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Last update was Monday, February 29, 2016 at 4:38pm

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- 2016 for [Zymoetz \(Copper\) & Skeena River](#)
- 2016 Skeena River [summer-run Steelhead](#) and Salmon
- 2016 Kitimat River for [Coho \(Silver\) Salmon](#)
- 2016 Multi Rivers for [spring Steelhead](#)
- 2016 Multi Rivers for [spring Chinook](#)
- 2016 [Kwinamass River](#) for Steelhead (April & May) only
- 2016 [Nass and Coastal Rivers](#)
- 2016 Douglas Channel ocean fishing for [Salmon and Bottom fish](#)
- 2016 Prince Rupert ocean fishing for [Salmon and Bottom fish](#)

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### Commentary:

Wind: N 31km/h Partly cloudy (+2 degrees C) Steelhead is good right now but you got to know the right spots and technique. **Note: NEW** section added called **Recommended Fly Fishing Gear**. **Note: FOR SALE** **ECO Tour Tenure license**, see **Market Place** section. **Note: FOR SALE** **Saltwater Lodge** ~ owners of this Lodge say they have over 1050 guests booked thus far for 2015 season and did over \$2,000,000 in gross revenue for 2014. Certainly a real positive for any potential [Buyer to have a turn-key business](#) see **Market Place** section.

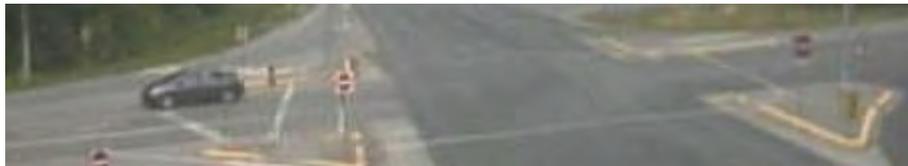
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## **Recent and Today's updates below:**

**Recent updates:** **Update: NEW** to the report, links to **Kalum River** stories and **Kalum River** videos, see **Kalum River** section. **Update: NEW** to the report, links to **Kitimat River** stories and **Kitimat River** videos, see **Kitimat River** section. **Update: NEW** Ad posted on the website for Mario <http://www.mvcc2.com> who can solve ALL your computer issues local and worldwide. **Update: 2015-16** booking trips for **Skeena River**. **Update:** Tracey Hittel of **Kitimat Lodge** sent an eight minute Video collage created with some amazing fishing pictures from 2014!, see **Kitimat Lodge** section for the link. **Update:** as of Feb. 27th [noelgyger.ca](http://www.noelgyger.ca) fishing video clips on [YouTube](#) have received 843,379 views, see **Noel Gyger has 96 fishing video clips on YouTube** section. **Update:** We would like to **WELCOME** **Pure Fishing** onboard, they are now the official, exclusive sponsor of this fishing report.

**Today's updates:** **Update:** for **Skeena, Lakelse, Zymoetz (Copper)** and **Kalum** rivers. **Update: FOR SALE** **Saltwater Lodge** ~ owners of this Lodge say they have over 1050 guests booked thus far for 2015 season and did over \$2,000,000 in gross revenue for 2014. Certainly a real positive for any potential [Buyer to have a turn-key business](#) see **Market Place** section. **Update:** To track the size of the Steelhead and Salmon runs, see **Skeena River Tyee Test Fishery for 2015** section - just below Skeena River.

**Update:** for **Kitimat** and **Prince Rupert Ocean Fishing**. **Update:** [Noel Gyger fishing videos on YouTube](#) total views as of July 3 were 856,557. **Update:** **Willi Schmidt** sent pics, current report and season review, see [Skeena Salmon Lodge Guiding](#) section. **Update:** section **Closed to Fishing** as of January 1, 2016 see **Zymoetz (Copper) River** section. **Update:** **Ken Nagy** of Northern California sent suggestion pic how to shoot "catch and release" photos doing the least harm to the fish, see **Skeena River** section. **Update:** **Tracey Hittel** of [Kitimat Lodge](#) sent **Video** link so you all can watch their "**2015 Season Review**", see **Kitimat Lodge** section just below the **Skeena River** section. **Update:** BC launching major study of Kitimat River, Kitimat Arm water quality, see **Conservation** section. **Update:** READ the complete **Watershed Watch Salmon Society** News cast on the link in the **Conservation** section. **Update:** **Rob Brown** latest story titled "**Poor moose 4**", see **Rob Brown - The Skeena Angler** section. **Update:** Full month of **January 2016 Fishing Reports** are posted now, see [Past Fishing Reports](#) webpage. **Update:** to receive the March 3, 2016 e-mail NEWSLETTER [subscribe](#) here. **Update:** **NEW Top Photo** posted March 1st. 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. Thank you.



