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**Top Photo: Posted June 23, 2012.** Ariel Koppers (right) poses with his friend Phil and a very fresh Kitimat River Chinook (King) Salmon landed before the water got dirty. Ariel is an AAG (Assistant Angling Guide) for Tracey Hittel of [Kitimat Lodge](#). If you are interested to be guided by Ariel please [contact Noel Gyger](#) anytime. Use the e-mail link or phone me at 250-635-2568.

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## River, Ocean and Lake Reports

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

*Last update was Saturday, June 30, 2012 at 4:15pm*

**Sunrise 5:02am Sunset 10:12pm**

### BOOKING NOW for:

- Kitimat River for [Chinook \(King\) Salmon](#)
- 2012 Schedule of [hosted trips with Jeff Bright](#) & Current Availability - see list below
- Skeena River [summer-run Steelhead](#) and Salmon
- Skeena River and tribs for [Chinook \(King\) Salmon](#)
- Douglas Channel ocean fishing for [Salmon and Halibut](#)
- Prince Rupert ocean fishing for [Salmon and Halibut](#)

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**Commentary:** Wind: S 19km/h partly cloudy (+14 degrees C) Chinook (King) Salmon is the target fish right now. And, of course, there is always Trout available in our rivers, lakes and streams. **Update: Product Profile: Tuf-line** [www.tuf-line.com](http://www.tuf-line.com) **Update: For Rent** Fully furnished quaint cottage near Lakelse and Skeena Rivers, scroll to [Accommodation](#) section near end of this webpage. **Update:** The **BEST** place to stay and fish in Terrace BC is the [New Remo Bed & Breakfast](#), scroll to [Bed and Breakfast](#) section near end of this webpage. **Update:** for Skeena, Kitimat, Copper and Kalum Rivers. **Update: New Top Photo** posted June 23/12. To see this months past **Top Photos** scroll down to the [Past Top Photos](#) section. **Update:** Noel Gyger [YouTube](#) videos have received over 650,000 views. **Update:** FULL monthly [Fishing Report for May 2012](#) is posted. **Update: Tye Test Fishery** numbers posted. **Update:** scroll down one inch to see the latest **flood watch** update. **Update: Tracey Hittel** of [Kitimat Lodge](#) sends pics and report from the Douglas Channel. **Update: Rob Brown** "The Skeena Angler" latest article titled "Reg rage three". More updates should come in as the day moves on. Cast on link to send me your [fishing report](#) or [feedback](#). Or phone **250-635-2568**, if I am not available leave your report on my answering machine. **Scroll down to read ALL the Current updates in Red highlighted in Yellow**

**The most up-to-date reports are DATE STAMPED** (Example: **Tue July 11/11**) **So when you scroll through the report look for these markers.**

**\*\* Cast on this link to see the latest [flood watch](#) update \*\***

**Sat June 30/12 5:10am**

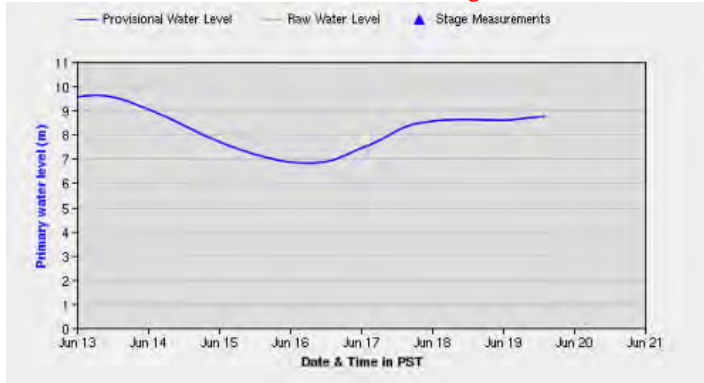
### **Skeena River:**



**Pic taken on June 2, 2012**

Water is very high and dirty this morning. And on the rise again. Even with the dirty water there are lots of Chinook swimming upstream to their spawning rivers. We just need cleaner water to catch them. **Tip:** You could try fishing for them at the tributary mouths. Example: Exchamsiks and Kasiks rivers. **Reg:** all wild Steelhead everywhere in British Columbia are catch and release. I suggest the fishing rod be a [GLoomis STR 1265c/10'6" MED-HEAVY Moderate Action \(GL 2 8-17lb – 3/8 to 1 oz.\)](#). Reel [Shimano Calcutta \(400B\)](#) filled with 20lb test [Maxima](#) mono. [Gibbs](#) makes some great floats. Be sure to use a [Gamakatsu](#) hook.

