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**Top Photo: Posted January 25, 2014. Looking forward to next season!** Noel Gyger with a beautiful fresh Coho (Silver) Salmon landed on the Kitimat River a few years ago. We were fishing with [Fenwick](#) rods, [Ambassadeur](#) reels, [Berkley](#) line, [Luhr Jenson](#) hot shots and [Gamakatsu](#) hooks. Fishing from [Mike Herzberg's](#) beautiful [Clackacraft](#) drift boat. **We made a video: [Click here to watch video](#).** Mike really knows his stuff. If you are interested to be guided on this river or any of our other rivers next spring or anytime for that matter, please [contact me](#) anytime. We have ocean fishing for Salmon, Bottom Fish and Dungeness Crab right now. Pass the garlic butter please! **Cast on photo to view in larger size**

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## River, Ocean and Lake Reports

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

**Last update was Friday, January 31, 2014 at 9:46am**

**Sunrise 8:24am Sunset 5:11pm**

### BOOKING NOW for:

- 2014 [Haida Gwaii/Queen Charlotte Islands](#) for river and ocean
- 2014 Skeena River [summer-run Steelhead](#) and Salmon
- 2014 Kitimat River for [Coho \(Silver\) Salmon](#)
- 2014 Multi Rivers for [spring Steelhead](#)
- 2014 Multi Rivers for [spring Chinook](#)
- 2014 [Kwinamass River](#) for Steelhead (April & May) only
- 2014 [Zymoetz \(Copper\) River](#) class 1 and 2 sections
- 2014 [Nass and Coastal Rivers](#)
- 2014 Douglas Channel ocean fishing for [Salmon and Bottom fish](#)
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**Commentary:** Wind: N 32km/h A few clouds (-7 degrees C) Steelhead and Trout are the target fish now...BUT I must say **WELCOME** to the finest winter Steelheading in the world! **Note:** **Jamie Hunt** of the [Great Pacific Salmon Lodge](#) reports for Prince Rupert, see **Prince Rupert Ocean Fishing** section. **Note:** [Avid Sportfishing](#) ...sign up to receive their E-newsletters and email notifications on last minute deals, see **Haida Gwaii - Queen Charlotte Islands** section. **Note:** **FOR SALE** 10.55 acres Skeena River frontage, see **Market Place** section. **Note:** **FOR SALE** stunning walk-on waterfront acreage with custom log home, see **Market Place** section. **Note:** We are pleased to **WELCOME** [Catchercraft Boats](#) on board, see more info below **Skeena River**. **Note:** **NEW** section added called **Recommended Fly Fishing Gear**. **Note:** **FOR SALE** ECO Tour Tenure license, see **Market Place** section. **Note:** We welcome [Hawkair](#) onboard as a sponsor. **Note:** **FOR SALE** West Coast floating Fishing Lodge entertaining over 1000 guests per year, see **Market Place** section or [contact Noel Gyger](#) for more info.

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### Latest updates below:

**Update:** [Hawkair](#) has special fares available to fishermen, PLUS sign-up for their e-mail NEWSLETTER, see their Ad below. **Update:** **2013 Skeena Tye Test Fishery** data and **2013 Salmon forecast** moved to: <http://www.noelgyger.ca/news-bulletin.htm>. **Update:** [Gibbs-Delta](#) has several 10' Trade Show Display Booths for sale, see **Market Place** section. **Update:** **Rogers Fishing Lodge** **FOR SALE** see **Market Place** section; owners of this lodge say they already have over 1000 guests booked for the 2014 season. In total in 2013 they did 1160 guests, so things are already pacing ahead of last year. Certainly a real positive for any potential [Buyer to have a turn-key business](#). **Update:** **NEW Product Profile** [Scotty](#), see **Product Profile** section. **Update:** [Past Fishing Reports](#) for FULL month of December 2013 posted. **Update:** video from 2009 - Chad's 2nd Steelhead today!, see **Vintage Video Clips** section. **Update:** fishing from January 14 to 21, 2007, see **History** section. **Update:** We added another webpage called [Releasing Fish](#), check it out. **Update:** [Hawkair's](#) popular 50 connector discount is now applicable to ALL airline connectors in YVR including winter sun vacation packages, see their Ad below. **Update:** for **Skeena River** and **Kalum River**. **Update:** DFO hands over fisheries protection along pipelines to the NEB, see **Conservation** section. **Update:** [Avid Sportfishing](#) sent beautiful pic of Chinook encouraging folks to book early to experience this fishery, see **Haida Gwaii - Queen Charlotte Islands** section (they are already 50% booked). **Update:** Noel Gyger video views on [YouTube](#) total 796,703 views. **Update:** **Alexandra Morton** re Prime Minister Opens Door to Fish Farm Expansion in BC, see **Conservation**