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## **Skeena River:**

### **Skeena River is divided into four sections:**

- Skeena 1** (non-classified) Exchamsiks River downstream to the ocean.
- Skeena 2** (class 2 water) Exchamsiks River upstream to 1.5 km above Kalum River.
- Skeena 3** (non-classified) 1.5 km above the Kalum River upstream to 1.5 km above Zymoetz River.
- Skeena 4** (class 2 water) 1.5 km above Zymoetz River upstream to the head-waters.

Water low and in good shape I have reports Steelhead are being caught. **Season Review:** Friends tell me Steelhead fishing this year was pretty good, despite a lower than average run, but these folks are all "very" experienced in this area and know all the hot spots and best techniques.

**My Way** to pose a "*catch and release*" photo by **Ken Nagy:**



Hello Noel: I'm glad to see you're encouraging the underwater release and photographing. I'm in **Northern California** and trying to educate folks on this also, so I hope you don't mind that I lifted a couple of the photos you posted and spread them around. These pictures are usually unique and much more appealing than the old "*look what I killed*" picture. Or look at this beautiful creature badly in need of oxygen. One of these days I'll make it to the Skeena and pay you a visit. Here are a couple **Mad River** steelhead pics. Take care. Ken

### **Skeena River stories:**

Skeena River - Four Seasons of Angling Paradise - by Noel Gyger

<http://www.noelgyger.ca/articles/skeena-river-four-seasons-of-angling-paradise.doc>

Golden Opportunities From Skeena Country - by John Beath

<http://www.noelgyger.ca/articles/skeena-country.doc>

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### **Skeena River videos:**

Skeena River Sockeye Fly Fishing-1

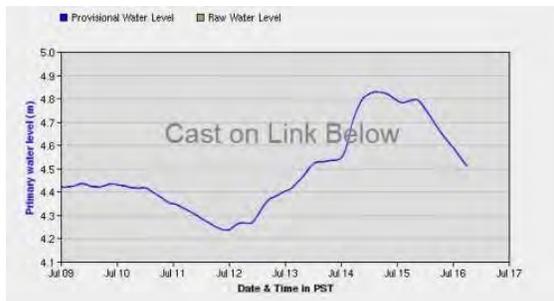
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Skeena River Sockeye Fly Fishing-2

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### **Skeena Water heights below:**

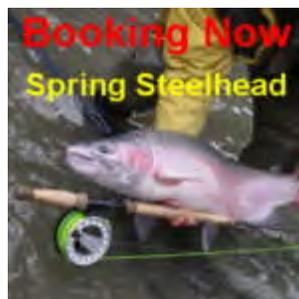


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[http://wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/report/report\\_e.html?type=realTime&stn=08EF001](http://wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/report/report_e.html?type=realTime&stn=08EF001)

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### **Spring Steelhead:**



## **News Bulletin:**

For PAST years of the **Tyee Test Fishery** numbers [cast on this link](#).

For PAST years **DFO Salmon and Steelhead** predictions [cast on this link](#).

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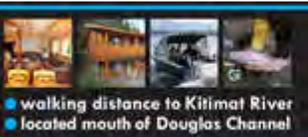
## **Updates:**



**Penn Fishing Reels** are "**well known**" for their ocean reels but **Pure Fishing** would like you to know they also have some fantastic freshwater (river-lake-stream) reels. Check them out on their website [Penn Fishing Reels](#). Thank You!

