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**Top Photo: April 29, 2014.** Stephen was [Kalum River Lodge](#) first guest of the season and he landed his first ever Skeena River Steelhead. This super Steelhead was caught on an **Intruder** using a **Sage** rod. During the week with Stephen we fished three different rivers and as well as hooking Steelhead we had some good Trout fishing. It is great to be back on the rivers to chase after bright silver freshly run Steelhead, lively Trout and some early run Chinook Salmon. **Andrew Rushton, Kalum River Lodge**, Terrace, BC. If you are interested to be guided on this river, or any other river please [contact me](#) anytime. We also have ocean charters out of Kitimat, Prince Rupert and Haida Gwaii. **Cast on photo to view in larger size**

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## River, Ocean and Lake Reports

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

*Last update was Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at 10:09am*

Sunrise 5:57am Sunset 9:06am

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- 2014 [Haida Gwaii/Queen Charlotte Islands](#) for river and ocean
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  - 2014 Kitimat River for [Coho \(Silver\) Salmon](#)
  - 2014 Multi Rivers for [spring Steelhead](#)
  - 2014 Multi Rivers for [spring Chinook](#)
  - 2014 [Kwinamass River](#) for Steelhead (April & May) only
  - 2014 [Zymoetz \(Copper\) River](#) class 1 and 2 sections
  - 2014 [Nass and Coastal Rivers](#)
  - 2014 Douglas Channel ocean fishing for [Salmon and Bottom fish](#)
  - 2014 Prince Rupert ocean fishing for [Salmon and Bottom fish](#)
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[http://www.noelgyger.ca/archived-fishing-reports/Full-month-March\\_2014.pdf](http://www.noelgyger.ca/archived-fishing-reports/Full-month-March_2014.pdf)

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<http://www.noelgyger.ca/past-fishing-reports.htm>

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**Commentary:** Wind: SE 5km/h Rain showers (+9 degrees C) Steelhead and Trout are the target fish now...BUT I must say **WELCOME** to the finest winter Steelheading in the world! **Note:** [Avid Sportfishing](#) ...sign up to receive their E-newsletters and email notifications on last minute deals, see [Haida Gwaii - Queen Charlotte Islands](#) section. **Note:** **FOR SALE** 10.55 acres Skeena River frontage, see [Market Place](#) section. **Note:** **FOR SALE** stunning walk-on waterfront acreage with custom log home, see [Market Place](#) section. **Note:** We are pleased to **WELCOME** [Catchercraft Boats](#) on board, see more info below [Skeena River](#). **Note:** **NEW** section added called [Recommended Fly Fishing Gear](#). **Note:** **FOR SALE** ECO Tour Tenure license, see [Market Place](#) section. **Note:** We welcome [Hawkair](#) onboard as a sponsor. **Note:** **FOR SALE** West Coast floating Fishing Lodge entertaining over 1000 guests per year, see [Market Place](#) section or [contact Noel Gyger](#) for more info.

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### **Latest updates below:**

**Update:** [Hawkair](#) has special fares available to fishermen, PLUS sign-up for their e-mail NEWSLETTER, see their Ad below. **Update:** [2013 Skeena Tyee Test Fishery](#) data and [2013 Salmon forecast](#) moved to: <http://www.noelgyger.ca/news-bulletin.htm>. **Update:** [Gibbs-Delta](#) has several 10' Trade Show Display Booths for sale, see [Market Place](#) section. **Update:** [Rogers Fishing Lodge](#) **FOR SALE** see [Market Place](#) section; owners of this lodge say they already have over 1000 guests booked for the 2014 season. In total in 2013 they did 1160 guests, so things are already pacing ahead of last year. Certainly a real positive for any potential [Buyer to have a turn-key business](#). **Update:** We added another webpage called [Releasing Fish](#), check it out. **Update:** [Hawkair's](#) popular 50 connector discount is now applicable to ALL airline connectors in YVR including winter sun vacation packages, see their Ad below. **Update:** Halibut fishing opens February 1st. [Cast on this link](#) to read the **NEW Halibut** regulations. **Update:** [Avid Sportfishing](#) sent a pic of their **NEW** Boat; that's right they are now operating 2 - 30 foot [Kingfisher](#) guide boats, see [Haida Gwaii - Queen Charlotte Islands](#) section. **Update:** **NEW Product Profile** [Islander Reels](#), see [Product Profile](#) section. **Update:** video from 2010 - Another HUGE Steelhead, see [Vintage Video Clips](#) section. **Update:** fishing from March 11 to 18, 2007, see [History](#) section. **Update:** **FOR SALE** 1000 sq ft Cabin, Skeena River water front, 12 k East of Terrace BC, see [Market Place](#) section. **Update:** [Alexandra Morton](#) re: Going Global - finally!, see [Conservation](#) section.

**Update:** Own your own **Steelhead Lodge Fishing Cabin** in Hazelton, BC, see **Market Place** section.  
**Update:** Total **YouTube** uploaded views as of March 24th were 804,987 views, see **Noel Gyger has 96 fishing video clips on YouTube:** section. **Update:** see updated pic of 1000 sq ft cabin **For Sale**, see **Market Place** section. **Update:** for **Skeena River** and **Kalum River**. **Update:** Full Month of **March 2014** posted, to view cast on link. **Update:** Tracey Hittel of **Kitimat Lodge** sent a "pic report" of his guiding season, which just started, see **Kitimat Lodge** section below. **Update:** Ariel Koppers reports: **Boaters Beware!** Tree crossing the Kitimat River above Big Wedeene, for a pic see **Kitimat River** section.  
**Update:** from **Fisheries and Oceans Canada** **Cast on this link** to read the **Preliminary 2014 Salmon Outlook**. **Update:** Tracey Hittel of **Kitimat Lodge** sent fishing report and pics for April, see **Kitimat Lodge** section. **Update:** for **Lakelse River**. **Update:** More information has come forth from DFO regarding the **2014 Salmon run**, to read all the details cast on the link in the **2014 Salmon Fishing Outlook** section. **Update:** **Friends of Wild Salmon** reports on the **NO vote** in Kitimat BC, see **Conservation** section. **Update:** taking bookings now of ocean charters, see **Prince Rupert Ocean Fishing** section. **Update:** **NEW Top Photo** posted today Apr 20th. **Update:** Rob Brown latest story titled "**Great expectations**", see **Rob Brown - The Skeena Angler** section. **Update:** for **Kitimat River**. **Update:** **NEW** stats are posted for **noelgyger.ca** as of April 24th, see above. **Update:** fishing report from **Oscars Sports** in Smithers, see **Smithers BC and area fishing report** section. **Update:** pic for **Zymoetz (Copper) River** taken yesterday, April 25th. **Update:** for **Skeena River**. **Update:** Alexandra Morton re DFO's Mandate - it not what we thought, see **Conservation** section. **Update:** I am going to check conditions for the Skeena, Copper and Kalum, check back around 11:15am for the results - 10:49 am scroll to rivers to see results. **Update:** **NEW Top Photo** posted today, Apr 29th. More updates will come in as the day moves on. Cast on links to send me your **fishing report** or **feedback**. Or phone **250-635-2568**, if I am not available leave your report on my answering machine.

