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**Top Photo: Current: Posted February 18, 2012.** Local fly fisherman Willie McCleary with a doe Steelhead landed in a local river this winter. Photo by Dennis Therrien

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## River, Ocean and Lake Reports

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

*Last update was Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at 8:41am*

### **BOOKING NOW for:**

- Chinook trips on the [lower Kitimat River](#), see below under Kitimat River
- 2012 Schedule of [hosted trips with Jeff Bright](#) & Current Availability
- Skeena River [summer-run Steelhead](#) and Salmon

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**Commentary:** partly cloudy (-1 degrees C) Good runs of Steelhead are noted...plus good local Trout and Dolly Varden Char fishing. **Noel Gyger has over [100 fishing video clips posted on YouTube](#), watch fishing videos til you drop!** **Update:** **Product Profile: Islander Reels** [www.islander.com](http://www.islander.com) **Update:** [Photo of the Week](#) Feb 12 and 19 posted. **Click on the photo for a larger size.** **Update:** for Skeena, Kalum Rivers. **Update:** the FULL monthly report for January 2012 is posted. **Update:** Read the article from the [Great Pacific Salmon Lodge](#) of Prince Rupert who had an outstanding year. **Update:** **Beautiful fishing home FOR SALE less than 10 minutes from the Skeena River**, details and pics in the [Market Place](#) section below. **Update:** **Top Photo** has changed on Feb 18th, to see ALL past Top Photos for January scroll down to the [Past Top Photos](#) section. **Update:** from **Jamie Hunt** of the [Great Pacific Salmon Lodge](#) out of Prince Rupert, with a **new** exciting video. **Update:** Smithers BC Fishing report from Cory Koenig of [Webflyz B.C.](http://www.webflyz.com/) <http://www.webflyz.com/>. More updates should come in as the day moves on. Cast on link to send me your [fishing report](#) or [feedback](#). Or phone **250-635-2568**, if I am not available leave your report on my answering machine.

**Scroll down to read ALL the Current updates in Red highlighted in Yellow The most up-to-date reports are DATE STAMPED (Example: [Tue July 11/11](#)) So when you scroll through the report look for these markers.**

**Wed February 29/12 5:10am**  
**[Skeena River:](#)**

Water is fishable. Ice in the river but mostly open water. Some great Steelhead can still be had. Plus some good Trout Fishing. Lots of ice flow in the river now. Be careful walking on the ice near the edge of the river. **Reg:** all wild Steelhead everywhere in British Columbia are catch and release. I suggest the fishing rod be a [GLoomis](#) STR 1265c/10'6" MED-HEAVY Moderate Action (GL 2 8-17lb – 3/8 to 1 oz.). Reel [Shimano](#) Calcutta (400B) filled with 20lb test [Maxima](#) mono. [Gibbs](#) makes some great floats. Be sure to use a [Gamakatsu](#) hook. [Sockeye](#) fishing is great. **News:** The Sockeye run on the Skeena is predicted to be low this year but chart below shows an above average run has come-in so far. **Reg:** Sockeye limit: 2 per day. 0 per day from a boundary sign on the north bank of the Skeena River 100m upstream of the confluence with the Kitwanga River downstream to Mill Creek.

**Sat February 25/12 5:10am**



My son-in-law, Dennis Therrien and Willie McCleary went fishing on the Skeena River last weekend, Sunday, February 19th. Dennis was spin fishing while Willie was using the fly rod. Dennis landed a couple of very bright doe Steelhead. The one above is the smaller one. Dennis also hooked a few local smaller Trout and Dolly Varden Char. There is snow and some ice along the edge but basically, as you can see, the river is open, low and clean. I know of a couple other fly fishermen who are out today, February 20th. They will fish on the 21st also. I hope to get a report from them and maybe some pics? Stay tuned. Weather is a little warmer so get out there and fish!



Thu January 12/12 5:10am **Current Skeena River heights below:**



Direct Link to 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)

### **2012 Schedule of hosted trips with Jeff Bright & Current Availability**

**Skeena Spring Steelhead** ~ Mar 25-31 ~ please inquire

**Remote Coast Spring Steelhead** ~ Apr 22-28 ~full

**Prince of Wales Island AK Spring Steelhead** ~ May 5-11 ~ please inquire

**Skeena-Kitimat Summer Chinook** ~ Jun 24-30 ~ 4 spots available

**Dean River Summer Steelhead & Chinook** ~ Jul 6-13 ~ full

**Skeena Camp Summer Steelhead & Salmon I** ~ Aug 19-25 ~ 3 spots available

**Skeena Camp Summer Steelhead & Salmon II** ~ Aug 2-Sep 1 ~ 2 spots available

**Skeena Fall Steelhead** ~ Sep 23-29 ~ full

**Sustut River "Steelhead & Bamboo Week" (Bob Clay co-host)** ~ Sep 1-4 ~ 4 spots available

**Kamchatka Steelhead Project** ~ please inquire

**Deschutes River Steelhead** ~ dates and availability tba

**John Day River Steelhead** ~ please inquire

If you are interested in any of the above trips please [contact Noel Gyger](#) anytime

**LAST UPDATE:** Sat September 24/11 **Cast on PDF links for current view of Charts**

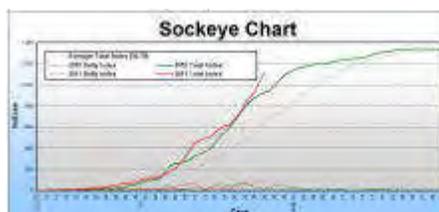
**Note:** Tye Test Fishery is shut down for this year.