Wed June 20/12 5:10am Skeena River heights below:



Direct Link to Skeena River water heights

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

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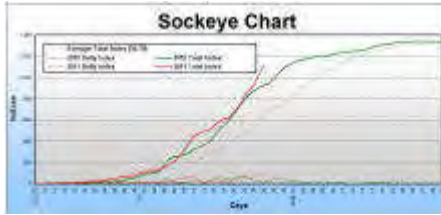
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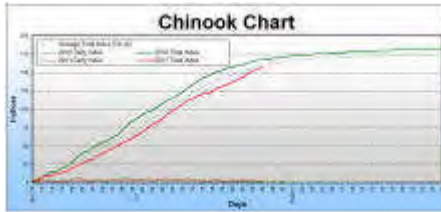
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## Tyee Test Fishery:



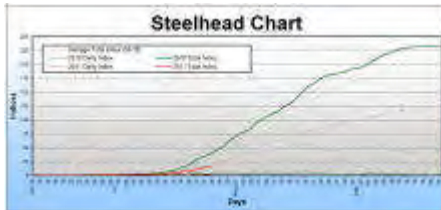
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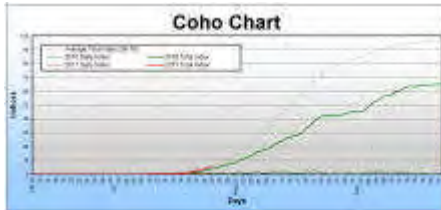
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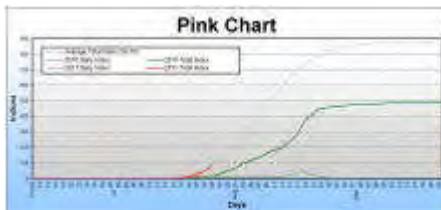
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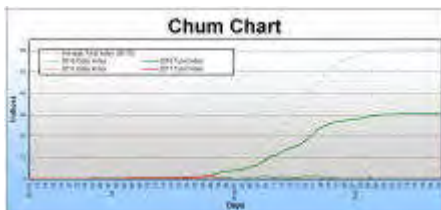
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## Chum Charts

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**2012 Schedule and Current Availability**

- Dean River Summer Steelhead & Chinook ~ Jul 6-13 ~ full
- Skeena Camp Summer Steelhead & Salmon I ~ Aug 19-25 ~ 3 spots available
- Skeena Camp Summer Steelhead & Salmon II ~ Aug 26-Sep 1 ~ 2 spots available
- Sustut River "Steelhead & Bamboo Week" (Bob Clay co-host) ~ Sep 1-8 ~ 4 spots available
- Deschutes River Steelhead ~ Sep 10-13 ~ 3 spots available
- Kamchatka Steelhead Project ~ Sep 19-30 ~ please inquire
- Skeena Fall Steelhead ~ Sep 23-29 ~ full
- Deschutes River Steelhead ~ Oct 22-25 ~ availability tba
- John Day River Steelhead ~ dates and availability tba

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



**Sat June 30/12 5:10am**

**Kalum River:**



Pic taken on June 2, 2012

Both the lower and upper sections are very high and flooding. Fishing is poor. Lots of debris suspended in the water. Some of that debris are full size trees. The upper end is closed to fishing Chinook. The river record is 86-pounds.

**Regarding Chinook, here are some very important regulations:**

**Upstream of signs below lower canyon:**

- Jan 01 - May 24 limits 4 per day, none over 65cm. In other words "catch and release" the big ones.
- May 25 - Dec 31 No fishing for Chinook.

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

**Thu June 7/12 5:10am**



This is the time of year you have a chance to land huge, fresh Chinook (King) Salmon. Photo by Tracey Hittel of [Kitimat Lodge](#). If you are interested booking a guided trip for these fish please [contact Noel Gyger](#) anytime. Use the e-mail link of just give me a call at 250-635-2568. Thank you.

**Lakelse River:**

**Tue May 29/12 5:10am**

Water is very high due to warm weather. River is murky in color and fishing conditions are difficult.