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## **Skeena River**

Water is low and light brown NOT fishable. Copper is cleaning so putting in less dirt...but most of the dirt is coming from tribs upriver. Fishing for Steelhead and Trout has been very GOOD...but...you got to know where and how to fish for em. You may want to consider hiring a guide for this, if so **contact me** anytime.

**Caution:** there is some ice along edges so please be careful walking on it. Most all of the summer run Steelhead have gone through the Terrace area and are way up in their trib rivers by now. Trout fishing is the only option now.

Skeena Water heights below:



**Cast on link for current Skeena River water heights**

[http://www.wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/graph/graph\\_e.html?stn=08EF001](http://www.wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/graph/graph_e.html?stn=08EF001)

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### **2014 Salmon Fishing Outlook:**

from Fisheries and Oceans Canada [Cast on this link](#) to read the **Preliminary 2014 Salmon Outlook**.

More information has come forth from DFO regarding the 2014 Salmon run, to read all the details cast on this link:

<http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/Preliminary-2014-Salmon-Outlook.pdf>

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

Can be seen here:

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

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

**2011**, **2012** and **2013** can be seen here:

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

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## Kitimat Lodge



### Kitimat Lodge Fishing Report - April 2014

#### Early Spring Steelhead Fishing

With the spring rain just starting up in the Kitimat area, the steelhead are trickling in and thank goodness as the Kitimat system is blown out as of today.



Attached are pics of the Italian stallions with a spring catch of steelhead on the Skeena system.

With the river so low the past week I had to fish some of my favourite haunts and took out the boot on my **Woolridge**. I used duct tape to get us back the 2 miles up river as the boot was badly beaten.

Our best day this week was with Art from the USA, hooking into 7 steelhead in one day landing the pair attached. Art said 2 of the steelhead he lost he thought were definitely over 20-pounds.

Also present is the awesome Crab fishing that is available out of Kitimat. Dungeness as well King Crab are on the menu.



We would like to thank **Tracey Hittel** for sending the above pics. Tracey's guiding season just started and as you can see the Steelheading is "**FANTASTIC**"...and fresh Dungeness Crab to eat at the lodge. Spring fishing just does not get any better than this. If you are interested to book a guided river trip or ocean charter [contact me](#) or [Kitimat Lodge](#) anytime.

**SEE BELOW** for complete [Kitimat Lodge](#) 2014 guiding season:

**The 2014 season is closing in on us fast and the bookings are at an all-time high**

### **SPRING STEELHEAD**

Spring Steelhead begins this late March for 6 weeks. If the run of Steelhead was like last year our guests are going to hit pay dirt.



### **CHINOOK SALMON**

Starting in May, thru to August, Chinook Salmon we target either by Jetboats or spacious driftboats, on the rivers, or 30ft Aluminum, twin Volvo Diesel, ocean vessel. All our boat are fully equipped with top of the line gear.



### **COHO SALMON**

Late July to late September all 5 species of Salmon are in full charge from the ocean to the rivers. We intercept these Salmon either in the Saltwater or small coastal micro streams, using like tackle or fly.



### **HALIBUT and CRAB**

May to November is best for Halibut and Dungeness Crab. For 2014 the size limit for Halibut has increased, retaining a 70lb fish, up from the 60lb fish in 2013



### **SUMMER - FALL STEELHEAD**

The lower 100 miles of the Skeena and its tributaries are a Steelheders dream, miles of fly water to chase the elusive steelhead. With our access to **Classified waters** in Skeena country, this allows us flexibility and tranquility for our customers.



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## **Kalum River:**

**20** Water is a little high but in very good shape in both the lower and upper ends. Steelhead fishing is fantastic. Good for getting around with both drift and jet boat. Guiding started April 1st. With clear sky; **Theory:** when this happens the fish are spooky and this seems to be the case now. Fishing is always better under cloudy skies. **Gibbs** #45 Lure works pretty good to catch Steelhead even under these conditions. Water is dropping so be careful if you take your jet boat. Might be time for the raft or drift-boat.

Pic taken April 8th:



Check out this article I wrote; a few years ago but still relevant today:

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

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

## **Lakelse River:**

Water is higher than normal and tea coloured. Steelhead fishing is slow. Check regs for the fly fishing only rule in some section. Steelhead are started to spawn in some sections, if you see them you should let them be and move on to other areas. **Reg:** Fly fishing only between Lakelse Lake and CNR bridge Mar 1 -May 31. **Tip:** Fly-fishing egg pattern flies work the best, also, the brighter the egg fly the better. **Tip:** Float fishing corkies (painted cork balls in various sizes) and a little bit of white wool works well. The bright red or orange ones are favored.