## **Sockeye Charts**

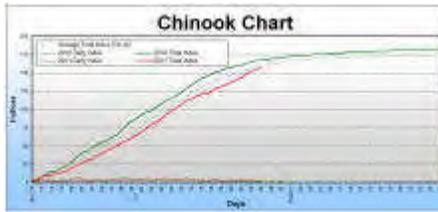
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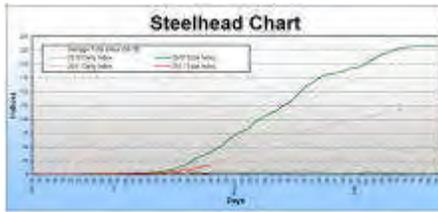


## Chinook Charts



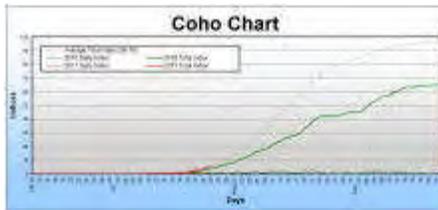
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## Steelhead Charts



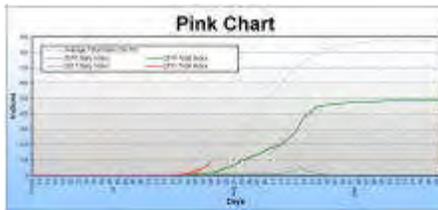
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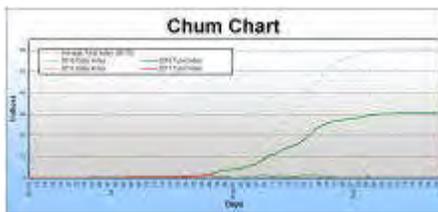
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## Pink Charts



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**Wed February 29/12 5:10am**

**Kalum River:**

A good run of Steelhead is in the river now. I have reports of some good catches. The lower and upper end are in good shape. **How to:** This is a good river to float fish a Pink Worm or Gooey Bob. I suggest the fishing rod be a [G.Loomis STR 1265c/10'6"](#) MED-HEAVY Moderate Action (GL 2 8-17lb – 3/8 to 1 oz.). Reel [Shimano Calcutta](#) (400B) filled with 20lb test [Maxima](#) mono. [Gibbs](#) makes some great floats. Be sure to use a [Gamakatsu](#) hook. **Fly fishing suggestion:** [Kamloops Dragon fly rod, 10' Kamloops fly reel](#), AFTMA #8line. Backing [Dragon Fly](#) "Bright Orange" 30lb, 150 yard spool. Fly line [SA Sharkskin Steelhead WF-8-F](#).

**Lakelse River:**

The water is clean and fishing for Trout is excellent.

**Sat January 21/11 5:10am**

**Zymoetz (Copper) River:**

Water is low and in good shape but frozen over in some spots and ice flowing in the main current. Fishing for Steelhead was excellent before end of Dec 2011. Upper end is closed for fishing...to protect the wintering over Steelhead. **Facts:** Last year we had a record run of Steelhead, lets hope at least we have another good run this year. The fly rods work extremely well in this river. **Fly fishing suggestion:** [Kamloops Dragon fly rod, 10' Kamloops fly reel](#), AFTMA #8line. Backing [Dragon Fly](#) "Bright Orange" 30lb, 150 yard spool. Fly line [SA Sharkskin Steelhead WF-8-F](#). **Where:** Sockeye fishermen are working the bars across from the Copper River. Fly fishing is the choice of many anglers on this river. Wading with quality [Simms](#) waders and accessories is the way to go. A friend of mine is very happy with his new [Islander](#) fly reel. [Trophy XL](#) fly rod, [Cortland Line](#) and [Maxima Tippet](#). **Tip:** Fly fishermen please wade safely by using a wading staff. [Trophy XL](#) makes a nice one in 7 sections. Easily folds up and stores in a pouch on the waist.

**Sat February 25/12 5:10am**



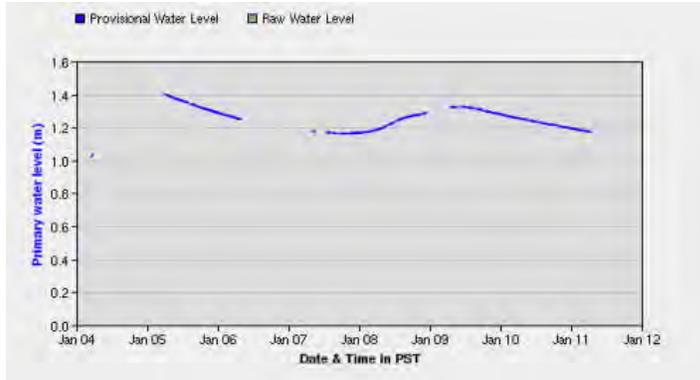
Chad and Noel, had a great couple of days (Feb 20-21) with Jeff, who was the perfect match for us geologists, and we shared stories about our work. In addition, he was a solid guide and helped Paola with her instruction.

Attached is a photo of the steelhead I caught on the Copper on the second day (yesterday). It was the nice pool upstream from Baxters, can't remember the name.

Thanks to you both for all your help in giving us a great couple of days, my first winter steelhead, and an introduction to Terrace fishing.

