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Top Photo: February 24, 2015. The countdown to the **2015 [Avid Sportfishing](#)** fishing season has begun. Until then, we'll prepare by going fishing. Because that's what you do when you're a full time Haida Gwaiian. Cast on this link for our latest blog report: <http://www.avidsporfishing.ca/wintertime-blues> If you are interested to hire a fishing guide, ocean or river... to learn how, where and when to catch these guys please [contact me](#) anytime and I will help make the arrangements for a trip of lifetime. **Cast on photo to view in larger size**

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

Last update was Saturday, February 28, 2015 at 9:18am

Sunrise 7:27am Sunset 6:06pm

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- 2015 for [Zymoetz \(Copper\) & Skeena River](#)
- 2015 [Haida Gwaii/Queen Charlotte Islands](#) for river and ocean
- 2015 Skeena River [summer-run Steelhead](#) and Salmon
- 2015 Kitimat River for [Coho \(Silver\) Salmon](#)

- 2015 Multi Rivers for [spring Steelhead](#)
 - 2015 Multi Rivers for [spring Chinook](#)
 - 2015 [Kwinamass River](#) for Steelhead (April & May) only
 - 2015 [Nass and Coastal Rivers](#)
 - 2015 Douglas Channel ocean fishing for [Salmon and Bottom fish](#)
 - 2015 Prince Rupert ocean fishing for [Salmon and Bottom fish](#)
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http://www.noelgyger.ca/archived-fishing-reports/January-1-31_2015.pdf

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Commentary: Wind: N 19km/h Clear (0 degrees C) Winter and spring Steelheading in full swing. Rainbow, Cutthroat Trout and Dolly Varden Char are available also. **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:** **NEW** section added called **Recommended Fly Fishing Gear**. **Note:** **FOR SALE ECO Tour Tenure license**, see [Market Place](#) section. **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: **Note:** **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](#).

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Recent and Today's updates below:

Recent updates: **Update:** April Vokey interviewed me about the history of Sportfishing and Guiding in NW British Columbia, see pic and caption in the [Skeena River](#) section (full crew named now). **Update:** [Avid Sportfishing](#) sent a Chinook pic and fishing report, see [Haida Gwaii - Queen Charlotte Islands](#) section. **THEY SUGGEST: Book Now for 2015!** **Update:** [Hawkair](#) offers special hotel prices, see [Hawkair](#) section below. **Update:** Tracey Hittel of [Kitimat Lodge](#) sent detailed report of recent Steelhead fly fishing and **Welcome** folks to stay at their lodge year round, see [Kitimat Lodge](#) section. **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 [Copper River stories](#) and [Copper River videos](#), see [Zymoetz \(Copper\) 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: SEE CANUCKS LIVE! Canucks Hockey Package.** Fly & Stay. Prices starting \$489 includes return airfare, game ticket & one night accommodation, see details on our [webpage](#). **Update:** 2015 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: Five signs of hope on climate change.** Positive news overlooked: 2014 has seen significant movement toward renewable energy, see [Conservation](#) section. **Update:** Josh Buck shows us a good technique how to pose a Steelhead and yet keep it fully in the water, see [2014 Season Review](#) section. **Update:** WFN video series "Shorelines with April Vokey" begins Jan 10th, see [News Bulletin](#) section for details. **Update:** Douglas Channel Watch, PLEASE protect this channel forever, see [Conservation](#) section. **Update:** Cast on [April Vokey blog](#) to see pics and read about Noel Gyger interview, guiding, history of Terrace and more. **Update:** a **NEW** section has been added it is called **Guest Comments**, see below the [Rob Brown](#) section. **Today's updates:**

Update: for Skeena and Kalum River. **Update:** for Zymoetz (Copper) River. **Update:** for Lakelse River. **Update:** Tracey Hittel of Kitimat Lodge points out the advantages to book your next guide trip for spring Steelhead on Classified Waters, see Kitimat Lodge section below. **Update:** NEW Product Profile Tuf-Line see Product Profile section. **Update:** Full month of January 2015 Fishing Reports are posted now, see Past Fishing Reports webpage. **Update:** Alexandra Morton re Divest from Dirty Salmon, see Conservation section. **Update:** NEW Top Photo posted Feb 24th. **Update:** Rob Brown latest story titled "It's in a book", see Rob Brown - The Skeena Angler section. **Update:** to receive the March 5th, 2015 e-mail NEWSLETTER [subscribe](#) here. **Update:** stats for [noelgyger.ca](#) are now posted for Feb 27th, see above. **Update:** as of Feb. 27th [noelgyger.ca](#) fishing video clips on [YouTube](#) have received 843,379 views, see Noel Gyger has 96 fishing video clips on YouTube section. **Update:** Checked River conditions: Kalum clean, Skeena and Copper low and clean. 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.