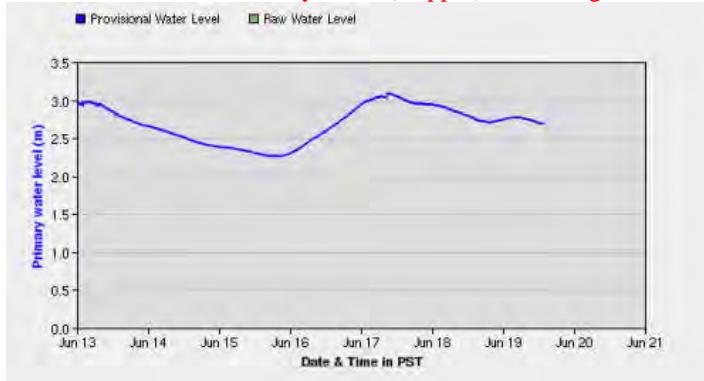
**Zymoetz (Copper) River:**



**Pic taken on June 2, 2012**

Water is too dirty to fish and is on the rise this morning. No chance for fishing for awhile. **Facts:** Last year we had a record run of Steelhead, lets hope at least we have another good run this year. The fly rods work extremely well in this river. **Fly fishing suggestion:** [Kamloops Dragon fly rod](#), [10' Kamloops fly reel](#), AFTMA #8line. Backing [Dragon Fly](#) "Bright Orange" 30lb, 150 yard spool. Fly line [SA Sharkskin](#) Steelhead WF-8-F. **Where:** Sockeye fishermen are working the bars across from the Copper River. Fly fishing is the choice of many anglers on this river. Wading with quality [Simms](#) waders and accessories is the way to go. A friend of mine is very happy with his new [Islander](#) fly reel. [Trophy XL](#) fly rod, [Cortland Line](#) and [Maxima Tippet](#). **Tip:** Fly fishermen please wade safely by using a wading staff. [Trophy XL](#) makes a nice one in 7 sections. Easily folds up and stores in a pouch on the waist.

**Wed June 20/12 5:10am Zymoetz (Copper) River heights below:**



Direct Link to Zymoetz (Copper) River water heights:

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

### **Exchamsiks River:**

**Mon June 18/12 5:10am**

It is closed to fishing for Chinook above the highway 16 bridge but you can still fish for them below the highway bridge, that is if the water is clean.

### **Kasiks River:**

**Mon June 18/12 5:10am**

It is closed to fishing for Chinook above the highway 16 bridge but you can still fish for them below the highway bridge, that is if the water is clean.

### **Kitimat River:**

**Sat June 30/12 5:10am**

Water is on the rise again due to the local rain and snow melt off. Even in tough conditions yesterday (June 26th) pro guide [Ariel Koppers](#) got his clients into Chinook. Fishermen are saying this is the worst year for June river conditions they have seen.

**Wed June 13/12 5:10am**



Ariel Koppers with a bright Kitimat River wild Steelhead. It is late in the spring Steelhead season but as this fish shows you can still catch them into June. BTW they caught Chinook (King) Salmon on the same day. Ariel is an AAG (Assistant Angling Guide) for Tracey Hittel of [Kitimat Lodge](#). If you are interested to be guided by Ariel please [contact Noel Gyger](#) anytime. Use the e-mail link or phone me at 250-635-2568.

### Wed June 6/12 5:10am

The river is starting to produce the odd Chinook this week. River conditions have been good to excellent this week. Fishers/fishermen are starting to show up in good numbers but the Chinook are just starting to run. When they show up, they will be a very large and eager group of anglers waiting for them.



**May 27:** Derek Wakita holding a 15 lb Chinook he caught drifting the lower Kitimat River. Congratulations Derek!

**Summary:** There is a very good set of high tides this week and with the Kitimat in excellent condition, I predict more Chinook will be reported in the coming days. Check your gear and line and test your knots, this season is going to be a good one!

Good Health and Good Fishing!

Sincerely,  
Ron Wakita

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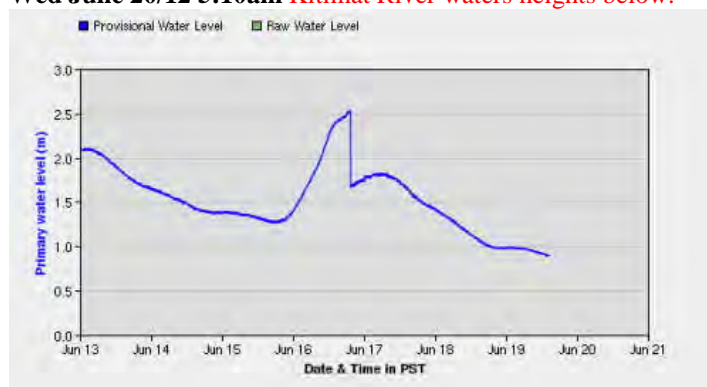
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## Smithers area Rivers and Lakes:

### Sat June 23/12 5:10am

All the local rivers are high and dirty. Caution is advised if around the rivers now. Rainbow Alley is fishing



well. **Tip:** Try a chartreuse nymph or caddis. Stellako is open and trout are moving around. It too is high so fish with caution.