section. **Update:** pic of snow pack, see **Skeena River** section. **Update: NEW** website stats for **noelgyger.ca** posted for Jan 23rd, see above. **Update: NEW Top Photo** posted Jan 25th. **Update:** for **Kalum River**. **Update: Rob Brown** latest story titled "When drilling goes sideways", see **Rob Brown - The Skeena Angler** section. More updates will come in as the day moves on. Cast on links to send me your [fishing report](#) or [feedback](#). Or phone **250-635-2568**, if I am not available leave your report on my answering machine.

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[Cast here](#) to sign-up for the **Hawkair** e-mail NEWSLETTER

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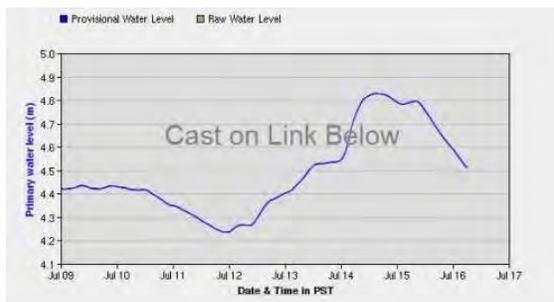
**How to read this webpage:** Scroll down to read ALL the Current updates in **Red** highlighted in **Yellow** The most up-to-date reports are DATE STAMPED (Example: **Tue July 11/11**) So when you scroll through the report look for these markers.

**Fri Jan 31/14 6:28am**

**Skeena River**

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

Skeena Water heights below:



Cast on link for current Skeena River water heights

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



Most of the rain we've had stayed in the mountains as snow. Pic taken January 19th.

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

Can be seen here:

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

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

2011, 2012 and 2013 can be seen here:

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

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Tracey Hittel, owner [Kitimat Lodge](http://www.kitimatlodge.com) WELCOMES ALL to the 2014 season. The fishing guides and staff look forward to seeing you soon and getting you into the BIG ones...

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## **Kalum River:**

Very cold this morning only minus 8. It has been very sunny for the last two days. **Theory:** when this happens the fish are spooky and this seems to be the case now. Fishing is always better under cloudy skies. **Gibbs #45** Lure works pretty good to catch Steelhead even under these conditions. Water is dropping so be careful if you take your jet boat. Might be time for the raft or drift-boat. Check out this article I wrote; a few years ago but still relevant today:

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

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

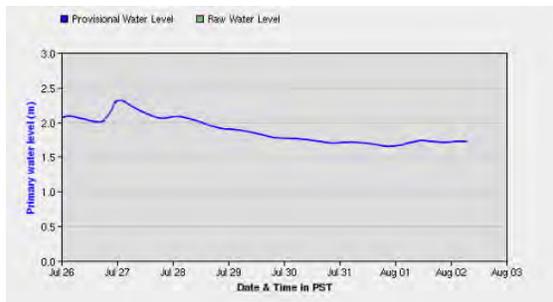
## **Lakelse River:**

I have a report that water is high and fishing is poor. **Tip:** Fly-fishing egg pattern flies work the best, also, the brighter the egg fly the better. **Tip:** Float fishing corkies (painted cork balls in various sizes) and a little bit of white wool works well. The bright red or orange ones are favored.

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

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

Sample Zymoetz (Copper) River heights below:



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

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

## **Kitimat River:**

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

Sample Kitimat River waters heights below:



Cast on link for current Kitimat River water heights:

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

## **Douglas Channel:**

Fisheries and Oceans Canada

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

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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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-10 Additional Lings

-15 Additional Yellow Eyes

-18 **Halis** to the boat looking for a MONSTER. Largest released was 85#'s

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Blue Sky, warm and Calm waters all day.

Simple report.

AND... This is only the beginning of August. I cant wait for this part of the season to REALLY kick in.

Reports from all over the area are showing massive amounts of Salmon around right now. Limits for those that want them in under a hour or 2.

Pod of 60 Killer whales seen heading north

Breaching whales

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



Set out to catch the elusive New Years Eve steelhead today and succeeded!

Happy new years everyone and tight lines in 2014!



**Reserve Your Dates for 2014**

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

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

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Thanks to everyone who came fishing with us in 2013! Hope to see you again next season!  
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## Update:



Hi Noel, last day for the three guys from Italy. The biggest Steelhead of the day caught by Enrico, with a 8wt Meiser spey rod, well done Enrico.

