past 35 years, I've fished Skeena system.

In winter, sometimes alone, sometimes with a partner, I've strapped on snowshoes and tramped over the drifts to fish the Kitsumkalum River for steelhead.

In the spring I've divided my angling time between the lower reaches of the Kalum, chasing spring steelhead, spring salmon, cutthroat trout and Dolly Varden char, and the Lakelse River, hunting cutthroat trout and steelhead.

In the summer I've frequented the log gravel bars of the Skeena, angling for sockeye, summer coho and the summer run steelhead bound for the Bulkley, Morice, Babine, Kispiox, Sustut and smaller, less well known streams that feed the upper reaches, of the Skeena.

In autumn, I've enjoyed fine steelhead fishing on the Zymoetz and the Clore, dead drifting dry flies, dragging damp flies, and fishing tiny nymphs just under the surface for summer run steelhead.

My fishing hasn't been confined to the Skeena drainage. Inside you will find records of outings to well known steelhead rivers like the Dean, the Thompson, and the Coquihalla, to lesser known streams, like the Kitlope, and many smaller coastal streams.

Some of the articles you will find herein are diary entries, records of days on rivers and streams in the valleys of the Skeena and the streams that feed her. Others are reflections on how I think things are and how I believe they ought to be. The pieces that fit into this last group are political in that they are concerned with the politics of the environment, the politics of resource management, the politics of sport, the politics of getting along with people and the way politicians have got it wrong or got it right when it comes to fish and all the things related to them. You will find some how-to articles, as in how to tie a fly and how to cast it. You won't find any road maps to streams or any precise instructions on where and how to fish them, but you may be able to glean some of kind of information of this type by reading about my exploits and those of the men and women with whom I've fished. I haven't tried to hide the little I know about angling from prying eyes, but, out of respect for fish and friends, I haven't broadcast it either.

You're not a bleeder are you? the late Lee Straight once asked me after returning the draft of a letter I'd written for the Steelhead Society of B.C. I put down the red ink stained letter, revised the original along the lines he suggested then sent it back with a note assuring him that I was not. That still goes. If you disagree with something I've written, if you believe your two cents worth is more valuable than mine, then I want to hear from you. If something I've scribbled down strikes a chord, if you appreciate it, or you're glad I said it, I want to hear from you too.

# Gary Miltenberger *Northwest Angling Adventures*

## What's Next?

There is no doubt, I about it ....Coffee and Goldsborough Creeks had made me an addict!

I needed fish.

I needed more fish, bigger fish, and wider variety of fish, preferably salmonids.

Every time we went to Hood Canal, to visit our friends out there (John and Mary Miller, from Seattle) who had a summer cottage quite close to the Twanoh State Park, I took my fishing tackle. But I didn't know much about salt-water fishing yet, and autumn, not summer-time, was the best time to find interesting fishing in Hood Canal. We were always there in the summer-time, not autumn. So I messed around with sculpins, perch and flounders.

I learned the hard way about the spines on the backs of sculpins one day, when I kicked one of them away from me in the canoe, and its spine went through my running shoe, and imbedded itself into my toe. Gawd that hurt!!!

When I'd visit my football teammate buddies, Dave and Scott, who lived out near Arcadia Point on Hammersley Inlet, we'd often spend a good part of the day watching the tides. At mid-low tides, we'd head out to the point with fishing tackle. As the tides dropped, a really long sand-bar would appear, beginning at the point and running diagonally across the inlet, to straight out from the Puhns house. We'd spend many long summer hours messing around on that sand bar turning over rocks to see hermit crabs to scurry away, fishing for mud-sharks, the occasional sculpins, and whatever else might be lurking on the bottom of the part of Hammersley Inlet. Occasionally, we'd split open a mud-shark and extract the livers, to use for bait to draw in the sea-gulls, so that Kim, the Puhns aging golden labradour, could chase them.

But neither Hood Canal nor Hammersley Inlet in the summer-time really offered the kind of fish and fishing that I was seeking. I wanted trout, steelhead and salmon. Bigger and in more quantity than Coffee or Goldsborough Creeks could offer. Since most of the time my transportation as a kid was limited to my trusty Schwinn bicycle or my 16-hand high quarter-horse, who was named "Bay", the range of my wanderings was somewhat limited.

What to do to, for a solution to this dilemma???

At about that same time, I discovered the Boy Scouts of America. After months and month of pleading with my parents, I finally wore them down, and they conceded defeat. They finally let me join.