Best regards, Howard Davies

**Thu January 12/12 5:10am** Current Zymoetz (Copper) River heights below:



Direct Link to 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:**

**Sat February 25/12 5:10am**



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Ready for the strike?, for Chinook fishing on the Kitimat River and the lower tidal section we use [G-Loomis](#) Rods HSR 1025C and [Shimano Calcutta](#) 700B with 30lbs [Maxima](#) Ultragreen.

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**Fri February 17/12 5:10am**

### **Fishing Report Feb 5 to Feb 11**

This is the first Fishing Report of the year and God willing there will be many more to come. Due to Health issues, I was not able create Fishing Reports for most 2011.

I would like to Thank You the many readers who send Get Well Wishes via the phone, cards and/or emails. Your thoughts and prayers were very much appreciated during a very difficult time. My new sign off signature is "Fish Lots Life is Short". I hope you enjoy the Fishing Reports.

The river this week was very productive for Trout and our tackle, Store **City Centre Hardware** weighed in a 14.4lb Hatchery Steelhead. The Kitimat River is productive because the weather has dramatically change from 3 weeks ago. We received an unbelievable amount of snow this winter and had to endure sub zero temperatures that resembled the Ice age.

It is hard to believe the difference in the weather. Most anglers hope winter is over but it is still only Feb. and this is Kitimat. Stay tuned.



**Feb 11** - Mike Campbell caught a 14.4 Hatchery Steelhead using [Gibbs Float](#) and a red 3 " [Berkley Power Bait worm](#) on a [#4 Gamakatsu hook](#) while he was fishing for Trout. Unfortunately the Steelhead took the hook deep and was bleeding badly. Since it was a Hatchery Steelhead, Mike correctly kept and tagged this fish.

**Summary:**

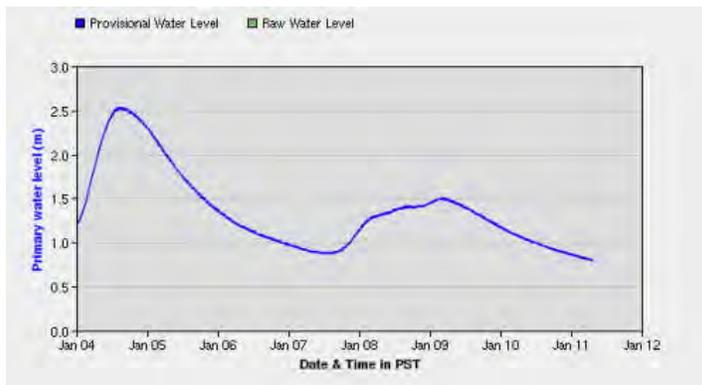
As long as the good weather continues anglers will be able to enjoy some excellent Trout fishing. Although the Steelhead was caught on the upper Kitimat, it is still very early for Steelhead.

**Ron Wakita** - [Kitimat City Centre Tackle Shop](#) and [Reliable Guide and Charters](#)

**Wed November 2/11 5:10am**

Kitimat River has dropped and is in good shape. Coho closed October 31st so time to get your Trout gear out.

**Thu January 12/12 5:10am** **Current Kitimat River waters heights below:**



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**Wed February 29/12 5:10am**

Fishing report from Cory Koenig of **Webflyz B.C.** <http://www.webflyz.com/>

Are you suffering from the WINTER vitamin "D" deficiency BLUES?? I strongly suggest to GO ICE-FISHING! ...At least, that is what I do as a stress relief and or to simply get outside during the LONG WINTER months in Northern B.C. The day was beautiful, but the fishing was tough... The weather has been less than nice enough to fish recently, so today I tried a little ice fishing quickly today. I tried using some of these flies for ice fishing; minnows, bloodworms, shrimp patterns, leeches and nymphs



all work quite well, typically, and today the white gammarus style shrimp pattern was the ticket, twitching the fly very lightly... here is what was found in the bellies of the three cutthroat

I caught today.>... I have some tying to do! -(Not to mention the chunks of !!Cooked!! Prawn stolen from the last anglers!) I managed to make this short YouTube video >>**CLICK HERE**>>  
<http://youtu.be/UhZRDJZVVrU> to view. I fooled 1 cutthroat with a #12 damsel fly larvae, (the same one in this photo):



and 3 other cutthroat with the white gammarus styled shrimp in the photo above. The weather was beyond perfect for soaking in the view, standing and augering holes. An it was just beyond nice to get out and take in the resources so close to home! Thanks for reading and I will try to get out there for char/lake trout and/or some of the fine rainbow trout fishing available in the Bulkley Valley. Have a great day!

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**Guest Reports and Photos:**  
**Thu February 2/12 5:30am**





Hi Noel, some pictures, which demonstrate what a great time we had fly fishing the Skeena September 2011. Regards Tom Beushausen

**Top:** Pro Fishing Guide Andrew Rushton of [Kalum River Lodge](#)

**Bottom:** that's me with a fresh Coho. YES...you catch both Steelhead and Coho on the same day, plus Pinks, Chum and even the odd Chinook. Little late in the season for many Chinook though.

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**Posted February 5 to February 18, 2012.** Hi Noel, we had a great day fishing on the Kalum yesterday February 4th. With warm temperatures and sunny skies it was a good time to be on the river. In a few hours we had hooked several Steelhead and some nice Trout. I have attached a photo of Deanna Taylor with one of her Steelhead which was caught on a [Gibbs Koho 35](#). Best Regards, Andrew Rushton of [Kalum River Lodge](#)



**Posted February 1 to February 5, 2012.** Here is big steelie Phil ! Aka Phil Dennis a guide for [Kitimat Lodge](#), using a centre pin and [maxima](#) 15 lb, fishing a pink yarn.