Local lakes continue to produce nice Rainbow, Brookies and Cuthroat trout. **Tip:** Should be able to pick some up now with a mayfly or mosquito.

Have fun and use caution around high water. Tight lines!

### **Mon June 4/12 5:10am**

Finally, here is our fishing report for June 1!!!! Yes, fishing is happening.....

At Rainbow Alley fishing is decent with minnow pattern. Nice fish are being caught! For you avid trout fishers: The Stellako opens June 1!

Most lakes are fishing well! Lake trout are being caught near the surface. Try a T50 or a T60 flatfish...

Burbot fishing is also good at this time! Remember to use a 3 centimetre gap hook for burbot. For rainbow trout try triple teasers, small spinners, wedding bands and apexes. Chromomid fishing is also an option in lakes!

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### **Douglas Channel:**

**Sat June 30/12 5:10am**



Guests of Tracey Hittel of [Kitimat Lodge](#) are doing very well Halibut fishing down the Douglas Channel. Nice to have the option of fishing the salt when the rivers are blown out:-)



**Reliable Guide and Charters** Douglas Channel update:  
Halibut is excellent in the Douglas Channel

**June 17** - Valorie and Harold Johnsen and Katherine and David Galbraith had an excellent Halibut trip with Skipper, Sam Avila. They landed 4 Halibut, a couple Grey Cod and a bunch of Crab. Anyone wishing to book a trip with Sam please contact Ron [wakita@telus.net](mailto:wakita@telus.net)

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**Prince Rupert Ocean Fishing:**

**Mon June 25/12 5:10am**



What a fantastic trip for our guests from Calgary. This group of clients took over the entire Lodge to themselves. They enjoyed a customized menu and no schedule that they had to stick to. The whole 4 days was up to them.

On our final morning fish they found 2 legendary Tyee's to do battle with!!!  
What a great way to end this trip. I couldn't imagine it happening to a better and funnier group of guys.  
Once again, Anchovy's are doing the trick and Great Pacific Salmon Lodge is bringing home the fish.  
Come spend some time with us and see for yourself what everyone is talking about.  
Great Pacific Salmon Lodge, Prince Rupert's only Salmon fishing Lodge experience.  
Call today to get started on your once in a life time experience.  
Some last minute rates available, call for dates and rates.  
Jamie Hunt  
**403-813-2704**

**Tue June 12/12 5:10am**



Guests enjoying a Dungeness Crab feast



**Noel a quick fishing report for you from today:**

The Salmon rich waters around [Great Pacific Salmon Lodge](#) are on **FIRE!!!!!!!**

A set of our guides and manager took in a bit of test fishing today in anticipation of guests arriving on Friday.. 20 Chinooks (Kings) to the boat and they kept these two bad boys. Well done team!!!  
38 and 35 pounds each.

Great day on the water for Great Pacific Salmon Lodge.

If you want a chance at these types of HAWGS, we still have some last minute rates available (As low as \$1,500/person based on 4 per boat). Get in touch soon.

We do have a small amount availability for some super prime dates at the end of June/Beginning of July. If you interested, please call soon.

Jamie Hunt **403-813-2704**



Quick fishing report from the [Great Pacific Salmon Lodge](#). Great morning for halibut yesterday. This is just one of four caught just outside of the lodge.

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Our new head guide Shea Roth (formerly of Sand Spit adventures) showed us some new tricks and it's obvious his 23 years of experience is paying off for our Lodge.

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## History:

Wed June 6/12 5:10am

from June 10 to June 17, 2007



Mike Herzberg an associate guide for [Reliable Guide and Charters](#) drifting on the Kitimat River with Rob Vodola and Jeremy Brady hooked nine Chinook landing four. They kept a 45lb. and a 28lb. and released the others. What a great day fellas!

If you are interested to receive info as to booking a guided fishing trip for Chinook (King) Salmon please [contact Noel Gyger](#) anytime.

To read the FULL report from **June 10 to June 17, 2007** [cast on this link](#)

Hope you enjoy a little history. Thanks. Noel Gyger

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**Posted June 7 - June 18, 2012.** Hi Noel, I did a drift yesterday on the Kitimat River with Tracey Hittel (holding Chinook), and Donny Webber. Donny is an AAG guide for Tracey Hittel of [Kitimat Lodge](#). We landed two Steelhead and this beautiful Chinook. Also attached is one of the Steeles we landed. It was a total chromer. Hope you like the pics and may be helpful in a future report for the week. Best, Ariel Koppers

Thank you for the report and pics Ariel. Ariel is an AAG (Assistant Angling Guide) for Tracey Hittel of [Kitimat Lodge](#). If you are interested to be guided by Ariel please [contact Noel Gyger](#) anytime. Use the e-mail link or phone me at 250-635-2568.