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



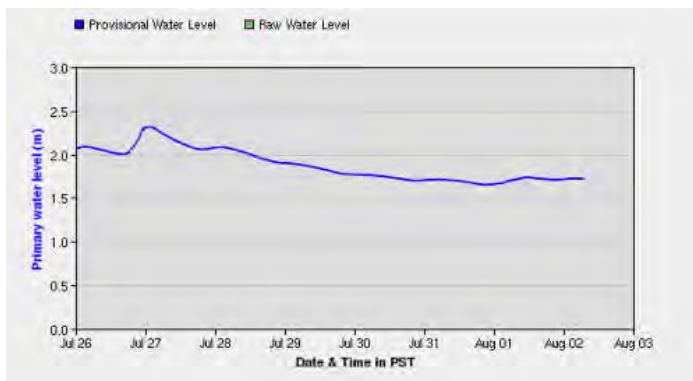
Pic taken afternoon April 17th

Pic taken afternoon April 25th

River still pretty brown...but I think it is cleaning.. **Note:** Zone Fishing closure. **Reg: No Fishing** above the sign at the transmission line crossing (below Zymoetz Canyon), Jan 1 - June 15. With this closure it leaves only a small section of the lower river to fish for Steelhead. The water is high and borderline fishable. When wet fly fishing give the Steelhead a chance to react when the fly comes drifting by. Dry fly works pretty good too. And for conventional here is a **Tip:** Float fishing the Pink Worm works very well in this river. Need a guide for 2014 in either the Class one or Class two section [contact me](#) anytime.



Sample Zymoetz (Copper) River heights below:



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

[http://www.wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/graph/graph\\_e.html?stn=08EF005](http://www.wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/graph/graph_e.html?stn=08EF005)

### **Kitimat River:**

Water has been stable. I have reports of some good Steelheading. Looks like maybe it will be a good run this year. Chinook are just around the corner.

River is great shape and I have reports of some excellent Steelhead fishing. Trout fishing has been very good also.



**Ariel Koppers reports:** Once again **Boaters Beware!** Tree crossing the Kitimat River above Big Wedeene.

Justin Lowes, one of the senior guides for [Reliable Guide and Charters](#) says there are some Steelhead showing up. Stay tuned...

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

Sample Kitimat River waters heights below:



Cast on link for current Kitimat River water heights:

[http://www.wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/graph/graph\\_e.html?stn=08FF001](http://www.wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/graph/graph_e.html?stn=08FF001)

## **Douglas Channel:**

Halibut fishing opens February 1st. [Cast on this link](#) to read the **NEW** regulations.

### **Fisheries and Oceans Canada**

Cast on link for 2013-15 [Tidal and Freshwater Guide online](#) and more...



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

**Tracey John Hittel**

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## **Recommended Fly Fishing Gear:**

Courtesy Chad Black [Nicholas Dean Outdoors](#)

In the low water conditions of early April, we generally used light sink tips to cover the shallow riffles and tailouts where Steelhead were holding. Type 3 and Type 6 tips were generally all that was needed for most conditions. With the higher flows of late Spring, and in particular on the tributary rivers, we've also been using Rio's MOW tips in a variety of weights and lengths to get the fly down to the fish. The Heavy MOW tips, made of T-14 material, have been particularly useful, in lengths of 5, 7.5, 10 and 12.5 ft.

As with March, best colours have been pink, black, blue and orange. When fishing the Skeena and its tribs, larger flies from 2.5" to 4" in length have been most productive. Smaller flies in a variety of weights in the 1" to 2.5" range have worked the best on coastal rivers.

When targeting Steelhead, we've been using rods in the 12.5' to 13.5' ft range, for a 7 or 8 weight line on the larger rivers. Our personal favourites for this fishing include the 7126 **Sage TCX** and the 8139 **Loomis Dredger**. When targeting Chinook specifically, we've been using heavier 9 and 10 weight rods in the 13' to 15' range. Single hand rods and switch rods have gotten the nod on the coastal rivers. In particular, I had a chance to fish a 8116 **Sage One** rod and can confirm that it's a very good rod that's ideally suited to the coast!

**Rods, Reels, Lines:** For Steelhead - Spey rods in the 12' to 14' range, with a **Skagit** head to match. A 7126 TCX paired with a 500 grain **Skagit Flight** and **Loomis 8139 Dredger** with a 525 grain **Skagit** are excellent choices. A good quality disc or cork drag reel (e.g. **Islander** and **Ross**) with a minimum of 150 yards of 30 lb backing. For Spring Chinook Salmon, same as above, except with heavier gear - 9 weight minimum, 10 weight better.

**Sink Tips and Tippet:** A 15' Type III and 15' Type VI for most shallow water applications, and a variety of **MOW** tips - medium (T-11) and heavy (T-14) for deeper and/or heavier water. Always 15 lb **Maxima Ultragreen** for Steelhead. Increase tippet to 20 lb **Maxima Ultragreen** if targeting Spring Chinook.

**Flies:** **Idylwilde** String Leech, Bunny Tube, Marabou Tube and Popsickle, in shrimp pink, cerise, black, blue and orange.

If you need info to book a pro fishing guide please [contact me](#) anytime.

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## **Prince Rupert Ocean Fishing:**



Fish from this **Grady White** for **ALL** the bottom fish plus **ALL** the Salmon, Dungeness Crab and Alaskan King Crab...with a captain who has over 40 years experience. If you are interested to book a charter please [contact me](#) anytime for **ALL** the details.



**Stan Doll** of [Skeena Wilderness Fishing Charters](#) and a couple of friends went to Prince Rupert BC to fish for King Crab and Bottom fish on the weekend of March 22-24, 2014. They had a very successful trip as the pics show. Stan and his family have been in the fish guiding and lodging business for over 40 years. Stan guides on all the local classified waters and ocean out of Prince Rupert. If you would like to book a trip with Stan [contact me](#) anytime.

Halibut fishing opens February 1st. [Cast on this link](#) to read the NEW regulations.

## **Haida Gwaii - Queen Charlotte Islands:**

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Some of the best Chinook fishing is in the early season...**BOOK NOW**...don't miss out!



Here's a video for all you "Butt heads" out there. Halibut fishing was awesome in 2013! Had a lot of fun releasing some big ones and sending guests home with some nice eating ones too. And yes, fresh Halibut is on the menu in 2014.

[Cast here](#) or cast on the pic to watch the video



Set out to catch the elusive New Years Eve steelhead today and succeeded!  
Happy new years everyone and tight lines in 2014!



**Reserve Your Dates for 2014**

The 2014 fishing season is coming fast! We are already over 50% booked and prime dates are going quickly. If you're thinking about taking the family on a great fishing adventure or looking for a hard core fishing trip with the boys next summer, Avid Sportfishing's all inclusive trips have all bases covered. Round trip airfare from Vancouver, exclusive beachfront lodging and amazing meals combined with BC's best Chinook salmon fishing and experienced guides make for a "Top Notch" fishing trip that is second to none. Some exciting news for groups that require 2 boats (6 to 8 guests) is the addition of another 30 foot Kingfisher guide boat. This allows us to offer a truly unique experience with 2 of the nicest, most comfortable, most seaworthy and just plain "fishy" boats in all of Haida Gwaii/Queen Charlotte Islands. Predictions for 2014 Chinook (King) salmon runs look very good with more 4 and 5 year old fish returning meaning bigger average size than in 2013.