**Posted Wednesday January 11 to February 1, 2011.** Tracey Hittel with a beautiful winter Steelhead. Tracey is the owner of the [Kitimat Lodge](#). Obviously, Tracey is enjoying the opportunity to fish for himself in the off-season before guiding starts again in April.



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

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

Hey all. We just received this bit of press and I thought you would enjoy reading it:

## Great Pacific Adventure

*By T.J. Schwanky*

There are many towns and cities across British Columbia that claim to be the salmon capital of the world but I'm not sure you'd find a place more deserving than Prince Rupert. This quaint little coastal town has been the hub of salmon fishing activity since the late 1800s when countless commercial canneries dotted the nearby shorelines. While a profitable commercial fishery still exists in the region, it's sport fishing now, however, that brings most fishermen to Prince Rupert. For some reason, I'd never fished this region so when SCI supporter, Jamie Hunt of Great

along the waterfront adjacent to our hotel was the Cow Bay Shopping District. This historic part of town offers a number of great shops and fabulous restaurants; the highlight of which was dinner at the Cow Bay Café. This tiny little restaurant is world renowned for their fusion cuisine and reservations are an absolute must. The town is also rife with totem poles and being real fans of these Native monuments, Vanessa and I took a few hours to go check them out. Many were brought over from Vancouver Island and the Queen Charlottes many years ago and they are unquestionably some of the most incredible totem



poles I've ever seen.

Spending a day in town was a great way to acclimate to the West Coast pace but we were ready to go fishing the following day. Great Pacific Salmon Lodge is the only lodge right in Prince Rupert. It is located on a sleepy little island directly across from town so despite Prince Rupert only being a few minute boat ride away, you still feel like you are in a wilderness setting. The lodge itself is a converted house and it offers all of the amenities, including a chef that offers up some of the most incredible West Coast cuisine. Jamie has a fleet of three well-appointed boats with guides and also offers a service for anglers wishing to utilize their own boats and fish on their own.

Pacific Salmon Lodge suggested we come up and check out his new lodge, Vanessa and I jumped at the opportunity. We managed to talk a few friends into joining us and Jamie gave us run of the lodge. We'd be his only guests for four days.

Vanessa and I arrived a day early which gave us the opportunity to check out the town and enjoy some of the local fare. Right

The first day found us heading north for a couple of hours and as we rounded the corner of a particularly rocky point, our guide, Matt Anderson, pointed to a steep rock wall. "We'll start there."

Matt worked quickly to set up a couple rods with cut-plug herring and in no time both downrigger cables were singing in the morning breeze. We were right at the tail end of the

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<http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/great-pacific-adventure.pdf>

Bookings are moving very fast for 2012, I am sure this is just going to speed things up. We still have some great booking days available. Call me ASAP to make sure you get the dates you need.

Wed February 29/12 5:10am



**Jamie Hunt via Great Pacific Salmon Lodge**  
A little video of our Lodge. Make sure you pick up the fishing issue of Outdoor Canada for a great story wrote by Patrick

**Operation Tye: The Movie – Outdoor Canada**  
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Down below is a video teaser for my adventure travel feature "Operation Tye," which appears in the Fishing 2012 issue of Outdoor Canada magazine (on newsstands February 6). Many of the images shown here do not appear in the print article. The following events took place July 17 to 19 in Chatham Sou...

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Steve Hidber - Oscars Source for Sports, Smithers BC [www.oscarssports.com](http://www.oscarssports.com)



**Christmas Sale Event**

River fishing is just about over for another year. And what a year it has been. Rain, rain and some more rain. Oh well, we have 2012 to look forward to.

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Kerry, Alex & Steve

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### **Robin Rowland - Visual Journalism and Editorial**

Robin Rowland, the editor and publisher of **Northwest Coast Energy News**, first encountered the northern British Columbia wilderness as a toddler on the shores of Ootsa Lake. After a short time in Vancouver, his family moved to Kitimat, where his father Fred, was the assistant property manager for Alcan. For the first two years, the family lived in the old Smeltersite (where from time to time his father would go fishing with others with Haisla guides on Douglas Channel and take the kid along). After that the Rowland family moved to main the Kitimat townsite. After seven years in Kitimat, the family moved to Toronto where Fred Rowland joined the development department of the booming city. Robin attended York University and then

studied journalism at Carleton. He worked as a reporter photographer for the *Sudbury Star* and later was hired by CBC News, where he would work for most of his career (with gaps for travel, book writing and six years at CTV News). In 1996, he joined the new CBC news online division. In 1998, he was named web producer for The National and in 2003 became photo editor for CBC News. In 2010, Robin decided to take early retirement and return to northern British Columbia to pursue his interests in photography and writing.

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

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

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

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**Sun February 19/12 5:10am**

[Recreational halibut quota increased to 15 per cent but season may end in August](#)

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans has increased the recreational halibut quota to 15 per cent.

A release issued this afternoon by Fisheries Minister Keith Ashfield says, "the Minister has instructed the Department to make an immediate correction in the allocation formula for the Pacific halibut fishery.

Under the new formula, 85 per cent of the resource will be allocated to the commercial sector and 15 per cent to the recreational sector."

However, this may not be good news for the recreational halibut industry. A news release from the Sports Fishing of Institute British Columbia, issued late Friday, says that regulations not in Ashfield's Friday afternoon news release, says the recreational season will end August 15.