Ken O'Dell's Troop 110 met every Wednesday evening, from 7-9 pm, in the Mountain View School gym/multi-purpose room. It was a 10-15 minute drive there from our family farm, a drive that one of my parents had now committed to making twice weekly on Wednesday evenings, for the next several years.

I literally cruised through the scouting ranks: Tenderfoot, 2nd class, 1st class, Star, Life, and became Washington State's youngest ever Eagle Scout at the age of 13, in 1963. Much of the scouting program dove-tailed so closely with the rural skills that I learned living on the farm, and my personal interests in science, nature, conservation and the outdoors, that it really was all just an extension of who I was, and who I was becoming. I found very little about the entire program that challenged me very much, and it was a whole lot of fun! I went on to become inducted into the "Order-of-the-Arrow", and become a Jr. Assistant Scout Master. I earned the bronze and silver palms, as my collection of merit badges grew, after I'd achieved scouting's highest rank.

Scouting also provided my first introduction to mainland British Columbia, when I attended an international scouting Jamboree in Penticton, BC, in 1967. I don't know what all the other scouts on that Greyhound charter bus were thinking after we'd crossed the border, headed up the Fraser River, then took a right turn at Hope, and headed east into the mountains. But I remember very clearly what I was thinking. I was wondering what kind of fish resided in those small streams, lakes, and rivers that we were driving by constantly! Clearly, I would need to re-visit British Columbia at some point in time, after university.

I didn't know it at the time that I joined, but the Scouting program would give me far greater access to the waters that I would need in the future, to feed my fishing addiction.

Not long after I'd joined Troop 110, our first week-end camp-out was coming up. My father gave me an old vintage WW II canvas, steel-framed ruck-sack (the same one that carried the two Goldsborough steelhead through downtown Shelton a couple of years later, as described in my previous story). He also gave me army surplus cutley, a mess kit, and canteen. I

don't remember exactly where it came from, but an army surplus down sleeping bag was soon added to my growing list of outdoor gear too.

Prior to the camp out, several Wednesday evenings at Scouting meetings were devoted to menu planning. We were divided into four person teams, and told to plan the menu for our team for the camp-out weekend. Not only would we be cooking and eating our planned menu together, but we were also made responsible to equitably split up the food on our grocery list, then make certain that our mothers included what was on each member's list in her grocery shopping the week before the camp-out.

The camp-out weekend finally came.

Early Friday evening, after school was over for the kids, and the adults had finished their work for the week, we assembled at the Mountain View School. Scoutmaster O'Dell had recruited some of the parents to drive us to the "camp-out" campsite. We loaded our packs into the cars, bailed in ourselves, then proceeded down the hill from Mountain View, took a right turn at the bottom of the hill to Railway Avenue, turned right onto Railway Avenue, then out towards Shelton Valley....the very same route I travelled every day, from our family farm to school!

Then for me, it got even more bizarre! We turned onto the Greystone Cement road, drove up that road past the cement works, to the Goldsborough Creek dam. Just across the Simpson Timber Company railroad tracks from the dam, on the wooded flat next to the creek, was the place that in very short order, as packs were unloaded and tents went up, was converted to become our weekend "camp-out" campsite.

My first scouting "camp-out" had brought me nearly home! Imagine my surprise!!! We were camping at one of my personal playgrounds, which I profiled in my previous story. If I wanted, I could walk home from there in about 25 minutes .....

But I didn't, or course. I stayed, and enjoyed my very first camping experience, along with about 20 other scouts, and three or four adults.

On Saturday, we hiked up the rail grade, to the second, upper Goldsborough Creek dam. I'd heard rumours that there was one, but had never been there before. I could already see that this Scouting program was going to open up some new worlds for me. Access to more waters to fish was one of the worlds that excited me more than just a little!!!

Next time: the Olympic Mountains and its waters.

Tight lines,

*Gary Miltenberger* email: [gmiltenb@gmail.com](mailto:gmiltenb@gmail.com)

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# 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)

## Fishing Regulation changes:

**Category(s): RECREATIONAL - Fin Fish (Other than Salmon)**

Subject: FN0891-Recreational Halibut: All areas - Halibut Fishing Closure

Throughout the 2010 recreational halibut fishing season, the Department in conjunction with the Sport Fishing Advisory Board (SFAB) Halibut Working Group have reviewed in-season monthly catch estimates.

Catch information indicates that the recreational share of the Total Allowable Catch has been reached.

**Therefore, recreational fishing for halibut will close effective 23:59hrs October 18, 2010 for the balance of the year.**

2011 management actions will be developed throughout the fall and announcements will be made in early 2011.