RIVER and DATE - High Rez pics of river conditions:

Note: this service will begin again in spring 2015.



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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 is low and clean. Lots of ice in the river some of it floating. Fishing has been good for Steelhead but you have to know where and how to fish for them. You may want to consider hiring a guide to learn how? If so please [contact me](#) anytime I will get you set-up with the BEST.

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>

[Cast here](#) to read more stories on more rivers

Skeena River videos:

Skeena River Sockeye Fly Fishing-1
[Cast here](#) to watch the video

Skeena River Sockeye Fly Fishing-2
[Cast here](#) to watch the video

[Cast here](#) to watch more videos of local rivers and oceans - Salmon and Steelhead



On my left is **April Vokey** of [flygal](#). April is authoring a book summarized as a reflective novel based on the history of our sport, and both its evolution & migration from the United Kingdom to North America's west coast. She interviewed me September 16th regarding the history of Sportfishing and guiding in northwest British Columbia. The whole interview was recorded by **Nick Pujic** (on my right) of [Vantage Point Media House](#) for a television series on [WFN](#). Got to say we had a lot of fun and it was hard to shut me up! I will keep you updated how this progresses. I am sorry, at this time, I cannot remember the names of the other folks in the crew. I will get them for you later.

As promised here are the names of the rest of the crew: Victor Cooper, Brock Tompkins, Yoshi Aoki, Adrienne Comeau and Catherine Laflamme (who took the photo).

Skeena Water heights below:



Cast on link for current Skeena River water heights

http://wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/report/report_e.html?type=realTime&stn=08EF001

Skeena River Tye Test Fishery for 2014:

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

2014 Salmon Fishing Outlook:

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

Fri July 18/14 4:23am

More information has come forth from DFO regarding the 2014 Salmon run, to read adetails 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 Tye Test Fishery for:

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

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





Kitimat Lodge



Spring Steelhead fishing the Classified rivers of BC.



Spring Steelhead fishing season on the Classified rivers of BC only runs from March to May!

Read the full update:

<http://kitimatlodge.com/spring-steelhead-fishing/>

Classified rivers are special rivers with are considered a quality experience regarding scenery and quality of fish, Salmon and Steelhead. This allows us many miles of water with reduced angler traffic!

These limited 'classified rod days' are held only by a few guides, providing our clients the best opportunity to hook that monster steelhead! **BOOK NOW!**

Almost 200 New Steelhead and Salmon Photos!

Hi everyone, we always get excited about the coming fishing season about this time of the year... and looking through seasons of fishing pictures is a great way to remember some of the people we've met and all of the adventures we have shared!

This month we are re-releasing hundreds of fantastic fishing pictures from the 2011 season!

You'll find stunning photos of British Columbia and lots of smiling faces of friends and guests who are holding their Steelhead or Salmon!

We would also like to connect up with you on LinkedIn, so this month we are sharing our new business page!

Click here to find links to the new photo galleries!

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/kitimat-lodge>

If you have any photos from a fishing trip- share them on our page on Facebook!

We would love to see them!

<https://www.facebook.com/kitimatlodge/>

Until next time!

Tight Lines!

Tracey and the crew

If you've been dreaming about hooking up some famous chrome steelhead check out this video from our guided Steelhead fishing trips on the world famous Skeena River and Kitimat Rivers in British Columbia Canada.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X0oHnA0cLg8>

Tight Lines and have a safe holiday!

Tracey and the crew

Kitimat Lodge 2014 Season In Review!

Hi all! Here are some fishing memories to warm your weekend!

An eight minute Video collage created with some amazing fishing pictures from 2014!