**Fri February 17/12 5:10am**

[Cullen files objection to Enbridge request for time limit on JRP speakers](#)

Nathan Cullen, MP for Skeena Bulkley Valley, and a candidate for the leadership of the New Democratic Party, has filed a formal objection with the Northern Gateway Joint Review panel to Enbridge's request that non-aboriginal speakers be limited to just ten minutes, saying he is "shocked at such attempts to change the rules mid-hearings."

[Prairie municipalities campaign in favour of Northern Gateway pipeline project](#)

It appears that there is a campaign to get rural municipalities on the prairies to campaign with the Joint Review Panel to support the Northern Gateway pipeline.

In the past couple of days, after Terrace voted against the pipeline project, four prairie municipalities have filed letters of comment with the Joint Review Panel supporting both Enbridge and the Northern Gateway pipeline.

**Fri February 17/12 5:10am**

[Terrace Council votes to oppose Northern Gateway, tanker traffic](#)

The Terrace, BC, town council voted 5-1 Monday night to oppose both the Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline project and the associated tanker traffic along the British Columbia coast.

Sentiment among councillors and mayor showed all were opposed or wary in one way or another about the pipeline project that would carry bitumen from Alberta to Kitimat and send it via tanker from Kitimat.

The vote split on whether the council should take a position now, or wait until there is a final report from the Joint Review Panel which is now holding hearings.

Councillor James Cordeiro introduced a motion that the council first rescind a motion from last March that it remain neutral on the issue and second adopt the position taken at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities that council should 1) oppose the shipping of tar sands oil in pipelines across northern BC for loading crude oil onto tankers and 2) oppose any expansion of bulk crude oil tanker traffic in Dixon Entrance, Hecate Strait, and Queen Charlotte Sound.

**Tue February 14/12 5:10am**

[Enbridge asks JRP to limit](#) Cullen, Suzuki foundation, other non-aboriginals speaking at Prince Rupert hearings

Enbridge today filed a motion with the Northern Gateway Joint Review hearings asking that the Member of Parliament for Skeena Bulkley Valley, Nathan Cullen, also a candidate for the NDP leadership, local MLA Gary Coons and others, including the T. Buck Suzuki Foundation, be barred from speaking more than 10 minutes before the hearings in Prince Rupert scheduled for Friday and Saturday of this week

**Fri February 10/12 5:10am**

[Kitimat key to Canada's future relationship with China](#), Asia Pacific Foundation says

An editorial published today by the president of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada says that the media concentrating on Prime Minister Stephen Harper's trip to Beijing has it wrong, the key to the relationship between Canada and China is in Kitimat, not Beijing.

**Fri February 10/12 5:10am**

[Enbridge won't offer better deal to First Nations](#), may be considering alternate Gateway routes

**Thu February 2/12 5:30am**

[BC 2012 halibut quota drops 8 per cent](#), as Canada protests devastation caused by pollock trawl in Gulf of Alaska "nursery"

The International Pacific Halibut Commission has recommended a Canadian harvest quota for the 2012 season of 7.038 million pounds, a decrease of eight per cent from the 2011 quota of 7.650 million pounds.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans has yet to confirm the quota but it routinely follows the IPHC recommendation.

The reduction was not as bad as first feared. The commission staff were recommending a B.C coast quota of 6.633 million pounds, a decrease of 16 per cent.

The overall harvest quota decrease for the Pacific coast is

18.3 per cent, due to continuing concerns about the state of the halibut biomass.

The overall season for 2012 is much narrower, opening on March

17 and closing on November 7.

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### **Conservation:**

**Sun February 19/12 5:10am**

From [TheCanadian.org](http://TheCanadian.org): BC's Clean Energy Act on Shaky Ground / Veteran Fish Scientist Examines Enbridge Risks / Rafe on Clark-Redford Enbridge Deal

[Veteran Fish Scientist Highlights Key Risks from Enbridge Pipelines](#) - by Dr. Gordon Hartman

Dr. Gordon Hartman is a retired senior biologist and manager for the Department of Fisheries and Oceans with a deep knowledge of the region affected by the proposed Enbridge Northern Gateway pipelines. Here he provides an essential summary of the threats from the pipeline to fish populations as well as the very real geological concerns surrounding the project. "It is clear that there are serious risks along the line before the oil ever reaches the tankers. Pipeline spills into rivers in Northwest B.C. mountains: 'not if, but when'."

**Rafe:** [Cutting Enbridge Deal with Alberta is Bad Advice for Christy Clark](#)

In a Vancouver Sun op-ed this week, former BC deputy minister Bob Plecas offers some advice to Premier Christy Clark on how to win the next election. Here is one of his suggestions, indeed his first choice: "The Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline. Demand Alberta share in the revenue from the pipeline between the oil (sic) sands and Kitimat as a condition for BC's support. As proposed Alberta would gain all the benefits while BC takes all the "risks" (emphasis mine). Royalty splitting would have BC dedicate its share towards safety, first nations and communities in the North..."

[The Importance of Scientific Freedom](#) - by Ray Grigg

Science denied or science muzzled is a threat to entire political and economic systems, even to the viability of whole societies. Policies that don't respect scientific processes and the weight of its information revert to a primitivism that is guided by the forces of impulse, power, personality and superstition. They have no substantial credibility. In today's world, people and governments that do not give high regard to the scientific method, together with the objective thinking that arises from it, risk degeneration and collapse.

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**Fri February 17/11 5:10am**

**Joint Review Panel coming to Prince Rupert Feb 17 and 18**

The federal Joint Review Panel reviewing the proposed Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline will be holding a hearing for registered intervenors in Prince Rupert this Friday and Saturday. Here are the details:

**When: Friday, February 17 and Saturday, February 18**

**Where: North Coast Meeting and Convention Centre, Prince Rupert**

**The hearing will begin at 9:00am.**

For more information, visit the [Joint Review Panel website](#).