### **SPECIAL** for 2014:

- Day trip bookings.
- Contact us now, to get a "serious" discount on early booking for 5 day salmon fishing and 6 nights of accommodation.

Best regards,  
David Wulms

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## Guest Reports and Photos:



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

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## **History:**

**2007** January



The photo of the week shows Rob Vodola and his good friend Chris Botkin posing a very large, beautiful wild Steelhead landed last fall on the Zymoetz (Copper). Cast on this link <http://noelgyger.ca/video-clips-web.htm> to view the 58 second video clip for all the action! It is clip number **STEELHEAD 0019**.

### **Noel Gyger - WEEKLY FISHING REPORT dated January 14 – January 21, 2007**

Dear Fishing Friends:

We finally had a break in the cold weather so river fishing can start again. The snow pack in the mountains is way above average this winter. Lots of snow on the ground also, making it difficult to use boats. Anyway, getting to the river on foot and fishing from the bank is always possible. Cast to the Kalum River report below.

If I can be of service to find you the “best” guided fishing adventure let me know. How about booking the season opener on March 15 for wild Steelhead on the Kalum River? If you can’t wait that long how about booking a saltwater trip now out of Prince Rupert for winter springs, oh, and how about a feed of fresh Dungeness crab?

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

#### **CURRENT REPORT and summary:**

Access to rivers is quite difficult with all the snow we have.

**Type of fish caught:** Steelhead

Thank you for using barbless hooks.

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

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

**Weather reports via telephone...**Environment Canada taped messages constantly updated, giving current

conditions and three day forecasts. Terrace 250-635-4192 Kitimat 250-632-7864 Prince Rupert 250-627-1155 Smithers 250-847-1958.

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

**Snow conditions...**average three feet on the ground

**Skeena River...**with the warmer day time temperatures fishing has started again.

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

...Jan 17, 2007 Randy Marshall had a good day Steelhead fishing and was 6 for 7 (hooked a total of 7 and landed 6). Greg Buck was 3 for 4 and their friend was 1 for 1. As you may know both Randy and Greg are guides. They were doing a little fishing for themselves in the off season.

**Kitimat River...**has spring run Steelhead. Fishing for them should start in March.

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

**Zymoetz (Copper) River...**is closed now for angling (as of December 31, 2006 above the lower canyon) to protect the “wintering over” wild Steelhead. Winter fishing is still available on the lower end below the canyon. I have a report of a nice fish landed with a fly last week.

**Ocean fishing Prince Rupert...**good fishing for winter springs is now happening in Prince Rupert. If you want to do this let me know. A summary of what is available year round can be read in the Archived Fishing Report dated April 13, 1997.

**Ocean fishing Kitimat Douglas Channel...**report coming soon.

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

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

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

GOOD LUCK and GOOD FISHING!

Yours sincerely,  
Noel Gyger

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

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## **Vintage Video Clips:**

### **Kalum River Steelhead - 2008**



Uploaded on January 14, 2009 - **Chad's 2nd Steelhead today!**

Rob Vodola, Chad Black and I were fishing for Steelhead on the Kalum River on November 26, 2008. We had a GREAT DAY! Conditions were perfect. Hope you enjoy this clip of Chad's 2nd Steelhead of the day.

**Cast on this link to watch:**

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

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

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  6. [Chinook King Salmon Guide Services](#)
  7. [Noel Gyger Guided Fishing Adventures](#)
  8. [Terrace BC Fishing Guides](#)
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### **Guest Reports and Photos - 2012 Season Review:**

Guest reports and photos are posted here:

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

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### **Past Top Photos:**



**January 12 to January 25, 2014. Looking forward to next season!** Here is my nephew Justin Gyger with a huge Kalum River Chinook (King) Salmon landed in May a few years ago now. This river "changed my life" when on May 23rd 1983 we landed a record [83-pound Chinook](#). **Steelhead** and **Chinook** caught on the same day is common this time of year. If you are interested to be guided on this river or any of our other rivers next spring or anytime for that matter, please [contact me](#) anytime. We have ocean fishing for Salmon, Bottom Fish and Dungeness Crab right now. **Cast on photo to view in larger size**