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**Posted May 24 - June 1, 2012.** WOW bright, fresh Chinook (King) Salmon taken on a fly rod! The lucky angler was Willie McCleary of Terrace BC. Fish was released after a quick photo by Dennis Therrien. [Contact Noel anytime](#) for info to book a guided fishing trip for Big Chinook (King) Salmon. Noel's phone is 250-635-2568. **Cast on photo for larger size**

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**Sun June 17/ 12 5:10pm**

Happy Father's Day!!!!

One more sleep before the Bulkley, Morice, Kispiox..... open. Now we need the rivers to come down and clear up. There is still a bit more snow to melt on the hills.

Here is an electronic copy of the [Sales Flyer for Oscar's Source For Adventure](#). Drop by the store and get ready for the fishing season.

From today until June 23: Buy one piece of clothing at regular price and get the second piece of equal or lesser value at 1/2 price!!! Sale is happening in both stores.

**Mon June 4/ 12 5:10am**

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



**Some exiting news from Oscar's Source For Adventure:**

We are holding a **silent auction** for a Loomis NRX 8/9 13' spey rod. This fantastic rod is valued at \$1100.- Place bids in store! Draw to take place June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012. All proceeds will go to the Babine Watershed Foundation. Your chance to get a brand new spey rod just in time for fishing season.....

Have you received our fishing flyer in the mail? Father's day is fast approaching... Lots of great gift ideas. Waders, tackle boxes, smokers.....

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The Kitimat is producing some springs now. Watch the river level before you go! Some springs have been spotted in the Kalum as well. Again check river levels before you go.....

Remember that all rivers are closed to angling above Cedervale until June 16!

Happy Fishing to everyone!

**Oscar's Adventure Travel**

Hello.

Check out our latest venture at; [www.oscarsadventuretravel.com](http://www.oscarsadventuretravel.com)

This is an adventure travel business promoting Smithers and area as well as North Western B.C. The focus at the beginning will be on salt and fresh water fishing. Check back in the coming months as we will also promote skiing and other opportunities.

The web site is up and running. We are looking for feed back and comments. We will update the web site on a regular basis to keep current.

You can follow us on facebook and twitter. If you like you are welcome to sign up for our mailing list which will send out tips and promotions on fishing and outdoor adventures.

Let your friends know about us if you like what you see. If you have any ideas or if something is missing let us know so we can do our best to provide a great service to our area.

Thank you.

Alex, Jim, Steve

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

Robin Rowland, the editor and publisher of **Northwest Coast Energy News**, first encountered the northern British Columbia wilderness as a toddler on the shores of Ootsa Lake. After a short time in Vancouver, his family moved to Kitimat, where his father Fred, was the assistant property manager for Alcan. For the first two years, the family lived in the old Smeltersite (where from time to time his father would go fishing with others with Haisla guides on Douglas Channel and take the kid along). After that the Rowland family moved to main the Kitimat townsite. After seven years in Kitimat, the family moved to Toronto where Fred Rowland joined the development department of the booming city. Robin attended York University and then studied journalism at Carleton. He worked as a reporter photographer for the *Sudbury Star* and later was hired by CBC News, where he would work for most of his career (with gaps for travel, book writing and six years at CTV News). In 1996, he joined the new CBC news online division. In 1998, he was named web producer for The National and in 2003 became photo editor for CBC News. In 2010, Robin decided to take early retirement and return to northern British Columbia to pursue his interests in photography and writing.

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

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

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

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**Thu June 21/12 5:10am**

[Oil spill at Enbridge Athabaska pipeline sparks Twitter storm](#)

Less than a day after a delegation from Enbridge assured District of Kitimat council that it had learned the lessons of the oil spill last year in Michigan, there was an oil spill at the Elk Point pumping station on the Enbridge Athabaska pipeline.

**Sun June 17/12 5:10am**

[Coastal First Nations files motion with JRP to compel province of British Columbia](#) to participate in Gateway hearings

Coastal First Nations have filed a notice of motion with the Northern Gateway Joint Review panel, which, in effect, would compel the province of British Columbia to participate in the proceedings considering the future of the controversial Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline project.