The list of speakers at the hearing will be as follows:

Friday, February 17:

- Mr. Nathan Cullen, MP
- Metlakatla First Nation
- Métis Nation of British Columbia
- Mr. Gary Coons, MLA
- T. Buck Suzuki Environmental Foundation
- Mr. Glenn Naylor

Saturday, February 18:

- Mr. Marty Bowles
- Mr. Lee Brain
- United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union

The official order of appearances will be posted on the National Energy Board (NEB) registry.

Please arrive at 8:45am on Friday morning to the Chances Convention Centre (below the Casino) to receive your free scarf with a salmon insignia on it to demonstrate our silent opposition to Enbridge's tar sands pipelines and supertanker proposal. (We have a limited number of scarves, so we're giving them out on a first-come-first-served basis).

Metlakatla will be drumming in to open the hearing, and will deliver an opening welcome. They would like to see as many people in attendance for this as possible! Please make every effort to attend, even if only for a short while. (Of course you are welcome to attend the entire two days). The hearing is open to the public. All are welcome.

Message from [Friends of Wild Salmon](#)

**Fri February 10/12 5:10am**  
**Over 1,000 rally in Prince Rupert against Enbridge Pipeline**



*Last Saturday, over 1,000 northwest British Columbians gathered in Prince Rupert for an historic rally against Enbridge's Northern Gateway Pipeline and the supertankers it would bring to our coast. You can read a news report about the rally below, and click on the links to view photos and video.*

*Our voices are growing stronger. We're going to beat this thing.*

- Friends of Wild Salmon

## Video from Prince Rupert Rally



Cast on this link to watch 5 minute video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4CYeBdkZSwE>

Also, CBC produced a great video report on the rally, which you can [watch here](#).

### **Fri February 10/12 5:10am**

#### **'Namgis Land-Based Atlantic Salmon Recirculating Aquaculture System Pilot Project**

The 'Namgis Closed Containment Project has received a fair amount of media coverage lately as a result of the January 9th funding announcement by the Honourable Keith Ashfield, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans.

SOS is a Project partner with the 'Namgis First Nation and in order to keep you abreast of the latest news, we provide you with links to some of the recent media coverage below:

- IntraFish; January 12, 2012; ["Investors throw \\$7 million at land-based Atlantic salmon"](#)

- Times Colonist; January 11, 2012; ["Fish-farm pilot worth support"](#)

- North Island Gazette, January 10, 2012; ["Land-based fish farm gets \\$800,000 federal boost"](#)

- [Times Colonist; January 9, 2012](#); Fed back plan for land based salmon farming First nation will use funding to build a closed containment project.

- [DFO Media Release; January 9, 2012](#); Government of Canada support Job and Growth in BC. Through Funding of Four Innovative Vancouver Island Aquaculture Project.

For a full listing of media coverage related to the Project, [click this link](#).

For the latest Project Backgrounder which includes a full listing of confirmed funders, see "Project Documents" [at this link](#).

For a short video explaining the "Recirculating Aquaculture System" (RAS) technology that will be used in the Project, please [click here](#). The video is from the Conservation Fund's Freshwater Institute in West Virginia. They are the world's leading research facility for RAS and their technical expertise is being made available to the 'Namgis Closed Containment Project through Tides Canada.



With regard to facility being built, the site is currently being cleared and construction is soon to begin. It's indeed a time of great progress for the Project and we wish to express our gratitude for the support that has brought us this far.

Thank you for your continued support and the shared belief that, in order to help save B.C.'s Wild Salmon, it is essential to prove that there is an environmentally sustainable and economically viable alternative to raising Atlantic salmon.

Best Regards,

Eric Hobson  
President  
**The SOS Marine Conservation Foundation**

**Mon February 6/12 5:10am**

[Northern Gateway Pipeline would hurt economy](#), study says  
Pipeline project would boost price of oil in Canada

**Mon February 6/12 5:10am**

[Hundreds rally against Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline in Prince Rupert, BC](#)

**Mon February 6/12 5:10am**

From [TheCanadian.org](#): Bad Boy Salmon Farming Activists Teaming Up in Norway / NDP Pulls Further Ahead of Libs / Rafe: Consequences for Opposing Enbridge

[Bad Boy Salmon Activists Teaming Up in Norway](#) - by **Damien Gillis**

The Norwegian salmon farming industry got a lesson in the old adage, "be careful what you wish for" this week when it learned of industry critic Don Staniford's next job. The British-born, globe-trotting salmon activist announced on his blog yesterday that following his scheduled deportation from Canada later this month he will be heading to Norway to work with that country's leading environmentalist bad boy, Kurt Oddekalv, head of the Green Warriors of Norway. The industry may have got its wish - seeing the last of Staniford in BC - but it's turning out to be a case of out of the frying pan, into the fire.

**Rafe: [Enbridge, Harper and Consequences for Speaking Out](#)**

Back in 1992, when the Mulroney government was shoving the Charlottetown Accord at us, I was one of a very few people in the media that was opposed and said so with a passion. One day my "mole" in the Conservative caucus - and at the same time a national media person - told me that Mulroney was going to retaliate against me by having me face a tax audit. I went on the air the following morning and reported this on the hope that this would discourage such a threat. Whether it worked or not I cannot say - I can say that no such audit was ordered.