**December 29, 2013 to January 12, 2014.** Rob Vodola about to release a beautiful Kalum River Steelhead. This one landed while "float-fishing". Rob also gets em "fly-fishing". Kalum opens to guiding April 1, 2014. If you are interested to be guided on this river or any of our other rivers next spring or anytime for that matter, please [contact me](#) anytime. We have ocean fishing for Salmon, Bottom Fish and Dungeness Crab right now. **Pass the garlic butter please! Cast on photo to view in larger size**



**December 15 to December 29, 2013.** My nephew Justin Gyger about to release another nice Zymoetz (Copper) River Steelhead landed a few years ago. Our good friend Rob Vodola in the back ground. Guiding is still available on the Zymoetz (Copper) River. We still have a few rod days available so if you are

interested please [contact me](#) anytime. We have ocean fishing for Salmon, Bottom Fish and Dungeness Crab available too. **Cast on photo to view in larger size**



**December 1 to December 15, 2013.** Tracey Hittel of [Kitimat Lodge](#) about to release a beautiful, bright Kalum River Steelhead landed November 29th. **Note:** Kalum River is now closed to guiding until April 1, 2014 **BUT** guiding is still available on the Zymoetz (Copper) River. We still have a few rod days available so if you are interested please [contact me](#) anytime. We have ocean fishing for Salmon, Bottom Fish and Dungeness Crab available too. **Cast on photo to view in larger size**

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

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

## **Conservation**

**Fri Jan 31/14 6:26am**

Prime Minister Opens Door to Fish Farm Expansion in BC

Hello, It is with disbelief and horror that I write to tell you I just learned the Prime Minister of Canada has quietly opened the door to a major expansion of B.C.fish farms sector despite warnings by the 2012 Cohen Commission about the effects of net-based farms on wild salmon. No press release, just snuck this out the door.

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

98% of salmon farms in BC are owned by Norwegian companies - this is not about the people of BC. I think the Prime Minister of Canada is suffering from mental illness. This is not Canada.

I am writing to ask you to respond to this, stand up and make it clear to the markets that pay the three Norwegian companies in BC for these Atlantic salmon that this is not OK with you.

I just received a press release asking me to stand in front of a Superstore, any Superstore this Saturday and educate the public about farmed salmon.

[http://alexandramorton.typepad.com/10\\_reasons\\_not\\_to\\_eat\\_far/](http://alexandramorton.typepad.com/10_reasons_not_to_eat_far/)

And so I am passing this media advisory on to you. If it does not come through please visit my blog.

I can promise you this - we are facing something very, very big. This requires everyone who understands to speak to the markets who fuel this madness

I ask that you show up, be peaceful in honour of who we are and don't let this happen to the coast of British Columbia.

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

**Thu Jan 16/14 6:27am**

DFO hands over fisheries protection along pipelines to the NEB

[Cast here](#) for details

**Fri Jan 10/14 6:27am**

Farming salmon on land "is" possible, project suggests.

Future of fisheries may NOT require fish to ever see the ocean

[Cast here](#) for the details

**Mon Jan 6/14 6:26am**



Land-based fish farms getting into the swim of things in B.C.

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

**Mon Dec 23/13 6:23am**

**CFIA finally answers - 2013 in review**

Hello, In the final weeks of 2013, I finally heard back from the CFIA. They never did retest my samples. The ramifications of this have not been fully assessed.

Whole Foods sells Norwegian farmed salmon, using guidelines that exceed WHO levels for some toxins

In a short video I recap an incredible year and give you an idea of where I am headed.

[http://alexandramorton.typepad.com/alexandra\\_morton](http://alexandramorton.typepad.com/alexandra_morton)

Thank you for your encouragement, ideas and support. Please let me know if you want me to continue

It has been an incredible year,

Alexandra Morton

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

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

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

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

**Fri Jan 31/14** 6:26am

January 29, 2014

**When drilling goes sideways**

[http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-jan-29\\_2014.pdf](http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-jan-29_2014.pdf)

**Mon Jan 27/14** 6:36am

January 22, 2014

**Sorry, no title for this story**

[http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-jan-22\\_2014.pdf](http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-jan-22_2014.pdf)

**Sun Jan 19/14** 6:49am

January 15, 2014

**Under assault**

[http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-jan-15\\_2014.pdf](http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-jan-15_2014.pdf)

**Mon Jan 13/14** 6:27am

January 8, 2014

**Risks**

[http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-jan-8\\_2014.pdf](http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-jan-8_2014.pdf)

**Sun Dec 29/13** 6:22am

December 15, 2013

**Winter fish**

[http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-dec-25\\_2013.pdf](http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-dec-25_2013.pdf)