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## **Kitimat Lodge**

<p><b>18</b> private all-inclusive suites</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>walking distance to Kitimat River</li><li>located mouth of Douglas Channel</li></ul>	<p><b>Kitimat Lodge</b> Salmon, Steelhead and Halibut guiding</p> 
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### **2015 Was a Stellar Year for Fishing**

Hello Friends, we at **Kitimat Lodge** thought it was an incredible year here, but this **Video** shows you just how fabulous it really was! <https://vimeo.com/151589262>

Since 1999, **Kitimat Lodge** has been providing Guided Fishing along the rivers and tributaries near Terrace Bay and Kitimat, BC, Canada.

Check out more than a decade of Steelhead Fishing Photo Galleries on our website!

<http://kitimatlodge.com>

Tight Lines,  
Tracey Hittel



### 2015 Seasons Greetings [Kitimat Lodge](http://kitimatlodge.com)

**A Warm Fire And A Hot Steelhead!**



Check out these pictures of a happy 75 year old Gert! Travelling from Denmark was worth the trip as he connected with this Skeena Steelhead.

<https://plus.google.com/+Kitimatlodge>

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/steelhead-fishing-in-british-columbia>

Hot Steelhead Flyfishing on the Skeena River, deep in the foothills of the mountains along the North Coast of British Columbia.

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## [Kitimat Lodge fishing report](#)

October Steelhead Fishing 2015

**October Produces Some Of The Best Catches!**

Check out the great photos we just added to the site!

[Steelhead Dreaming - Fly Fishing The Skeena](#)



### **Guided Fishing Trips in British Columbia, Canada**

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**Kevin Thingvold Family Skeena River Chinook  
held by Gord McKean**



**First** - we would like to share this fantastic image! Click on the link for the larger large size!  
**Skeena River Chinook.** Kevin Thingvold Family with Kitimat Lodge Pro Angling Guide **Gord McKean.**

<http://kitimatlodge.com/pro-angling-guide-gord-mckean-with-skeena-river-chinook/>

Skeena Chinook fishing season closes August 6th, triggering the start of the elusive Skeena River Summer Run Steelhead.

**Second** - some great photos of a great fly fishing adventure!  
**Late July Chum Salmon Fishing Report, BC Canada**

Chum Salmon on the fly are in large numbers and a fight like no other, peel line, skin knuckles and nice smiles for these two gentlemen from Austria.

<http://kitimatlodge.com/chum-salmon-on-the-fly-july-27-fishing-report/>

**Third** - if you haven't seen these **Heli-Fishing Trip Photos...**



The Black family booked a chopper, Skeena and saltwater tour while at the **Kitimat Lodge** this week. The wives pictured with a pair of Skeena Chinook and young Jamieson with a Dungeness Crab.

<http://kitimatlodge.com/skeena-and-saltwater-heli-fishing-tour/>

Be sure to check out the *outstanding action photo* of Jamie Black from Copper Line Excavating releasing a monster Chinook!

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### **The Seasons:**

#### **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 Steelheaders 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.



**BOOK SOON** - don't be disappointed:

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### **Kalum River:**

Water in good shape. Good Steelheading now! If you need a guide to show you how and where just [contact me](#) anytime. **Note: NEW** reg this year: Bait ban Jan 1 - June 15.

#### **Kalum River stories:**

Sweetheart Steelheading on the Kalum River - by Noel Gyger  
<http://www.noelgyger.ca/articles/sweetheart-steelheading-on-the-kalum-river.doc>

North Country Spring Time Steelhead - by Dave Vedder  
<http://www.noelgyger.ca/articles/Articles-3--Vedder-2-Northcountry-Spring-Time-Steelhead-long.doc>

Big River Mixed Bag - West Coast Bountly - by Italo Labignan  
<http://www.noelgyger.ca/articles/Articles-7-BIG-RIVER-MIXED-BAG-by-Italo-Labignan.doc>

[May 2nd on the Kalum – by Noel Gyger](#)

[North Country Spring Time Steelhead \(Short\) – by Dave Vedder](#)

[20- Pound Steelhead – Making the Dream Come True – by Dave Vedder](#)

For more stories cast here: <http://www.noelgyger.ca/info-articles.htm>

## **Kalum River videos:**

Kalum River Coho

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## **Kalum River Podcasts:**

Dustin Kovacvich & Noel Gyger "test fish" for Kalum River Chinook

<http://www.noelgyger.ca/Podcast/podcast0016.mp4>

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<http://www.noelgyger.ca/podcast.htm>

## **Lakelse River:**

Steelhead fishing is great! Water is low.