Variation Order 2010-395 is in effect.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact: Tamee Mawani 604-666-9033 or Devona Adams 604-666-3271

Fisheries & Oceans Operations Center - FN0891

Sent October 6, 2010 at 0941

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## 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

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## 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=dMk5oW0s1tE>

**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 prediction for 2010

Just glancing over the **Skeena Tye 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

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## Coho prediction for 2010

Glancing at this year's **Skeena Tye Index** for September 17, 2010 for Coho.

So far the numbers are down roughly 25 to 30% from the decade average and less than half of the 2009 returns. Earlier DFO estimates were for equal or slightly better than last season. However, so far, that is not the case. Estimates, as with the Sockeye, can be just a guessing game. But, like all fishing, the best time to fish is whenever you can. When those leaves start to turn you know your time is limited so enjoy while you can.

Love fishing for those fighting Coho's and especially the big Northerns? As the salmon species go Coho are probably the most difficult to land. You may hook them, but you will seldom land every one. Somersaults, flips, rolling on the line are all part of a Coho's DNA. It is critical to use premium quality hooks and to keep them sticky sharp. It is wise to replace the factory hooks with suitable [Gamakatsu](#) or one of the other quality brands – 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.

### More on boat safety advise from Gary Miltenberger:

This is only part of the story! I have operated several different sizes of jet-boat, and while oars may help with smaller jet boats in difficult situations, for other larger ones, they would be a total waste of time and energy! My present jet boat is a very big one: a 25' welded aluminum Ali-craft, with a high impact plastic sole on it. The dry weight is 3800 lbs, and it is eight feet wide. Fully loaded, with full gas (100 gallons), it weighs 6000 lbs! I have successfully carried six large adult men with three canoes, and all their camping and fishing gear, and food and booze, for two weeks, in this boat. That was likely a total load of around 8000 lbs. I have a 300 h.p. in-board Ford 460 V-8 for power. But when the in-board does not work, (which has been very rare) or the jet-jams up (happens more often) with a rock, stick, rope or something else, having several other options is VERY pleasant! **First**, have a very, very reliable, well maintained kicker.... is will be VERY useful! It doesn't have to be big, only reliable! Mine is a 9.9 hp four-stroke, and I have had the cooling system customized to handle silt and sand. Once, I limped 45 miles down the Taku River, then all the way back to Juneau, Alaska, on only the kicker...close to 100 miles! Another time, 60 miles down the Liard River, after the jet jammed with small rocks, while on a moose hunting trip. **Second**, a good long "pike-pole", for shoving the boat away from sweepers and log jams. If one is good, two would be even better! **Third**, a good anchor and lots of rope (I carry 500 feet of rope, and I needed it all one time, to winch myself off of a sand-bar!). **Fourth**, make sure that you have a come-along or winch, and know how to use whichever you have. I have both, and have had to use them both once, in tandem! My big boat has a power roller on the bow, which runs off of the batteries. The risk with that is running the batteries down, if you get stuck really badly. So also carry a small solar panel (available at Canadian Tire), wired to re-charge your batteries. **Fifth**, standard safety gear: VHS radio, satellite phone, life jackets for everyone, first aid kit, blankets and/or sleeping bags, fire extinguisher, flares, axe, shovel, and a hydraulic jack. Keep your first aid ticket current, and take all the marine safety courses that are applicable to your boating. **Finally**, make certain that you leave a "trip plan" with someone reliable, who will send out search and rescue if you do not return on schedule. This saved my life once (it's a very long story!) .

Happy and SAFE boating to all! Gary Miltenberger

## 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 to report this week.

## 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)

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## Marketplace

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

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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**

### Rod Days for Sale

**For Sale: 50 Skeena River, section 2, classified rod-days for \$2000.** These rod-days come without the license. Without license means they can be sold only to guides that already own Skeena 2 rod-days. [Contact Noel Gyger](#) for more info.

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## For Trade



Mint **Triumph Thunderbird 900** motorcycle will trade for drift boat or small outboard powered ocean boat. Please call Joe at 250-635-2729 for more information.