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

1-877-770-AVID(2843) or fill out our [Booking Inquiry Form](#)

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### **Smithers BC and area fishing report:**

Fishing Report for April 23/2014. We are happy to report that Ross Lake & Seeley Lake in Hazelton and now Lake Kathlyn & Round Lake in Smithers are open! Fishing is usually really good at ice off! Try trolling rolled muddlers. Luke Saffarek from Tiger Fly Outfitters likes to use little micro leeches. Either cast and strip in slowly or use an indicator. For spinners try some Mepps, Dick Nites, Lucky Bugs.... Have fun - get out there! - See more at: <http://oscarssports.com/resources/fishing-report/fishing-report-april-23-2014#sthash.ZzXbZwHB.dpuf>

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### **Webflyz**



Custom made flies by Cory Koenig of Webflyz BC <http://www.webflyz.com>  
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This fly is the "orange n blue intruder"

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### **Guest Reports and Photos:**



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

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## **History:**

**2007** March



The photo of the week shows the “elusive” 20-pound “wild” Steelhead. This fish was landed on the Kalum River on March 12<sup>th</sup> by Rob Vodola. This BIG fish gave Rob quite a tussle and after ten minutes he managed to land it...and I was fortunate to get a video clip of most of the action. To view the clip cast to: <http://www.noelgyger.ca/video-clips-web.htm> It is 2007 Steelhead Video Clip #0026 and is titled: (20 pounds PLUS). Check out the other “new” 2007 Steelhead clips while you are on the website.

### **Noel Gyger - WEEKLY FISHING REPORT dated March 11 – March 18, 2007**

Dear Fishing Friends:

My fishing reports will now cover “two” distinct areas in our beautiful province of British Columbia. These are:

- - Skeena and Tributaries
- - Northern Coastal Rivers
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The weather has been fair all week. The upper Kalum, lower Copper and Skeena are still in excellent shape. It has been a couple of months since I have been out fishing. My good friend Rob Vodola and I went fishing on Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> on the Kalum River and we had, to say the least “blow out” Steelhead fishing. We must have hooked over 15 “wild” Steelhead, all on artificial baits. We never saw another boat and only one bank fisherman. I hooked three fish myself, on the first cast. Normally, this time of year, the water is too low for jet boats to get around but there was just enough water for my boat, I know I bumped the bottom once. The guides start guiding this river on March 15<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the Kalum River, fishing on the Kitimat River and Douglas Channel has started. See below for more details on the Kalum River.

If I can be of service to find you the “best” guided fishing adventure let me know. Cast here to check out more of what I have to offer: <http://noelgyger.ca/special-guided.htm>

Be sure to check out my website at [www.noelgyger.ca](http://www.noelgyger.ca) for more info on my history, Quality Waters Strategy, special guided fishing trips, video clips, scenic river photos, wildlife photos and others, comments from past guests, informational articles and archived fishing reports from 1996 through 2002. I hope it meets with your entire satisfaction.

### **CURRENT REPORT and summary for Skeena and Tributaries:**

Access to rivers is getting better as the snow melt has begun.

**Type of fish caught:** Steelhead, Rainbow Trout, Cutthroat Trout and Dolly Varden and Bull Trout.

Thank you for using barbless hooks.

**Fishing this week:** POOR \_\_\_\_FAIR\_\_\_\_GOOD\_\*EXCELLENT \_\_\_\_

**LARGEST FISH OF THE WEEK:** Specie: (estimate) 20-pound Steelhead Where: Kalum River  
Angler: Rob Vodola

**Weather...**Cloudy with sunny periods with high of + 4 degrees Celsius: Normal temperatures for this time of year: High + 7 degrees Celsius. Low - 1 degree Celsius. Sunrise 8:00 AM Sunset 7:29 PM

**Weather reports via telephone...**Environment Canada taped messages constantly updated, giving current conditions and three day forecasts. Terrace 250-635-4192 Kitimat 250-632-7864 Prince Rupert 250-627-1155 Smithers 250-847-1958.

For current Terrace weather information please cast on:

<http://www.theweathernetwork.com/weather/cities/can/pages/CABC0292.htm?ref=wxbtnold>

**Water conditions...**good on all rivers, low and clean

**Snow conditions...** almost gone.

For current water heights on the Skeena River please cast on:

<http://scitech.pyr.ec.gc.ca/water/StnFrame.asp?stnID=08EF001> Note: this site usually works best in-season.

**Skeena River...**is now fishable for early run Steelhead. The water is in good shape.

**Kalum River...**has an “excellent” run of Steelhead. These fish are wintering over and will spawn in late spring. The water is low and clean, almost too clean. The fish are very spooky. This is a Classified River year round and can be guided from March 15 through October 15 only. The Steelhead record is 32-pounds. To see a photo of this fish cast to: <http://noelgyger.ca/records/Record003.jpg>

...On Monday, March 12th Rob Vodola and I hooked around 15 Steelhead, landing 7. We went out again, with our friend Kevin on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> with high expectations but hooked only four, landing one. Rob hooked all of them. Kevin and I were skunked. Our excuse: The weather was bad (rain and snow) and the water was very, very clean as it had dropped a few inches since Monday. Lucky for us, there was no wind. The water was so low and clear we think the fish were spooked. I did get a nice photo and video clip of Rob’s fish but ran out of time to edit and post it on the website in time for this weeks report. It will be on next week. The fishing was slow but we still had a lot of fun! In my opinion, the water is too low now to navigate safely with a jet boat.

The Kalum River has “all” four runs of “wild” Steelhead: spring, summer, fall and winter. Other than the spring run, these fish stay in the river all winter and spawn in the late spring around late April, May and June. There is no hatchery Steelhead in the Kalum River.

**Kasiks River...**fishing for Coho will start again next fall. This is the river where a 27-pound record Coho was landed.

**Zymoetz (Copper) River...**is closed now for angling (as of December 31, 2006 above the lower canyon) to protect the “wintering over” wild Steelhead. Winter fishing is still available on the lower end below the canyon.