**As of a few weeks ago:** The Steelhead fishing only fair in mid to upper river. Some anglers are having a tough time catching them. Some anglers think it is not a big run this year? Jigs working best! **Tip:** Fly fishing is good technique. Instead of a fly I would use a bright red cocky as I knew the Steelhead were eating the Coho eggs that would escape from the Coho reds. Sometimes in the deeper runs I would tie on a flatfish plug and feed it into the deep pool. I know it is not a fly but no problem as the "fly-only" time is from Mar 1 to May 31. Also in the deeper runs I liked float fishing the corky with a little white wool. My friends and I really liked to fish the upper end this time of year while we waited for the Kalum River levels to drop so we could use our drifts and not have to compete with the jet boats. We would run our drift boats all winter and for many years the Steelhead fishing was simply outstanding and I know it still is. Good luck!

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

**Regulation:** **No Fishing** upstream of the sign at the transmission line crossing (downstream of Zymoetz Canyon) Jan 1 - June 15. Steelhead fishing below this closure is still permitted. Just need to find some open water and give it a shot. Need a guide for 2016 in either the Class one or Class two sections [contact me](#) anytime.

## **Copper River stories:**

Copper River Steelhead - by Jim & Carolyn Z. Shelton

[http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/copper-river-steelhead-nov-29\\_2014.doc](http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/copper-river-steelhead-nov-29_2014.doc)

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## **Copper River videos:**

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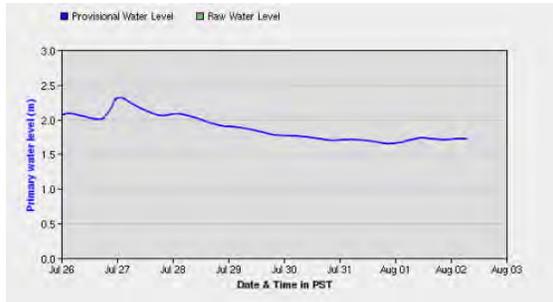
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**Enjoy!!**

Sample Zymoetz (Copper) River heights below:



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

[http://wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/report/report\\_e.html?type=realTime&stn=08EF005](http://wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/report/report_e.html?type=realTime&stn=08EF005)

## Kitimat River:

Water has been dropping and is fishable again. Please don't fish for dark spawning Coho. Try and fish the lower end where fresh Coho may be still coming in.

We would like to thank **Michael Herzberg** for giving us permission to post this pic of his fresh Coho landed while float fishing :-). Well done Mike!

### **Kitimat River stories:**

12 Seasons of Kitimat River - by Noel Gyger

[http://www.noelgyger.ca/articles/kitimat-river-nov-29\\_2014.doc](http://www.noelgyger.ca/articles/kitimat-river-nov-29_2014.doc)

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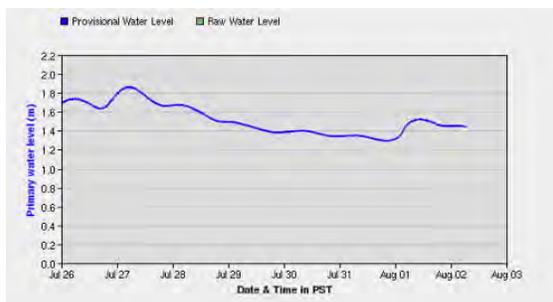
### **Kitimat River videos:**

<http://www.noelgyger.ca/video-clips/Jerry%20and%20Kevin%20Kitimat%20drift.wmv>

<http://www.noelgyger.ca/video-clips/Coho-0001.wmv>

<http://www.noelgyger.ca/video-clips/Coho-0006.wmv>

Sample Kitimat River waters heights below:



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1. <http://waterportal.geoweb.bcogc.ca/#12/54.0617/-128.6555>