Watch the video and scroll through photos here:

<http://kitimatlodge.com/2014-season-bc-north-coast-fishing/>

Enjoy! Tight Lines, Tracey

Large Catches of Elusive BC Steelhead

Check out the beautiful scenery we get in the October season as snow capped mountains are starting to show signs of winter.

Late Season Steelhead Fishing Report



Swinging flies for the elusive Steelhead produced large catches for Yugi, Hiroshi and Hasheme, all repeat clients.

Also a **BIG** thanks to our team of fishing guides for this year, working their butts off to catch fish for our guests!

Tight Lines, Tracey John Hittel

Booking 2015 Fishing Charters Now for:

- Skeena River April Steelhead Fishing Packages
- 2015 best dates for Kitimat River Coho Salmon
- 2015 Coastal BC Spring Steelhead Fishing
- Multi Rivers for 2015 Chinook Fishing
- Douglas Channel Ocean fishing - Salmon, Halibut, Crab

2015 BC whale watching trips and hot spring tours

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Passing thru town and looking for the best place to stay? [Kitimat Lodge accommodations](#) are open 365 a year!

Contact us to book a hotel room or cabin rental any time of the year!

The 2015 season will be here soon BOOK NOW!!

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 both lower and upper end. Steelhead fishing is good. The Spey fly rod is working well. It is just a matter how knowing which pools and runs they are holding in. If you need a guide to show

you how and where just [contact me](#) anytime. Guiding will start again 1st of April.

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 Bounty - 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

[Cast here](#) to watch the video

Cast on link below to watch more videos:

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

Kalum River Podcasts:

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

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

Please note: it may take awhile for the podcasts to load.

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Lakelse River:

The Steelhead fishing is really good in the upper end and mid river. **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:

Water is clean enough to fish. We've had a couple days of rain. Need to check conditions again soon. Steelheading has been excellent! **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.

Copper River stories:

Copper River Steelhead - by Jim & Carolyn Z. Shelton

http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/copper-river-steelhead-nov-29_2014.doc

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

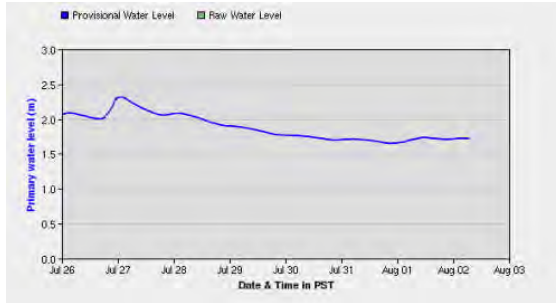
Copper River videos:

<http://www.noelgyger.ca/video-clips/Steelhead-0010.wmv>
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<http://www.noelgyger.ca/video-clips/Steelhead-0012.wmv>
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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

Kitimat River:

Need the "best" fishing guide just [contact me](#) anytime. Thanks.

Kitimat River stories:

12 Seasons of Kitimat River - by Noel Gyger

http://www.noelgyger.ca/articles/kitimat-river-nov-29_2014.doc

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

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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http://wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/report/report_e.html?type=realTime&stn=08FF001

Douglas Channel:

Chinook fishing in the channel is basically over as all of the fish have moved into their natal rivers, although one has a chance to catch "feeder springs", these would be smaller fish. Coho fishing is slow; they are all heading for their home rivers...and their home rivers don't have much water in them. Coho are being caught but way down the channel. Halibut and other Bottom fish are being landed in good numbers and lots Dungeness Crab. 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. My suggestion is to [book a charter guide](#) for trip or two, then you will be up to speed how to do it on your own.



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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.

Prince Rupert Ocean Fishing:



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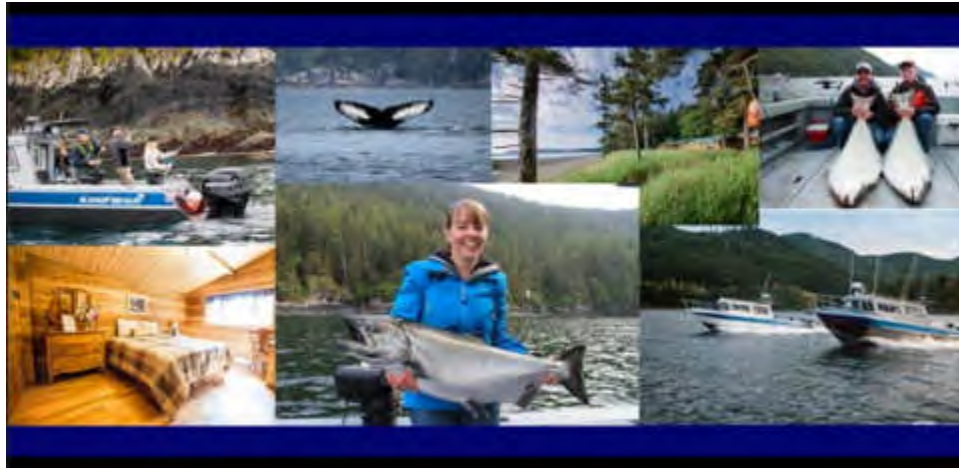
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FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/avidportfishing>



Fishing for Halibut and Salmon this month has been simply outstanding. Book your charter soon to avoid disappointment.

1-877-770-2843

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Here's our latest addition to the fleet for 2014. That's right we are now operating 2 - 30 foot Kingfisher guide boats. This one is tricked out with all the same options and quality gear as our first boat. Luxury fishing on the West Coast of Haida Gwaii just got even better!

Reserve Your Dates for 2015

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 Sport fishing'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 2015!

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

News Bulletin:

SHORELINES with APRIL VOKEY



Shorelines with April Vokey follows April on her life long dream to author a book about the evolution of steelhead and Atlantic salmon fishing in North America. From the Maritimes, through the Great Lakes and finally the West Coast, join April and her photographers as they reveal the rich histories, evolution and of course, world-class fisheries on their journey.

Episode 1 begins Saturday, January 10 @ 8:30am

[Cast here](#) to watch the video trailer and [learn ALL future show schedules](#).

Smithers BC and area fishing report:

Coming again in July 2015

Recent Top Photos



February 18 to February 24, 2015. Photo from **Avid Sport Fishing**. US customers can enjoy up to 20% savings on a world class fishing trip to Haida Gwaii/Queen Charlotte Islands. Take advantage of currency exchange rates and book your fishing adventure of a lifetime today! Visit www.avidsportfishing.ca for more details. If you are interested to hire a fishing guide to learn how, where and when to catch these guys please [contact me](#) anytime and I will help make the arrangements for a trip of lifetime. **Cast on photo to view in larger size**



February 3 to February 18, 2015. Beautiful pic of a Skeena system wild Steelhead about to be released. Photo courtesy **Tracey Hittel** of [Kitimat Lodge](#) ~ If you are interested to hire a fishing guide to learn how, where and when to catch these guys please [contact me](#) anytime and I will help make the arrangements for a trip of lifetime. **Cast on photo to view in larger size**



January 20 to February 3, 2015. Here is an absolutely beautiful pic of a Steelhead caught and released in the most gentle way and keeping it 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 ~ If you are interested to hire a fishing guide to learn how, where and when to catch these guys please [contact me](#) anytime and I will help make the arrangements for a trip of lifetime. **Cast on photo to view in larger size**

2014 Season Review:



Josh Buck shows us how to pose a Steelhead yet keep it fully in the water. Well done Josh. Josh's Dad, **Greg Buck** gave us permission to post this pic. **FYI** - Greg started his fish guiding career with me in the 1990's. Where has all the time gone?

Guest Photos and captions:



Brian Ziegler from New Jersey USA sent this pic of his Skeena River Coho landed with Spey rod on Saturday September 6, 2014. It measured 36.5 x 24. WOW ! That's one BIG Coho. Thanks for send the pic. Best regards, Noel

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

Conservation

Divest from Dirty Salmon

Hello, please view the letter hundreds of people from around the world are signing asking Norway to divest from dirty salmon. Most of the fish farm companies in BC have their head offices in Norway.

Many of the people signing this letter are Norwegians (scroll to bottom of page to read all the comments), also people from Germany, UK, Sweden, Denmark and Canada.

Here's the letter:

<https://www.change.org/p/to-the-citizens-of-norway-divest-from-dirty-salmon>

Here's my blog if you need an explanation.

http://alexandramorton.typepad.com/alexandra_morton/

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Please share this letter widely. Alex Morton

Do the Griegs need two new salmon farms?