[Willful Blindness and Sick Salmon - Lessons From Cohen Commission](#) - by **Ray Grigg**

The mystery of the disappearing wild salmon may be closer to being solved due to the reconvened Cohen Commission and the extraordinary three days of hearings held in December, 2011. As earlier testimony revealed, many environmental factors affect the survival of wild salmon but imported diseases from the aquaculture industry may be the largest single cause of their decline...Evidence now confirms that government policy supports the salmon farming industry, and that the industry has been willing to exploit this advantage to win regulatory concessions for its economic gain - in the words of one Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) official, the industry seemed "to dictate" policy.

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**Thu February 2/12 5:30am**

Fishing Lodges step!

In an unprecedented move fishing lodges are challenging other lodges to support the legal costs of the 20-day defamation trial: Staniford vs Mainstream (owned by Cermaq, largely owned by the Norwegian government). Staniford compared the salmon farming industry to big tobacco.

Central to the case is whether the salmon farming industry read the scientific papers recommending limiting farm salmon consumption due to toxin levels and then spent millions trying to convince people to eat more farm salmon.

The trial is ongoing this week. Already \$24,000 has come from over 300 donations from the public. \$10,000 came from a [group](#) of fishermen in Norway. A Swedish fly-fishing [magazine](#) has put out a plea for funding of this case.

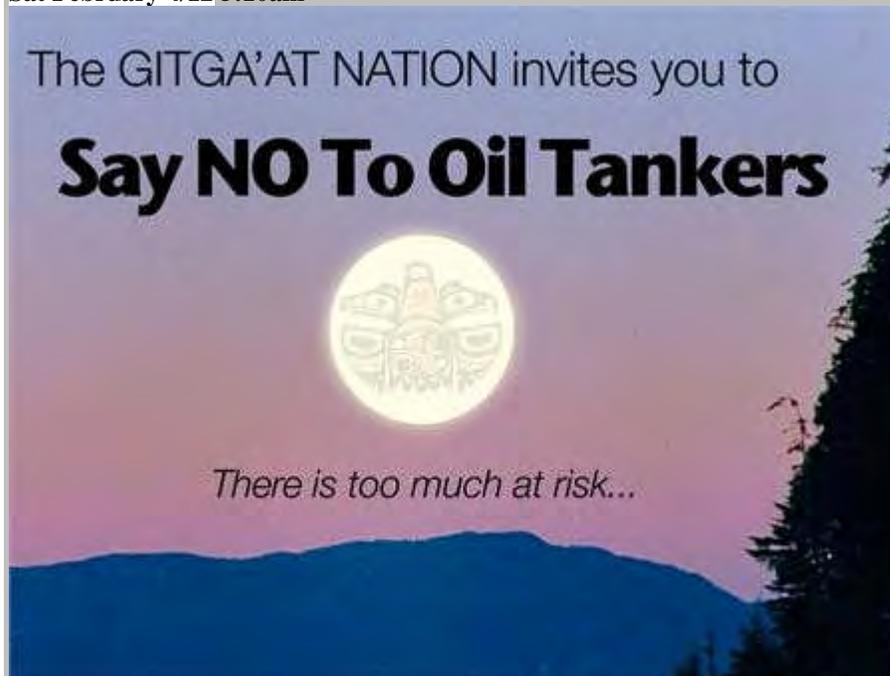
The trial is public and ongoing at: Law Courts, Nelson and Hornby entrance 10 am #52.

See the BC fishing lodge challenge: [alexandramorton.typepad.com](http://alexandramorton.typepad.com)

If we want wild salmon it is up to us.

Alexandra Morton  
[alexandramorton.typepad.com](http://alexandramorton.typepad.com)

**Sat February 4/12 5:10am**



**The Gitga'at Nation invites you to:**

**RALLY IN PRINCE RUPERT!**

Come raise your voice against the proposed Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline and oil tanker traffic on BC's North Coast.

**When:** Saturday, February 4, 2012 from 11am to Midnight

**Where:** Parade from Mariner's Park to the Jim Ciccone Civic Centre. Rally until Midnight at the Civic Centre.

Registration at the Civic Centre will be opened at 9 a.m.

All are welcome!

**Speakers:** David Suzuki, Andrew Nikiforuk, other First Nations and Environmental Advocates

**Traditional Dancers**

**Music Performances:** Jann Arden, Murray Porter, Shane Yellowbeard & Ta'Kaiya Blaney

See you there!

**[Rob Brown - The Skeena Angler](#)**

I would like to welcome Rob back 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)

**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)  
**Sat February 18/12 5:10am**

### **Dog quest the final chapter**

The pups were so adorable we fought the urge to take two. As we drove home our curly shepherddoodle lay peacefully on Karen's lap, looking up from time to time as if to ask where, exactly it was we were going. We wondered if she'd be lonely without her mom, her adopted dad, grandmother, and her seven brothers and sisters. Pawsome was at home, but for the last few months she'd had trouble getting up and her bark had softened and become frayed around the edges. Where, before, she'd ranged freely over the mountain, chasing the traces of wild scents, now her disabilities shackled her to the end of the dead end road where she strained to make sense of the bent images coming to her through clouded eyes.

By the time your dog is old you've forgotten how quickly it grew up and are amazed by the rapidity of its decline. Only months ago, Pawsome was eagerly trotting the trails alongside the river, crossing the stream whenever she wanted. Then I began to notice her stream crossings were laboured. Concerned that she might not make the far side before running afoul of a log jam, I began grabbing her collar before a crossing. Not long after that, she stopped crossing altogether, something that must have pained her as it would put me out of her sight, something she couldn't abide for the last fifteen years we'd spent fishing together.