2. [http://wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/report/report\\_e.html?type=realTime&stn=08FF003](http://wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/report/report_e.html?type=realTime&stn=08FF003)

3. [http://wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/report/report\\_e.html?type=realTime&stn=08FF002](http://wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/report/report_e.html?type=realTime&stn=08FF002)

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## Douglas Channel:

I have reports of good Salmon and Halibut fishing! Now when I say this fishing is good you got to know what to fish with, where to fish and how. Pink and Sockeye are out their too. Fishing for Dungeness Crab is simply outstanding. My suggestion is to [book a charter guide](#) for trip or two



**Ariel Koppers** pro guide at [Kitimat Lodge](#) holds up a nice Douglas Channel Halibut. Going ocean fishing out of Kitimat when local rivers are dirty is a good option.

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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:**

I received a report that the Salmon and Halibut fishing out of the port of Prince Rupert has been simply outstanding. One charter guide reports landing over 20 Chinook but of course his clients kept only their legal limit, plus they kept their limit on Dungeness Crab. If you would like to book an ocean trip just [contact me](#) anytime and I will do my best to get it all set up for you.



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.

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### **Terrace BC Canada:**

## **Skeena Salmon Lodge Guiding**



## Flyfishing in Canada

**Welcome to the Skeena Salmon Lodge Guiding!** Our unique Lodge sits right on the banks of the salmon-rich Skeena River, surrounded by snow-covered peaks and pristine nature. In the north-western part of British Columbia, where you find Canada at its most beautiful, where lakes and rivers dazzle with their purity, and wilderness can be truly experienced, you will find some of the world's best salmon river; among them, the Skeena River, possibly Canada's best know salmon river. Join us and experience outstanding fishing while enjoying comfort of the highest standard in the primal wilderness of Canada. Thank you and tight lines, **Willi Schmidt**

Please visit our website for more info: <http://www.canada-flyfishing.com/en>

## Skeena Salmon Lodge Chinook Report

Looking back on the last couple months, the Skeena Salmon Lodge Guide Team has prepared a write up on this seasons Chinook fishing. Beginning in early June, large, bright King salmon were being caught on a variety of rivers using various techniques. These early fish are generally some of the most aggressive and hardest fighting fish in the river! On smaller rivers like the Kitimat, Kiteen or Kincolith, anglers can target

and catch Chinook on a variety of gear techniques as well as swinging flies with both single and double handed rods. Some of the smaller rivers like the Kincolith and Kitimat can have good numbers of Chinook in them starting in the first week of June! This year the Kitimat Kings showed up and immediately the fishing was on fire! Many fishing days had multiple hook ups and our guides were able to get clients into fish using both fly rods and gear rods.



This year the mainstem Skeena cleaned up just after the 2nd week of June. Once again, as soon as we put boats in the water we were hooking into Kings! Many people will remember this year as some of the best early season Chinook fishing in a long while. The most fish hooked in one day was 13, but these early fish are strong and will give you the fight of your life before you can even think about landing them. While the majority of fish are caught using one of several gear fishing methods, a mainstem Skeena Chinook will still attack flies and once hooked, you will have to use every possible trick to successfully play and land one of these monsters.



Moving into July, the temperatures began to soar and the fishing began to slow down. While most days still gave clients the chance to fight multiple fish, a heat wave caused both the fish and fisherman to become lazy. Moving into the middle of July, the heat wave began to break and the fishing began to pick up! Around this time, the largest of the Skeena Kings begin to enter the river and it is not unheard of to hook fish thirty, forty or fifty pounds and sometimes even bigger! Sometimes, with these fish, they can fight so hard and well that you have to chase them in the boat! Racing after an angry and strong Skeena Chinook with both reel and engine roaring desperately trying to catch the fish before your reel is empty, not many things can compare to fighting these fish. For booking or more information please contact Willi Schmidt at [willi.schmidt@canada.flyfishing.com](mailto:willi.schmidt@canada.flyfishing.com) and with the end of chinook season marks the beginnings of the steelhead and coho runs...



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### **All Northwest BC river height info:**

Water is important for a number of natural resource industries and water data is not always either shared or accessible. This portal is like a clearing house for water data from a variety of sources.