**Sun June 10/12 5:10am**

[JRP releases draft report on Northern Gateway procedural conference](#), Kitimat concerns noted, no decision yet

The Northern Gateway Joint Review Panel has issued a draft final report on the procedural conference concerning the final two phases of the hearings, questioning and final arguments.

A lengthy section of the report concerns holding some of the hearings in Kitimat. Enbridge Northern Gateway supported Kitimat's concerns, at least for questions of marine shipping.

**Thu June 7/12 5:10am**

[DFO report to JRP says Northern Gateway pipeline will cross "high-risk" streams](#) but releases only two examples on Kitimat watershed

A Department of Fisheries and Oceans report filed Wednesday, June 6, 2012, with Joint Review Panel says the department has identified streams on the Northern Gateway Pipeline route that Enbridge identified as “low risk” but which DFO considers “high risk.” However, in the filing, DFO says it can’t release a comprehensive list of the high risk streams, preferring instead to give two examples on the Kitimat River watershed.

The DFO report comes at a time when the Conservative government is about to pass Bill C-38, which will severely cut back DFO’s monitoring of the majority of streams.

**Thu June 7/12 5:10am**

[Enbridge claims support from 60 % of First Nations on pipeline route](#); company also sticks to repudiated Gitksan deal.

Enbridge Northern Gateway says that 60 per cent of the aboriginal communities on the route of the \$5.5 billion Northern Gateway oil pipeline have agreed to accept an equity stake in the project.

In releases to the media today, June 5, 2012, Enbridge says that half of the communities that signed up for a piece of the 10 per cent equity stake on offer are in British Columbia and the other half in Alberta.

There was immediate controversy because Enbridge is refusing to release the names of the communities that have signed up for the deal for “privacy reasons.” The controversy was heightened late Tuesday when Enbridge spokesman Paul Stanway said the company’s deal with the Gitksan First Nation still stands, despite the fact both a majority of the hereditary leadership of the Gitksan and the elected council have rejected the deal signed by one chief Elmer Derrick.

In addition, Art Sterritt, executive director of the Coastal First Nations said that Enbridge’s claims about aboriginal equity partners a “sham”.

**Sat June 2/12 5:10am**

[Enbridge hires major PR firm](#), launches multi-million dollar Gateway campaign

Enbridge Inc. said Tuesday it is launching a multimillion-dollar advertising campaign in British Columbia promoting its Northern Gateway Pipeline.

[Haisla aim to take on feds, Alberta over Gateway](#)

The Haisla Nation have filed papers with the Northern Gateway Joint Review Panel asking permission to question both the federal and Alberta governments during the questioning phase of the hearings.

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## **Conservation**

**Tue June 26/12 5:10am**

Hello, The salmon farming industry is in deep financial trouble and their BC operations appear to be making their problems worse. Here is what the CEO's and Analysts are saying.

[How viable is salmon farming?](#)

Is government covering up the serious European disease issue in BC waters to protect an industry in deep trouble?

I would be interested in hearing thoughts on the contents of this blog from anyone familiar with the world of global corporate finance.

Thank you, Alexandra Morton

**Mon June 25/12 5:10am**

From [TheCanadian.org](http://TheCanadian.org): Conservative MPs Abandoned Our Salmon /More BS than Bitumen

Rafe: [BC Conservative MPs Who Abandoned Our Wild Salmon May Find Voters Abandoning Them](#)

Note well the names that follow, for they are British Columbia MPs who voted for the final destruction of the Pacific Salmon, the sea going Rainbow trout (Steelhead), river resident Cutthroat, resident Rainbow trout, river dwelling Dolly Varden and Bull trout: Don Albas, John Duncan, Nina Grewal, Richard Harris, Russ Heibert, Randy Kamp, James Lunney, Colin Mayes, Cathy McLeod, James Moore, Andrew Saxton, Mark Strahl, Mark Warawa, John Weston, David Wilks, Alice Wong, Wai Young, and Bob Zimmer. They voted for Bill C-38, a gross abdication of democracy.

[More BS than Bitumen Flowing from Alberta After Third Recent Spill](#) - by Damien Gillis

A story in yesterday's *Edmonton Journal* on the latest pipeline spill in Alberta was more full of crap than Alberta's farms and rivers are full of oil these days. This spill, from Enbridge's 541-kilometre Athabasca Pipeline - which officials are pegging at 230,000 litres of diluted bitumen - comes on the heels of two others in less than a month, including the Plains Midstream spill just last week near Sundre and Pace Oil and Gas' well leak near Rainbow Lake in late May. It's been a bad couple of months for an industry trying to win over public opinion for two major bitumen pipelines proposed to traverse British Columbia.