**Note:** additional rivers will be added “in season” when the fishing begins in the spring.

**Ocean fishing Prince Rupert...**good fishing for winter springs (Chinook) is now happening in Prince Rupert. A summary of what is available year round can be read in the Archived Fishing Report dated April 13, 1997. For a direct link cast here: <http://noelgyger.ca/archived-fishing-reports/Old%20Fishing%20Reports%201997.doc> Prince Rupert, being a coastal city, is always warmer than Terrace.

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

**CURRENT REPORT and summary for Northern Coastal Rivers:**



**Kitimat River**...Although the grip of winter seems to be still holding on, there have been a few days when a few hard core anglers have been able to venture out and catch some trout. Ariel and Pat (local anglers) drifted in pontoon boats and were able to catch five cutthroat trout. They drifted from the "Wash Out" to the "Pump House" (approx. eight miles) and never saw another angler but they spotted six moose. Last weekend Donny Webber while fishing for trout was fortunate to catch a Steelhead. "It was a 12lb. Wild Steelhead so I released it" says Donny. The Kitimat River has a retention fishery of one Hatchery Steelhead per day. The main Steelhead run usually starts in late March peaking sometime in April and carrying over into May. **Report by Ron Wakita**

**Note:** additional rivers will be added "in season" when the fishing begins in the spring.

**Ocean fishing Kitimat Douglas Channel**...More schools of herring have been migrating into the Kitimat Harbour with only the Seals, Sea Gulls and undoubtedly feeder Chinook taking advantage of the migration. Rivtow Marine staff (who work right on the water) have reported signs of herring for a few days now but "No Boats"

The only report of fishing the Salt water is a local Kitimaat Village resident, Crosby Smith who was rewarded with a 28lb. Chinook. "It was a fat, tasty bugger" says Crosby who dined on his catch the same day that he caught it". They certainly don't get much fresher than that not to mention the nutritional value of the Omega 3 protein contained in these feeder Chinook. It has been a long winter and it appears to be fish in the Kitimat area we can only hope for better weather to be able to catch some. **Report by Ron Wakita**

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

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

GOOD LUCK and GOOD FISHING!

Yours sincerely,

Noel Gyger

For ALL PAST reports cast here: <http://www.noelgyger.ca/past-fishing-reports.htm>

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## **Vintage Video Clips:**

### **Kalum River Steelhead - 2010**



**Uploaded on April 2, 2010 - Another HUGE Steelhead**

I went Steelhead fishing with Ron Wakita and his son Brandon on the Kalum River on April 1, 2010. We spent only four hours fishing and hooked three Steelhead and managed to land two, plus a bunch of Trout. The biggest Steelhead was estimated to weigh over 20-pounds and it "is" the STAR of this video clip. The fish is a dark buck, heavy in spawning colour. We wanted to measure him but decided not to as we wanted

to release this big guy as quickly as possible. I think we did OK as he swam away as soon as he was put back into the water. Brandon says this was the largest Steelhead he has every landed. The fish can be caught with spin, conventional or fly rods.

For this fish Brandon was using: Spinning Rod: 8' Trophy XL. Spinning Reel: Abu Garcia Cardinal Stamina Drag. Line: Braided Tuf-Line Duracast. Lure: Gibbs Koho 55. Hook: 3/0 Gamakatsu Siwash (open eye) barb pinched down. Landing Net: Gibbs Catch and Release (soft mesh)

**Rod: Trophy XL** <http://www.redlsports.com>

**Reel: Abu Garcia** <http://www.purefishing.com>

**Line: Tuf-Line** <http://www.tuf-line.com>

**Lure: Gibbs Koho 55** <http://www.gibbsfishing.com>

**Hook: Gamakatsu** <http://rapala.ca>

**Net: Gibbs** <http://www.gibbsfishing.com>

**Cast on this link to watch:**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bcT-TsB6Hvg>

It runs for 3:22 minutes

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I book guided fishing trips for whom I think are the very best fishing guides in British Columbia. I know all of them very well. They do a fabulous job and pride themselves on service and professionalism.

**IF YOU ARE EVER INTERESTED TO BOOK A TRIP WITH ONE OF THEM PLEASE CONTACT ME ANYTIME.** My contact info is: Phone 250-635-2568 E-mail: [noel@noelgyger.ca](mailto:noel@noelgyger.ca)

Hope to hear from you soon. Take care. Best regards, Noel Gyger

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## **List of Noel Gyger FaceBook pages:**

1. [Noel Gyger Home Family and Friends Page](#)
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  3. [BC Steelhead Fishing Guides](#)
  4. [BC Heli Fishing](#)
  5. [British Columbia Salmon Charter and Fishing Guides](#)
  6. [Chinook King Salmon Guide Services](#)
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  8. [Terrace BC Fishing Guides](#)
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## **Guest Reports and Photos - 2013 Season Review:**

Guest reports and photos are posted here:

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

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## **Past Top Photos:**



**April 20 to April 29, 2014. Dennis Therrien** with a beautiful Zymoetz (Copper) River Steelhead landed September 3, 2012. If you are interested to be guided on this river, or any other river, [contact me](#) anytime. We also have ocean charters out of Kitimat, Prince Rupert and Haida Gwaii. **Cast on photo to view in larger size**



**April 8 to April 20, 2014. Last season:** Hi Noel, here is a great pic from July 2013 that we hope you can use in an upcoming report. This was my wife's second fish from her first time out with a Spey rod. Lisa measured the fish at 39.5". Lisa Lumley and I are looking forward to more adventures on the Kitimat River

this summer. We also have a video of the final moments of the battle. Regarding equipment she was using **Sage VXP 8** weight 13'6" Spey, **Redington** 9/10 rise reel, **Rio** skagit I-flight 575 g head. Take care. Jason Doucette. We have ocean charters out of Kitimat, Prince Rupert and Haida Gwaii. If you are interested to be guided on ocean or river [contact me](#) anytime. **Cast on photo to view in larger size**