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



<http://www.steelheadsociety.org>

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

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

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## **News updates:**

**Sun Sep 8/13 5:01am**

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

British Columbia Tidal Waters Sport Fish Packaging Guidelines:

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

**Sun Aug 25/13 5:01am**

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

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

**Wed Jul 17/13 5:01am**

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

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

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

Region 6

#### **Bulkley River – Date change**

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

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

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

Variation Order No: VO 2013–319

**Sun Mar 10/13 5:06am**

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

Subject: FN0103-RECREATIONAL - Eulachon - All Freshwater in BC - Gear restriction

[Cast here to read notice](#)

**Wed May 2/12 5:00pm**

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

**Sun April 8/12 5:00pm**

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

**Sun April 8/12 5:00pm**

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

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

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

Total Uploaded Views as of January 15, 2014 were: **796,703**

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

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

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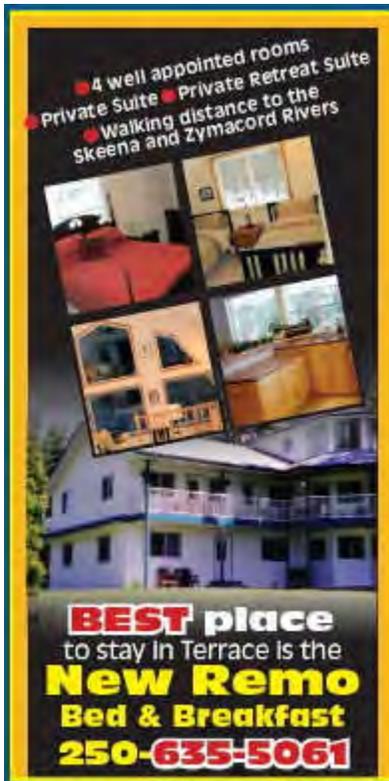
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<http://images.drivebc.ca/bchighwaycam/pub/html/www/111.html> to view road conditions. This one is near Terrace BC and is located at the junction of Highway 16 and Highway 37, looking east on Highway 16. The image will update every 15 to 30 minutes

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

On-line tidal waters fishing licenses:

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

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

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

Effective April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2015

Check for In-season Regulations Changes at:

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

Buy your fishing license online at:

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

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## **Market Place:**

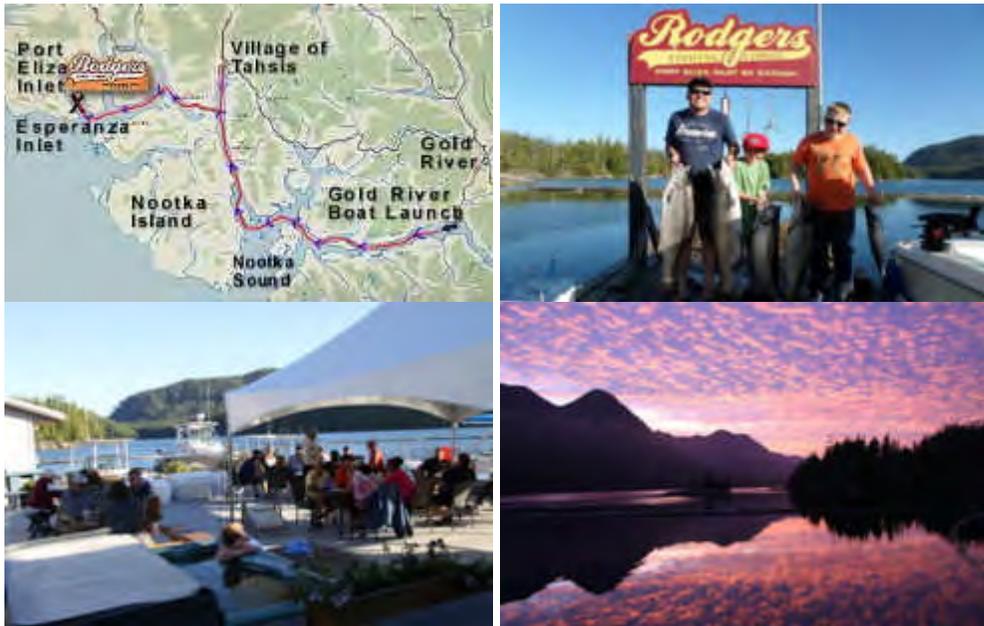
**For Sale**

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

**Fri Jan 31/14 6:25am**

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





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

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

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

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

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

Asking price \$1,199,000

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

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### **For Sale**

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

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

**ECO Tour Tenure license for sale:**

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

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