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**June 24/12 5:10am**



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**Our work cut out for us:**

Dear friends,

Now that the wraps are off the Harper agenda, Canadian media has stepped up to the job of unwinding the spin to reveal the gritty truth: Budget Bill C-38 is largely bloody-minded payback for every environmental assessment forced upon industry when it might have profited more quickly had we not taken care to protect our natural capital.

The federal government has so thoroughly gutted Canada's ability to undertake scientific investigation and monitoring that it has sent a clarion call to industry: we won't know if you mess up, because there's nobody left to look. And even if someone does look, there is now little law to stop you.

It came as no surprise last month when salmon farmers Marine Harvest pulled out of the Framework for Dialogue, a co-operative research study on sea lice and closed containment that we began with them in 2009. We had hoped to effect real change in salmon farming practices and progress was unquestionably made on that front, but the salmon farmers caught the scent from Ottawa and see no reason to cooperate for the good of wild salmon and the marine environment.

It is unfortunate that we have to return to doing the old way of doing business, as adversaries, prying information out of government and exposing the cover-ups: escapes, disease and sea lice outbreaks, and marine mammal shootings. We would prefer to find a better way to farm salmon through cooperation, but this is what it looks like when government exercises the raw power of a political majority to its fullest extent.

At **Living Oceans** we have our work cut out for us as never before. Now is the time to stand up for our coast, our oceans and our livelihoods. I want you to know that we greatly appreciate your support as we continue our work for healthy oceans for future generations.

Sincerely,

Karen Wristen,

**Sun June 10/12 5:10am**



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For decades, Canada's Fisheries Act has protected our salmon and their habitat. Now it's under threat. The Conservatives want to remove key parts of the law to fast-track risky industrial development.

Why should you oppose these changes to the Fisheries Act? Here are a few reasons:

- Protection for fish habitat is greatly weakened.
- Only lakes and rivers supporting commercial, recreational or aboriginal fisheries will be protected.
- The Feds are off-loading responsibilities to provinces and industry.
- DFO cuts undermine public and fish safety.
- These massive changes are undemocratic.
- Changes are being made to facilitate projects such as Enbridge's Northern Gateway pipeline and tanker proposal.

The changes are [opposed by four former federal fisheries ministers](#), including former Tory fisheries ministers Tom Siddon and John Fraser.

"They are totally watering down and emasculating the Fisheries Act," Siddon [told the Globe and Mail](#).

What can you do? Two things:

### 1. Call Canada's Fisheries Minister, Keith Ashfield:

Constituency Office: (506) 452-4110

In Ottawa: 1-866-599-4999 (ask for Minister Ashfield's office)

### 2. Sign the online petition

ForestEthics Advocacy has created an online petition that has already been signed by over 2,000 people who are opposed to the proposed changes to the Fisheries Act.

[Click here to sign the petition now.](#)

**Sat June 2/12 5:10am**

**CBC reports:**

Tests confirm virus at B.C. Salmon farm

[Fish at Mainstream Canada's Dixon Bay farm were quarantined and destroyed](#)

**Sat June 2/12 5:10am**

From [TheCanadian.org](#): Farm Disease Secrecy Act Pulled / 4 Ministers Oppose Gutting Fisheries Act / Clark Skips Premiers' Conference

[Alexandra Morton Press Release: Farm Disease Secrecy Act Quietly Withdrawn by Minister](#)

In the face of enormous public outcry, agriculture Minister Don McRae quietly withdrew his Bill 37 that would have made disease reporting in animals an offense punishable by two years in prison and \$75,000. The stated intent of the Bill was to encourage greater disease reporting by farmers in BC. On May 3, Privacy Commissioner, Elizabeth Denham wrote a highly critical letter calling Minister McRae's bill "extreme", pointing out Bill 37 "would override the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act" saying "this is a matter of deep concern considering the importance of disease management" and tying it to salmon farming.

[Clark Skips Western Premiers' Conference to Avoid Pipeline, Tanker Talk](#) - by Rafe Mair

The refusal of Premier Clark to represent BC at the annual Western Premiers' Conference is a disgrace! This is a very important conference. It allows Premiers to discuss many important issues. No doubt the Enbridge and Kinder Morgan pipelines and resultant tanker traffic will be on the agenda and Clark hasn't the guts to deal with this. This means that when Alberta Premier Alison Redford, who favours the pipelines



and tankers, raises this issue, whether on or off the record, there will be no premier of BC to put our views on the table.