For most of those fifteen years she'd cleared the tailgate of the pickup as soon as I'd lifted the window on the canopy. After she snapped her ACL, I was forced to lower the tailgate and use a bin or a milk crate as a makeshift step. Soon, I was lifting her into the passenger seat. Then, almost overnight, the physical ordeal of an outing trumped desire, and Pawsome became yard-bound.

There was still adventure in her life. The bears came down to forage in the fall, bolder than ever now that my dog's bark had turned into a whisper. She still craned her neck to catch wild wind borne scents, still greeted the postwoman and attempted to bark at the garbage truck.

Paws came up to greet us as we took the pup out of the truck. She sniffed it curiously. We took the new dog into the house and put her in the kitchen behind the baby gate we'd bought in anticipation of her arrival.

What to call this new dog? We'd been making lists. Why not call her Uno, I suggested, the Spanish word for one, thinking of the 1 Lori had put on her belly to make it easier to separate her from the other pups. This got hesitant approval, but we soon realized that Uno and No were too similar in sound. Our pup might develop a negative association with her name.

Why not Una, I said proffering a feminine article more befitting a female pup. From Una it was a small leap to the Irish, Oona, as in Charlie's fourth wife, Oona Chaplin, and Oona River. We agreed that Oona was a good fit for our little Labradoodle.

Oona wanted to play. Pawsome didn't. If she'd been healthier, the older dog would have put the pup in her place, but she was so enfeebled that the small black energy ball knocked her over. To avoid this pathetic sight, we let the dogs out at different times and kept them on opposite sides of the baby gate and the fence. A few weeks later pendulous growths began breaking through the fur under Pawsome's neck like dark mushrooms breaking through the forest floor in Fall. I booked an appointment with the veterinarian.

It was a Tuesday, the first day without rain or snow, or both in two weeks. I put Pawsome in the box of the truck then put the harness on Oona and strapped her into the passenger seat. By the time we were at the pet hospital, Oona was asleep. Karen arrived, as we'd arranged. We let the sleeping dog lie and took our old pooch inside where Dr. Farkvam examined her.

They're sarcomas, he said feeling the tennis ball sized lumps on her neck. I could remove them but they'd be back in no time.

The look on his face said it was time.

I'll sedate her, he said, could you come back at 11:30. We could, we said.

When we returned faint shafts of light were shining through fissures in the southern sky. Dr. Farkvam brought Pawsome out from the back.

I gave a shot he said. In her mind, she's probably thinking nice thoughts of running over the mountain behind your house.

He administered another shot. Paws' breathing got shallower. We patted her gently until her heart stopped.

By the time we'd left the hospital, the sun had broken through. I opened the door to the truck. My little curly pup, now awake, gave me a where-have-you-been-and-what-took-you-so-long look.

Let's go for an adventure, I told her, a walk by the river.

Sun December 4/11 5:10am

[Noel Gyger has 96 fishing video clips on YouTube:](#)

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

Total Uploaded Views as of February 2, 2012 were: **612,426**

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

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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:

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

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

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

Shellfish Contamination Closures:

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

## 2011-2013 **Freshwater** (Provincial) Fishing Regulations Synopsis:

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

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

Check for In-season Regulations Changes at:

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

Buy your fishing license online at:

[www.fishing.gov.bc.ca](http://www.fishing.gov.bc.ca)

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### **Safety and survival on water:**

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

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

#### **Attention Anglers Cold Water Kills:**

The waters of British Columbia are cold year-round.

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

#### **YOU HAVE:**

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

#### **PREVENT COLD WATER SHOCK:**

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

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

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

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

#### **Do this to your life jackets NOW:**

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

## **SURVIVAL ITEMS ONLY**

You should put the following items into the pocket:

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

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

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

Thank you and please be safe...

Noel F. Gyger

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

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**Market Place:**

**Wed February 29/12 5:10am**

**For Sale**

**Terrace BC**

**Beautiful fishing home less than 10 minutes from the Skeena River**





- 4002 Best St. - Built in 1998 - 2,700 sq ft of finished floor space - house 28' X 48' - Garage 24.5' X 26' = 663 sq ft
- Assessed value 2009, \$327,600 - 2011, \$288,500 2010 taxes - \$3559.56
- 5 Bedrooms, 3-up and 2-down Master bed has 4 piece ensuite + walk in closet
- Total of 3 - 4 piece bathrooms 2 up and 1 down
- Heating, forced air gas furnace + in floor hot water heat throughout basement
- HRV ventilation system - Central Air Conditioning - Gas and Electric stove hook up - N gas BBQ hook-up on patio
- New 30 year roof installed May 2011, Landscaped lot, in ground sprinkler system
- Mixed flooring, 3/4 oak LR, dining, hall and MBR, Ceramic tile, Kitchen, entrance, stairs, 2 downstairs BR
- Carpet in 2 upstairs BR, and 600 sq ft family room
- Two car garage - RV Parking - Paved driveway - Daylight basement - Built in Vacuum - Gutters have leaf guards
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**For more information and more pics contact Jim or Eileen Callanan 250-635-3620**

**For Sale**    **Telkwa BC**    **Handcrafted log home on 1.41 acres **Bulkley River** frontage**





Beautiful handcrafted log home on 1.41 acres Bulkley River frontage on the edge of Telkwa BC. 2/3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, chefs kitchen, custom carpentry throughout, landscaped. Too much to list.

**Excellent fishing for salmon and steelhead out the back door.** \$410,000.

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