**March 29 to April 8, 2014. Last season:** Thomas Beushausen landed this beautiful Chum Salmon on the Skeena River last season while fishing for summer-run Steelhead. See a pic of one of his Steelhead in the **Past Top Photos** section below. He was a guest of Andrew Rushton [Kalum River Lodge](#). In Thomas's own words, "Hi Noel, I have been with Andrew 6 times. 5 seasons spey fishing landing 73 steelhead and hooking quite a few more. The chum in the pic was landed using a **Rio Skagit 650**, 12 ft T14, **Maxima 20 lbs**, hook **Gamakatsu No 1**, rod **Orvis Shooting Star 9wt** with **Lamson** reel. The fly doesn't have a name as it is my own design. And you bet, I'll be back at the end of August." We have ocean charters out of Kitimat, Prince Rupert and Haida Gwaii. If you are interested to be guided on ocean or river [contact me](#) anytime. **Cast on photo to view in larger size**



**March 16 to March 29, 2014. Current:** Dennis Therrien with another beautiful Kalum River Steelhead landed March 13th. If you are interested to be guided on the Kalum [contact me](#) anytime; guiding starts on April 1st. Lot's of other rivers start guiding :-). We also have ocean charters out of Kitimat, Prince Rupert and Haida Gwaii. **Cast on photo to view in larger size**



**March 9 to March 16, 2014.** Dennis Therrien with a beautiful Kalum River Steelhead landed this winter. Not a big one but a beauty just the same. Any Steelhead, no matter what the size, we always say is "beautiful". We are so lucky to have these fish. To watch a short video clip of Steelheading on the Kalum cast on this **YouTube** link: [Steelhead Spey-rod Heaven](#). If you are interested to be guided on the Kalum [contact me](#) anytime; guiding starts on April 1st. We also have ocean charters out of Kitimat, Prince Rupert and Haida Gwaii. **Cast on photo to view in larger size**

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**Order Now:** "THE SALMON RECIPES Stories of our Endangered North Coast Cuisine" Order the book online [www.saveourskeenasalmon.org](http://www.saveourskeenasalmon.org) it is 19.99 (24.49 with tax and shipping included). Thank you.

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

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**Weather Reports telephone numbers: Terrace:** 250-635-4192 **Kitimat:** 250-632-7864 **Prince Rupert:** 250-627-1155 **Smithers:** 250-847-1958.

**Tide Charts** – for BC Coast: <http://www.waterlevels.gc.ca/eng/find/region/1>

### **Conservation**

**Wed Apr 30/14** 6:22am

**DFO's Mandate - it not what we thought**

Hello, A couple of days ago I went to the Fisheries and Oceans Canada website to find exactly what DFO's mandate is. I was curious how far off the mark they have drifted.

Well I was in for a major surprise. One of DFO's highest priorities on a very short list is currently to support "biotechnology."

[DFO's Mandate is Not What We Thought](#)

The "Fisheries" in Fisheries and Oceans Canada - is not wild fish.

Then I added up DFO's latest behaviour and worse than not having wild fish on the to-do list, there is a lot of sneaking around hiding things.

The salmon farmers using BC can't meet current allowable production, but they are begging for more access to the land, more leases, fewer laws and their own private corporate-owned fishery. DFO is changing the laws, opening the coast to them and hiding the information needed to protect wild salmon.

I have listed what I think we need to do.

Alexandra Morton  
[alexandramorton.ca](http://alexandramorton.ca)

**Sun Apr 27/14 6:20am**

### [Friends of Wild Salmon](#)

...will change the world

Because in Kitimat they just did.

On Saturday, Kitimat residents came out in droves to vote in a special plebiscite on the Enbridge pipeline and tankers plan. In a community that stood to get the most jobs -- an industry town at its heart -- [residents voted a resounding NO to the risky Enbridge project](#).

They did so despite a process many felt was unfair. The Haisla in Kitimaat Village were excluded. Non-Canadian citizens were allowed to vote. And to top it off, with no campaign spending limits in place, Enbridge pummeled the community with ads, signs and paid employees going door to door.

In the face of this, who stood up to big oil? [Douglas Channel Watch](#) did. They're a group of residents, many of them retired, who care deeply about the coast and the future of their community. They met in Margaret's garage, painted signs by hand and knocked on their neighbours' doors night after night.

In the end, they came out on top, with the "No" side winning by a margin of 58% to 42%.

We want to thank the people of Kitimat and our friends at Douglas Channel Watch. Want to join us? You can leave a message on [their FaceBook Page](#). Even better, take a moment to write a letter to editor of the [Kitimat Northern Sentinel](#).

With all of Enbridge's fancy ads blanketing the airwaves day after day, it's easy to start to think this pipeline is inevitable. *It isn't*. Ordinary people just like you and I and the folks at Douglas Channel Watch can stop it.

And we're going to.

### **Deadline Monday - Wild salmon need your response**

Hello, West Coast Environmental Law sent out a critical alert on changes to the *Fisheries Act* that will allow the three Norwegian companies that own 98% of the BC salmon farming industry to use stronger drugs to de-louse the fish in their pens. Apparently the deadline is tomorrow. Increased drug resistant sea lice is impacting their profits in other regions and the prohibition against release of deleterious substances in Canada's *Fisheries Act* is an impediment to them.

[Cast here](#) for details

On February 25, 2014, the Minister of Fisheries, Gail Shea, met with The Senate Committee on Fisheries and Oceans about salmon farms and raised this point:

*"We're working hard to resolve long-standing regulatory irritants to the industry and the provinces"*

David Bevan Associate Deputy Minister at the same meeting clarified this point:  
*"Under section 36, it's illegal to put into the water any harmful substances, so that was a very critical impediment to further operations of the aquaculture industry, so that's what we're currently dealing with."*

Trevor Swerdfager, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ecosystems and Fisheries Management told the Senate Committee:

*"...in British Columbia we're in a position now where I think the scenarios and " signals are all positive, we think, anyway. The industry is getting ready for a bit of a takeoff there."*

Indeed [two new salmon farms have been applied for](#) off Port Hardy, on Hope Island in Goletas Channel. A First Nation is listed as the applicant, but Marine Harvest's name is on the map. I do not argue this First Nation's involvement, but it has to be recognized this is on the migration route of Fraser sockeye and other salmon and so they are in a position where they are making a decision for all who live south of them, who want wild salmon. This is the nature of wild salmon, anything that happens to them along their migration route affects a lot of communities that depend on the resource.

Please consider going to the West Coast Environmental Law site and help us try to keep the prohibition against release of harmful chemicals under the *Fisheries Act* intact. WCEL has done a great job of making this easy for you.