Rafe: [Former Ministers Fraser and Anderson Should be Listened to on Gutting Fisheries Act...](#) Siddon, Not So Much

The fact that all four former federal fisheries ministers have taken a strong position on an omnibus bill that will not imperil but most surely devastate fisheries, fresh and salt water, across the land, should be taken seriously by the Prime Minister and his loyal lickspittles. The two important voices are those of John Fraser and David Anderson, both lifetime environmentalists who had, while in cabinet, the clout to protect fish and unhesitatingly risked their portfolios - something the present minister, Keith Ashfield, hasn't the guts to do.

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

I am honoured to have Rob contributing to my **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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June 27, 2012

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May 31, 2012

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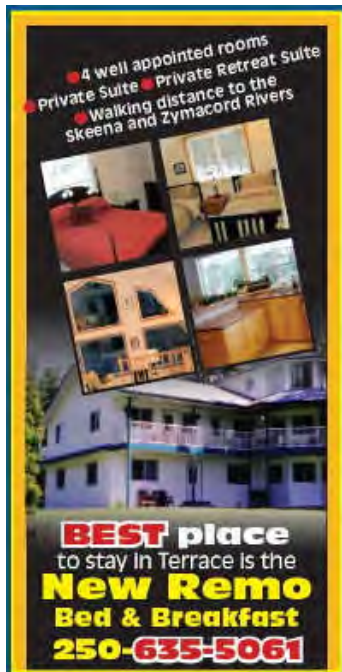
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[www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/recfish](http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/recfish)

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

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

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

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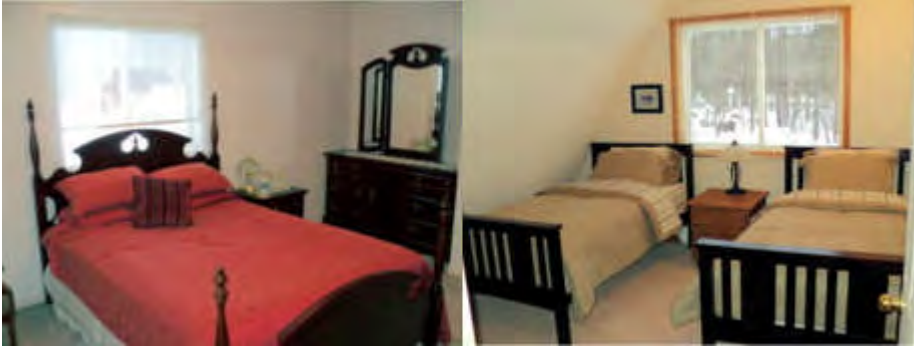
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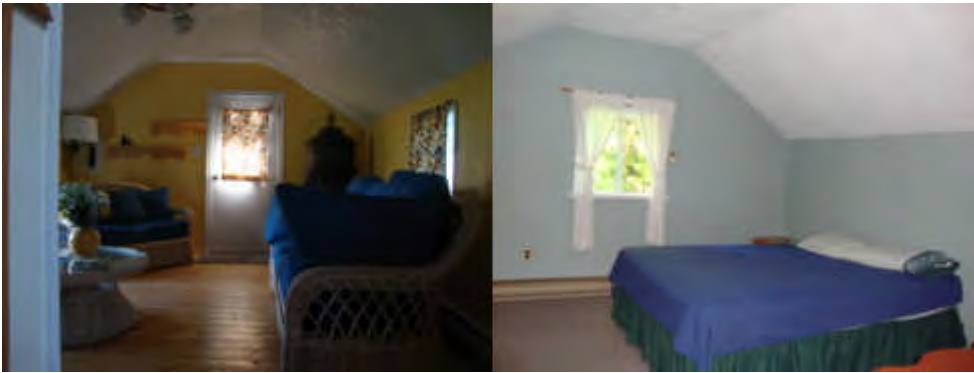
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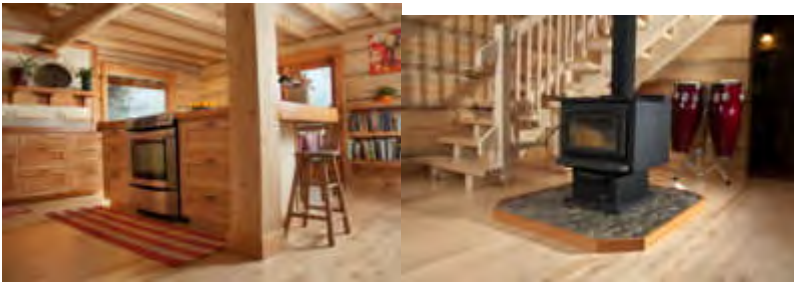
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