## Outboard Motors



Noel I have a 30 HP **Yamaha** for sale. It is a 3 cylinder oil injected unit. It is well maintained and runs excellent. It has a long shaft, tiller steer and manual start. The unit is in Terrace. I am asking \$650. Call Ken Olson 250-635-7393. Thanks. Ken

## Real Estate

**Beautiful Log home right next to the famous Kitimat River**



**Kitimat BC** A True Fisherman or Wilderness Lovers Dream Home. 2 minutes to Kitimat River Boat Launch. 3 Bedroom 2 full bathrooms, 2 Levels 1000sq/ft each plus 500sq/ft loft. 1000sq/ft detached heated shop with games room, plus second storage shed on extremely private tree'd lot. Beautiful cozy log cabin style home. Heated floors, many updates, New spa-steam-shower-tub, plus separate stand up shower in main floor bathroom. Loads of potential. Western Red and Yellow Cedar logs, 12"-20"" round. Unique Home. Asking \$350,000. [Please contact Noel Gyger for more information](#)

**New! Oct. 10, 2010**



**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

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**For Sale:** Beautiful one level 4600 sq. ft. home on Skeena River Front 22km East of Terrace, BC



4.92 acres, fenced/landscaped around home. [Click here to watch a 14 second video clip](#) that shows the best gravel bar fishing for Salmon and Steelhead just out your door with stunning mountain views. Fruit trees, flowers, lawn. House was built in 1994 and has 4 bedrooms (so spacious, it could be 6 or more), 3 bathrooms, jacuzzi tub, fireplace, security system, double garage, tool-shed, storage buildings. The kitchen and dining room are open to one another and adjoins the family room where all the windows draw you in to look out over the Skeena River. The properties adjoining both sides of this home belong to the crown, so your privacy is assured. Suitable as a private home, B&B, lodge, or a private conference centre. **Appraised at \$640,000 discounted to \$475,000 (fully furnished)** for quick sale. [Contact Noel Gyger for more info](#) **New!** Oct 27/10



**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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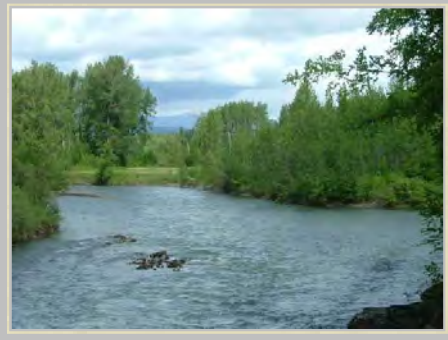
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#### Waterfront/Dock location

**Smithers BC** - 8 terraced acres of Bulkley River Waterfront. Experience the advantage of nature's tranquility only 20 minutes from downtown Smithers, BC. Prime building lot awaits your ideas for development. Proven year round water source. **Boat launch access for world class fishing, kayaking, rafting, etc.** School bus service available. Recreation waterfront and privacy all at your door step. **\$175,000** [Contact Noel Gyger](#) for detail and more photo's.  
Chris Timms Calderwood Realty Ltd of Smithers

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**Kispiox BC - Fishing paradise out your back door, world record steelhead were caught in this fishing hole.** 24 acres of rare Kispiox Riverfront and host to the "Cottonwood Hole". Level, benched property part. Flood plain. Value of old homestead at buyers discretion. **Prettiest small parcel in the valley. \$249,000** [Contact Noel Gyger](#) for detail 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](#)

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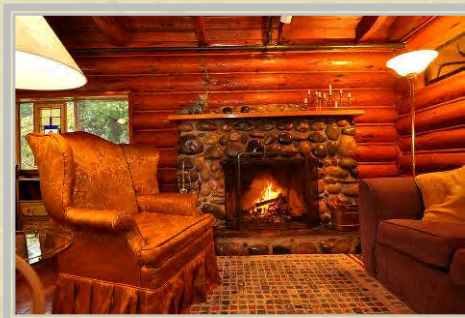
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Hi Noel, I have a client/friend that I've been fishing with in the Terrace and Smithers area for the past 10 years. We have been looking recently at land in order to put up a small fishing cabin but we've noticed that most land listings in the Terrace area are for large plots. I was wondering if you know of anyone that has a larger plot of land on the Skeena (around Usk would be perfect) that would be interested in subdividing out a section of about 1 or 2 acres. Walking access to Skeena would be nice but not necessary.

I would be able to handle the legal work and associated costs to subdivide, so I just need someone who might be interested in selling off a small piece of their land that they aren't using. Also, it would need to have vehicle access which we could do by registered right of way across sellers prop if unavailable otherwise. [Contact Noel Gyger](#) if you have such property and I will put you in contact with the buyer. **New! three weeks ago!**

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## B&B's For Sale



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

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## Boats for Sale



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**GOOD LUCK and GOOD FISHING!**

Yours sincerely,

Noel F. Gyger

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