One feature of the portal that may interest you is the real time and historic stream flow information for some of the rivers we fish and report on.

Cast on this link to enter the portal: <http://waterportal.geoweb.bcogc.ca/>

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### **Recent Top Photos:**



**February 16 to March 1, 2016.** Karry Batson writes the caption and shows another Personal Best Steelhead 43" x 22.5" with a tight tape! I never took the fish out of the water to give you the full grip and grin and it was safely released to spread its amazing Genes. So blessed beyond words to be able to hold and release several over 25# in my life time in Washington State. The **Rainshadow** XST1264F-TC is absolutely the best Float rod if your wanting to put heavy heat on large Steelhead for safe release! Thanks for your amazing endurance and experience on the oars! It was a blast watching you work the WFO worms you make an amazing product! What am I going to do next? I'm going to Disneyland woohooooo. Noel please let folks know we are the BC distributor for **Rainshadow** Rod blanks and Alps and Forecast Components [www.valleycustomrods.com](http://www.valleycustomrods.com) Thank You! **If you are interested in hiring a fishing guide for river or ocean and want to learn how, where and when to catch these fish, please [contact me](#) anytime and I will help make the arrangements for a trip of a lifetime! Cast on photo to view in larger size**



**January 26 to February 16, 2016.** Beautiful pic of a Steelhead caught and released and keeping its head in the water. We would like to thank **Joseph Princen** for giving us permission to post it. Joseph is a professional photographer and his guide website is [www.jpsguideservice.com](http://www.jpsguideservice.com) **If you are interested in hiring a fishing guide for river or ocean and want to learn how, where and when to catch these fish, please [contact me](#) anytime and I will help make the arrangements for a trip of a lifetime!**



**January 12 to January 26, 2016.** This is how to pose Steelhead for a beautiful "catch and release" shot. Photo courtesy **Josh Martens**. If you are interested in hiring a fishing guide for river or ocean and want to learn how, where and when to catch these fish, please [contact me](#) anytime and I will help make the arrangements for a trip of a lifetime!



**December 29, 2015 to January, 2016.** Pic and caption from **Tracey Hittel** of [Kitimat Lodge](#): Caught this guy Sunday, December 13, 2015, I call it my Christmas bonus! Using a small pink **Woolly Bugger** it was a great battle. If you are interested in hiring a fishing guide for river or ocean and want to learn how, where and when to catch these fish, please [contact me](#) anytime and I will help make the arrangements for a trip of a lifetime!



**December 8 to December 29, 2015.** Photo by **Greg Buck** showing the “best” catch and release technique. Nice Steelhead; well done Greg! **If you are interested in hiring a fishing guide for river or ocean and want to learn how, where and when to catch these fish, please [contact me](#) anytime and I will help make the arrangements for a trip of a lifetime! **Cast on photo to view in larger size****

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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](#)
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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:**



[Cast on this link](#) to read the "complete" **WATERSHED WATCH SALMON SOCIETY** News to February 3, 2016

### **BC launching major study of Kitimat River, Kitimat Arm water quality**

The Environmental Protection Division of BC's Ministry of Environment is launching a major study of the water quality in the Kitimat valley, first on the Kitimat River and some of its tributaries and later on the Kitimat Arm of Douglas Channel.

There has been no regular sampling by the province in Kitimat since 1995 (while other organizations such as the District of Kitimat have been sampling).

[Cast here](#) to read the full story.



### **Skeena Salmon Community Responds to DFO Approval of Oil Company Science**

**TERRACE, BRITISH COLUMBIA** - The Skeena River salmon conservation community reacted strongly today to the news that Fisheries and Oceans Canada has accepted that there is little risk to salmon from a \$11-billion liquefied natural gas (LNG) development proposed to be built on top of the most unique and critical marine salmon habitat on the B.C. coast.

**Gerald Amos**, community coordinator for **SkeenaWild Conservation Trust** said:

[Cast here](#) for the full story...a wild Salmon will thank you for it !!

### **Published on ISA virus - controversy continues**

On January 6, 2015 I co-published a scientific paper on ISA virus!