Thank you,

Alexandra Morton

[www.alexandramorton.ca](http://www.alexandramorton.ca)



### [Bulkley Valley Research Centre](#)

Congratulations to Pat Moss, recipient of the 2014 Irving Fox Award at last evening's BVRC AGM. The nomination letter reads, "If you dig around any of the major environmental campaigns affecting northwest B.C. over the past 40 years, you are bound to find evidence of Pat Moss, hard at work on the frontlines, seated at the table, or working quietly behind the scenes." The BVRC agrees! Thanks for all your hard work, [Pat Moss](#).

### **Going Global - finally!**

Hello, my personal fight to protect life in the waters around my home in a remote archipelago of the BC coast has stretched on for several decades. What began as a letter writing campaign on behalf of fishermen neighbours (who lost their fishing grounds as a result of fish farm industry activity), became ten years of sea lice research, then a decade of activism, involvement in lawsuits, and virus tracking.

Today, I am excited to be launching a website that brings together all that I have learned into one site. I hope to educate and inform people on what happens to their bodies, our children and our world, when they buy and consume a piece of farmed salmon. I also want to let you know what you can do to protect yourselves and our oceans.



I am writing to ask for your help. Please click on site [www.alexandramorton.ca](http://www.alexandramorton.ca). By doing so, you will help build a strong pathway to this website through the ether-world of the internet.

The single greatest thing I have learned is that whether in BC, Chile, the UK, Norway or elsewhere no one can fight this aggressive Norwegian industry single-handedly.

We can feed ourselves in a much better way, but first the dirty, wasteful ways have to be shown the door.

So please visit [alexandramorton.ca](http://alexandramorton.ca) and help power the search engines that will take our experience global.

I am humbled by your ongoing donations and support. Thank you all for sticking with me on this. I can see light at the end of this tunnel, but it continues a *very tough fight*.

alexandra morton [www.alexandramorton.ca](http://www.alexandramorton.ca)

### **Farmed salmon health risk – update**

Hello, when a Norwegian research pediatrician went public with the news that women of child-bearing-age risk the development of their babies brains when they eat farmed salmon, I began following the story. This was not the first time we heard this news.

In my blog [Guide to Safe Salmon](#) I have posted a 3 minute film on what happens when you squeeze a piece of farmed salmon and I list what is known about the health risks of eating farmed salmon.

On the navigation bar you can go directly to the translated newspaper articles from Norway and see what they are saying, how the politicians have responded, what Norway did to the scientists that first raised the warnings, how Norway has lobbied to increase toxins in farmed salmon. It is a scandal.

We urgently need to decide if we are going to continue to risk our wild salmon, and health just to allow Norway to grow more and more of their fish here in BC. It is hard to find anything beneficial about salmon farming. The *only* benefit to BC is a few jobs. We could decide to focus on much more intelligent aquaculture, work with the wild salmon to restore them and have twice as many jobs.

The only people affected would be the shareholders of these companies who would have to decide to buy shares in something different. Seems a small price to pay for a healthy coast, economy and food.

If the strong Norwegian lobby was removed I think we would see a diverse BC land-based aquaculture industry thrive without growing salmon at all. Salmon viruses would no longer a federal secret. We could get to work healing this coast and using some of the incredibly powerful science now available to turn BC wild salmon back on!

You can help by:

Calling your local sushi restaurants and let them know what is in farmed salmon

Sign and [share this petition](#) to Premier Clark with just over 98,000 signatures

[Donate:](#)

Join the Salmon Are Sacred facebook page and help with the public outreach to supermarkets.

In the next few weeks, millions of young wild salmon will be swimming to sea past salmon farms. They will be exposed to whatever viruses, bacteria and lice are in the farms. There is nothing smart about bathing wild salmon in industrial feedlot waste.... nothing at all.

Alexandra Morton

## **Rob Brown - The Skeena Angler:**

We are honoured to have Rob contributing to the **Fishing Report**. Rob also contributes a weekly column to our local **Terrace Standard Newspaper**: [http://www.bclocalnews.com/bc\\_north/terracestandard](http://www.bclocalnews.com/bc_north/terracestandard)

Rob Brown blog: [http://web.me.com/skeenaangler/Skeena\\_Angler/Blog/Blog.html](http://web.me.com/skeenaangler/Skeena_Angler/Blog/Blog.html)

Rob Brown Welcome: [http://web.me.com/skeenaangler/Skeena\\_Angler/Welcome.html](http://web.me.com/skeenaangler/Skeena_Angler/Welcome.html)

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

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Apr 23, 2014

**Great expectations**

[http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-apr-23\\_2014.pdf](http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-apr-23_2014.pdf)

Wed Apr 23/14 6:20am

Apr 16, 2014

**Pest poison**

[http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-apr-16\\_2014.pdf](http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-apr-16_2014.pdf)

Fri Apr 18/14 6:20am

Apr 9, 2014

**Oso**

[http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-apr-9\\_2014.pdf](http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-apr-9_2014.pdf)

Wed Apr 9/14 6:19am

Apr 2, 2014

**North Fork**

[http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-apr-3\\_2014.pdf](http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-apr-3_2014.pdf)

Wed Apr 2/14 6:19am

Mar 26, 2014

**The right hook**

[http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-mar-26\\_2014.pdf](http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-mar-26_2014.pdf)

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## **(SSBC) The Steelhead Society of BC:**



<http://www.steelheadsociety.org>

Here is the last **News Letter** that was sent out to paid up **SSBC** members via E-mail and is a brief synopsis of what **SSBC** has been up to since the last newsletter in January:

[http://www.steelheadsociety.org/sites/default/files/June\\_2013.pdf](http://www.steelheadsociety.org/sites/default/files/June_2013.pdf)

**NEW** FaceBook page link here: <https://www.facebook.com/SSBCmain>

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## **News updates:**

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

British Columbia Tidal Waters Sport Fish Packaging Guidelines:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Region 6

#### **Bulkley River – Date change**

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

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

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

Variation Order No: VO 2013–319

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

Subject: FN0103-RECREATIONAL - Eulachon - All Freshwater in BC - Gear restriction  
[Cast here to read notice](#)