Hello, over the past month Norwegian fishermen have shocked their nation with images of diseased steelhead that have escaped into their fjords. As a result, Norway has enacted a new law to fine the companies that have escapes and two Norwegian politicians are calling for moving the industry onto land.

But is it too late - see disease results on steelhead.

However, here in British Columbia, the Norwegian shipping family, the Grieg's, want two more salmon farms to go into the Knight's Inlet area! This family has called on other companies to fight climate change, I don't think they understand how that conflicts with salmon farming in BC.

They need to hear from you. This decision is up to you. See the blog for opportunities to be heard.

Also - Feb 10, PORT MCNEILL, Black Bear Motel, 4-8pm public open house on the two new farms.

[Cast here](#) for all the details

Alexandra Morton

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Breaking News - Norway Fisheries Minister asked to resign

Hello, a few days ago FaceBook ignited with grotesque images of escaped farmed rainbow trout in Norway. Norwegian sport fishermen are posting images of the 60-80 fish they are catching per day in a race to keep these "fish" from entering wild salmon rivers and digging up the eggs of the last few wild Atlantic salmon. The controversy that has built is causing unprecedented political response recommending the salmon farming industry get out of the ocean. For the politicians who refuse to see the damage, the call is for them to get out of office.

Norway is the mother of salmon farming - perhaps we should listen.

[Cast here](#) for more detail

Reading this and looking at the pictures is like looking in the mirror - farmed steelhead, infected with viruses threatening wild Atlantic salmon...

This industry has to go. Their last stronghold has turned on them. Consider sharing this blog with all your politicians and would be politicians.

Alexandra Morton

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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

Rob Brown blog: http://web.me.com/skeenaangler/Skeena_Angler/Blog/Blog.html

Rob Brown Welcome: http://web.me.com/skeenaangler/Skeena_Angler/Welcome.html

Cast on PDF link to read article:

It's in a book

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Troubled trout

http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-jan-28_2015.pdf

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](#)

(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

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

Noel Gyger has 96 fishing video clips on YouTube:

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

Total Uploaded Views as of February 27, 2014 were: **843,379**

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

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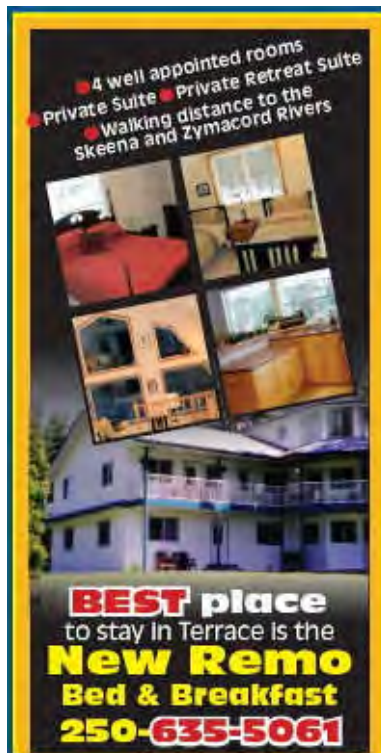
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Highway webcam:

<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, 2013 to March 31, 2015

Shellfish Contamination Closures:

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

On-line tidal waters fishing licenses:

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

Buy your fishing license online at:

www.fishing.gov.bc.ca

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Telkwa, BC
Bulkley Riverfront Home





Updated Bulkley Riverfront home in Telkwa features 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, and a huge sundeck. Basement has been redone with concrete in-floor heat, large master bedroom, and a very modern bathroom. The bathroom has heated concrete floors, an open-room shower, and a beautiful pedestal bathtub. Main floor has original hardwood flooring, freestanding wood stove, and a large sunroom. Great river and Hudson Bay Mountain view, large treed lot and riverside firepit.

Great Steelhead fishing 40ft from the backdoor or long run 250 yards down, good spot to keep a jet or drift boat. Best time for Steelhead Aug 15 and it is fishable until Dec 31. Also there is Coho, Chinook, Pinks and Trout. **Could be yours for \$339,000**

Contact Noel Gyger noel@noelgyger.ca for more info

For Sale

West Coast of Vancouver Islands, BC Rodgers 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.

For Sale

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