<http://alexandramorton.typepad.com>

You may remember we released preliminary results on this study back in 2011. Controversy and backlash flared immediately. The Cohen Commission reopened for three days of ISA hearings, and there we learned DFO had already detected the ISA virus in BC, but never made those results public.

Swiftly we learned ISA virus is not only dangerous to salmon, it is dangerous to scientists. We hunkered down for the long haul and tested over 1000 fish. We are alone among academics in daring to pursue this research.

That was during the Harper era.

Today, the BC Salmon Farmers have come out swinging once again, questioning our "ethics"... Sigh...

Will the nastiness ever end?

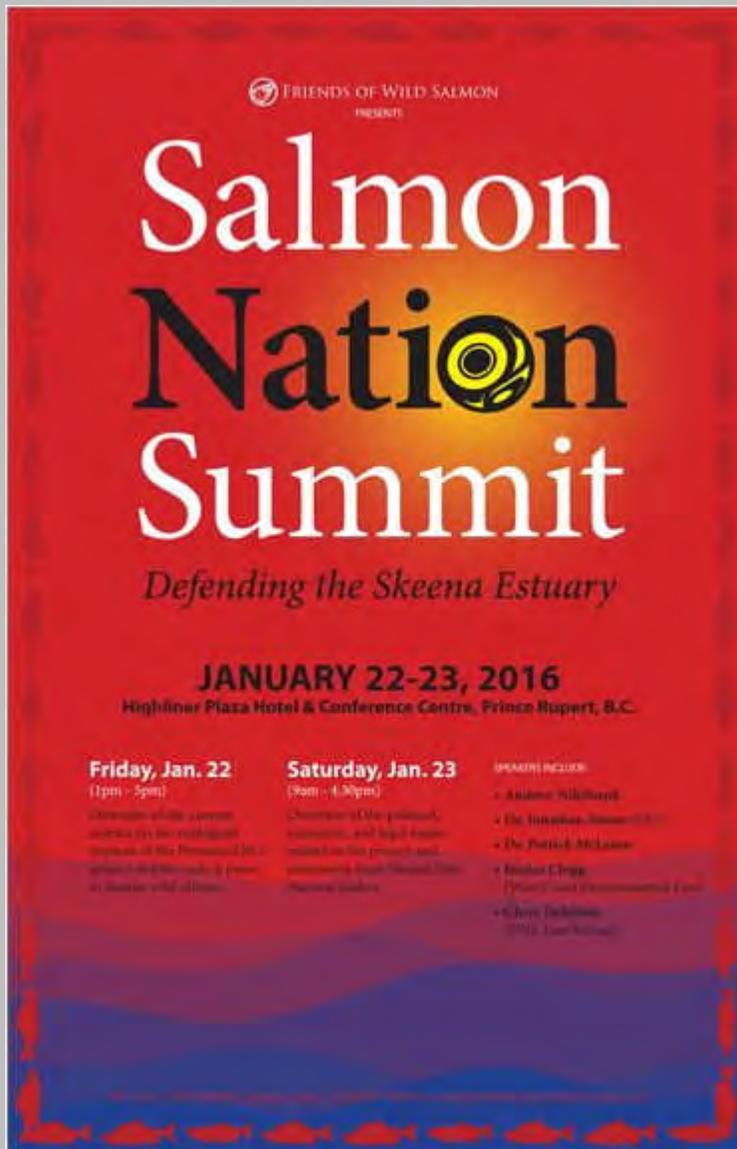
However, we have a new government and I am hopeful we will be given the opportunity to brief the new government at the highest levels on our findings and what we require to complete this work.

We deserve at least this and I am very optimistic. Our new Liberal Government clearly respects science, First Nations and our environment.

Thank you to so many of you for your help and encouragement

Alexandra Morton

**Salmon Nation Summit**  
**Defending the Skeena Estuary**



Dear Friends: I am writing to invite you to a conference that Friends of Wild Salmon is sponsoring in January: **Salmon Nation Summit – Defending the Skeena Estuary**. It will be held in Prince Rupert at the Highliner Plaza Hotel & Conference Centre on January 22 and 23.