### **[Tyee Test Fishery for 2011](#)**

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

### **[Safety and survival on water](#)**

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## **Noel Gyger has 96 fishing video clips on YouTube:**

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

Total Uploaded Views as of March 24, 2014 were: **804,987**

PLUS Noel has another 50 or so posted on his webpage:

<http://www.noelgyger.ca/video-clips-web.htm>

Kind of like: **Fishing videos until you drop!**

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## **Advertise:**

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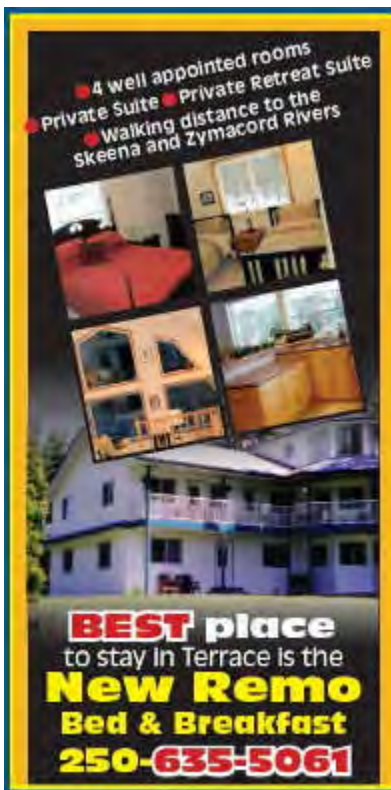
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### **Highway webcam:**

<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

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## **Fishing Regulations:**

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

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

Effective April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2015

Shellfish Contamination Closures:

[www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/PSP](http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/PSP)

On-line tidal waters fishing licenses:

[www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/recfish](http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/recfish)

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

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

Effective April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2015

Check for In-season Regulations Changes at:

[www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish/regulations/#Inseason](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish/regulations/#Inseason)

Buy your fishing license online at:

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## **Market Place**

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**Skeena Steelhead Lodge - New Hazelton, BC  
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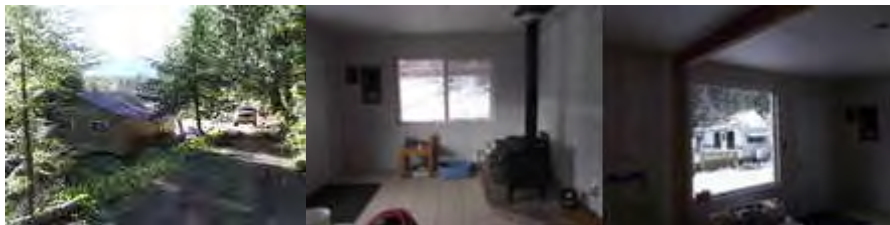
**For Sale**

**1000 sq ft Cabin, Skeena River water front, 12 K East of Terrace BC**





**1000 sq ft Cabin will be completed by fishing season 2014.** Over looking Skeena River. 12 k east of Terrace, BC. Park your boat yards from the cabin. Lot size 1.61 acres. Comes with 24 ft Travel trailer with 20 ft pt deck & plumbed to septic. F150 Pick-up for gathering logs. Cabin will be finished with 24 ft x 16 ft front deck to watch the sun go down and the Sockeye flipping by...



Asking price \$199,000. **Contact:** Gary Gwynne [akflyrod@yahoo.com](mailto:akflyrod@yahoo.com)

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**For Sale**

**West Coast of Vancouver Islands, BC  
Rogers Fishing Lodge**

Owners of this Lodge say they already have over 1000 guests booked for the 2014 season. In total in 2013 they did 1160 guests, so things are already pacing ahead of last year. Certainly a real positive for any potential [Buyer to have a turn-key business](#)



**Rodgers Fishing Lodge** is located on the west coast of Vancouver Island about 90 miles due west of Campbell River in Esperanza Inlet. Rodgers is one of the busiest fishing lodges on the B.C. coast, entertaining over 1000 guests a year. They also enjoy one of the longest seasons on the coast, operating 19 weeks in 2013.

This will be their 31st year in the Sport Fishing business and their 20th year in Esperanza Inlet. Rodgers has shown a remarkable rate of growth over the past 3 years due mainly to an aggressive, innovative and successful marketing programme. Their gross revenue has more than doubled since 2010 and 2014 looks to be another banner year with over 550 guests already booked.

The Lodge has a location second to none as it is ideally situated to take advantage of some of the most outstanding fishing opportunities on the BC coast for Salmon, Halibut, Bottom Fish and Tuna. The addition of Tuna fishing this year will add a new dimension to the business and will add increased revenue to the months of August and September. The Tuna fishery is going to be a huge breakthrough in the future for West Coast fishing lodges. Rodgers Lodge is perfectly positioned to take advantage of it. Historically, the Tuna in their migration pattern will follow the warm water temperatures that occur along the Continental Shelf. In Rodgers Lodge's location the Continental Shelf is just 12 to 15 miles offshore as opposed to 50 miles offshore for places like Tofino and Bamfield.



Black Bear and Bald Eagles are regularly seen by the lodge. They have the largest colonies of Sea Otters on the coast and the Gray, Orca and Humpback Whales pass by on their way to and from the Bering Sea.

The owners love the business and wish that they were 30 years younger. However, they feel that it is now time to turn the reins over to someone who shares the same passion for the outdoors and who is looking for a wonderful rewarding lifestyle.

Asking price \$1,199,000

Please [contact Noel Gyger](#) if you are interested.

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### **For Sale**

Hello; Just a quick note to let you know that [Gibbs-Delta](#) has several 10' Trade Show Display Booths for sale.

There are a few different styles (pop up and foldex).  
All come with cases, some have lights.

\$250 each

Feel free to pass this on to anyone you know that might be looking for a display booth.

Thanks...**Rob Alcock 604-940-3474**

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### **For Sale**

#### **ECO Tour Tenure license for sale:**

It ranges from the Bulkley bridge just above the Suskwa down stream to Hazelton. Then down stream through Terrace to the salt water. Takes in the Bulkley down stream to Hazelton, Skeena, Zymoetz, Kalum, Lakelse, Kasiks, Exstew, Khyex. The Seven sisters hiking trails, Pretty much everything downstream of Hazelton. Great rafting, jet boat rivers, Bird and wildlife viewing, scenery. [Contact Noel Gyger](#) if you are interested.

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