I'm sure you are aware of the Petronas project Pacific NorthWest LNG and the proposal to build a [LNG terminal on Lelu Island in the Skeena estuary](#). In 2015, Lax Kw'alaams people voted to turn down a \$1.14 billion benefit agreement offer due to concerns over impacts to salmon. Since August, Lax'Kw'alaams Hereditary Chiefs have led an occupation of Lelu Island, which is part of their ancestral territory. We want to show support for these Chiefs as well as provide more information on the issue.

The first day will focus on the science of what is known about the impacts of the Petronas project on the ecology of the area and the risks to Skeena wild salmon. The second day will cover political, economic, and legal issues related to the project as well as include statements from Skeena First Nations leaders.

This is an initial contact to invite you to the upcoming conference and ask you to reserve the dates. We will be sending you more details regarding the agenda as soon as they are confirmed.

We look forward to seeing you at the Salmon Nation Summit.

Best wishes,

Gerald Amos  
Chair  
Friends of Wild Salmon Coalition

### Is this the salmon farm of the future?



(CBC, Dec 20 2015)

**VIDEO:** Is this the salmon farm of the future? There are no nets, no pens and no ocean.

Cast on [this link](#) to watch the video

### **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:**

[http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-feb-24\\_2016.pdf](http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-feb-24_2016.pdf)

**Wed Feb 24/16 5:00am**

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**Wed Feb 10/16 5:00am**

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**Wed Feb 3/16 5:00am**

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### **Guest Comments:**

**A letter in response to Rob Brown's Skeena Angler column "Setting Them Free" by Dennis Therrien:**

After reading Rob Brown's Skeena Angler column "Setting Them Free" of Oct. 29, 2014, I couldn't help but feel that the steelhead stocks must be in dire straits and are doomed to extinction, unless we take drastic steps to turn things around.

The crux of his argument is...[full letter](#)

### **A letter in response to Jim Culp's letter in the Terrace Standard "Stop the Brickbats" by Dennis Therrien:**

After reading Jim Culp's recent letter "Stop the brickbats" of Dec. 31, 2014, I could see that both of us are on a similar path, which is to do as little harm as possible to our wild steelhead, as recreational anglers. Where our paths diverge, is on overregulation.

Rob Brown's position on regulation change is...[full letter](#)

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

<https://www.youtube.com/user/noelgyger?feature=watch>

Total Uploaded Views as of July 3, 2015 were: **856,557**

**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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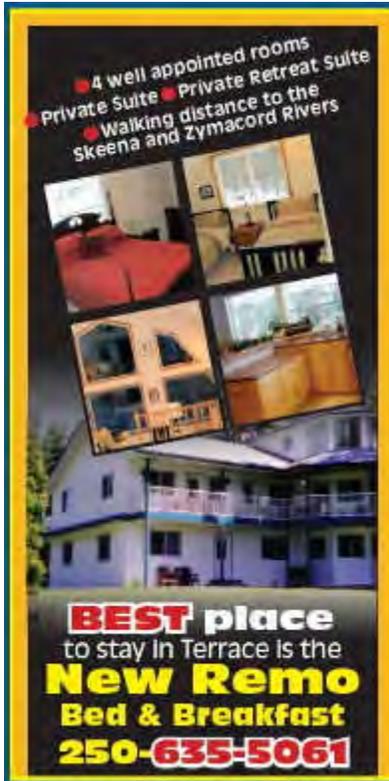
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### **Highway webcam:**

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

### **Fishing Regulations:**

**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, 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, 2015 to March 31, 2017**  
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## **Market Place:**

### **For Sale**      **Neoprene Waders**

Hi Noel, I thought you may know someone that might be interested I have **River Rat Neoprene Waders** size XL never been in the water never fit me properly. Wanting \$250 OBO can send me an email [bwhusband@telus.net](mailto:bwhusband@telus.net) or call my cell 250-631-2067.

Thanks. Bert Husband ~ Terrace BC

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Contact Noel Gyger [noel@noelgyger.ca](mailto:noel@noelgyger.ca) for more info

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**For Sale**

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

Owners of this Lodge say they have over 1050 guests booked thus far for 2015 season and did over \$2,000,000 in gross revenue for 2014. 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    ECO Tour Tenure license for sale:**

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