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Top Photo: Posted March 23, 2012. Ariel Koppers with a beautiful Skeena River trib Doe Steelhead landed with Spey fly rod last winter. Ariel is an **Assistant Angling Guide (AAG)** for Tracey Hittel of [Kitimat Lodge](#). If you would like to be guided by Ariel [contact me](#) right away. Ariel is one of the BEST angling guides I know. [Cast on pic for larger view...](#)

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River, Ocean and Lake Reports

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Last update was Saturday, March 31, 2012 at 5:31pm
Sunrise 7:10am Sunset 8:08pm

BOOKING NOW for:

- Chinook trips on the [lower Kitimat River](#) - see below under Kitimat River
- Steelhead trips on the [Kitimat River for spring Steelhead](#) starting early April
- 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: 0km/h partly cloudy (+6 degrees C) Good runs of Steelhead are noted...plus good local Trout and Dolly Varden Char fishing. **Guiding started on the Kalum River March 15th. Stay tuned for the reports. I call it the season opener! Yahoo! Noel Gyger has over 100 fishing video clips posted on YouTube.** watch fishing videos til you drop! **Update:** Product Profile: **Scotty** www.scotty.com **Click on the photo for a larger size.** **Update:** for Skeena, Kalum and Zymoetz (Copper) Rivers. **Update:** the FULL monthly report for February 2012 is posted. **Update:** [Great Pacific Salmon Lodge](#) now offer self guided fishermen. Scroll down to their section for more details. **Update:** The **BEST** place to stay and fish in Terrace BC is the [New Remo Bed & Breakfast](#) . **Update:** deformed Trout from the Lakelse River. 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.**

Sat March 31/12 5:10am

Skeena River:

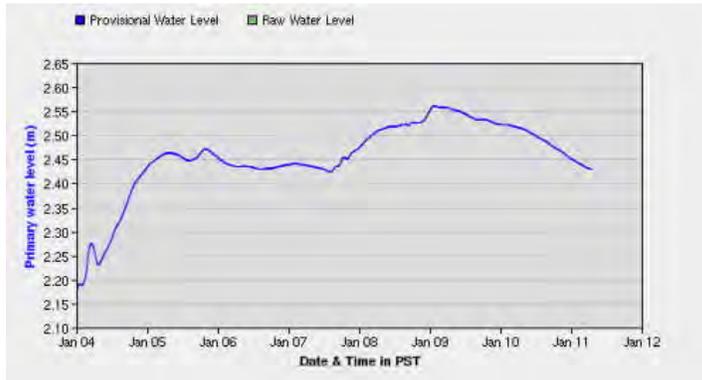
Water is in good shape. The spring run Steelhead are in the river now. Plus Trout and Dolly Varden Char. The Oolichan are in the lower river now. Thousands of Eagles, Sea Gulls and other animals are having a feast. **Reg:** all wild Steelhead everywhere in British Columbia are catch and release. I suggest 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.

Sat February 25/12 5:10am



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

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



Direct Link to Skeena River water heights

http://www.wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/graph/graph_e.html?stn=08EF001

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2012 Schedule and Current Availability

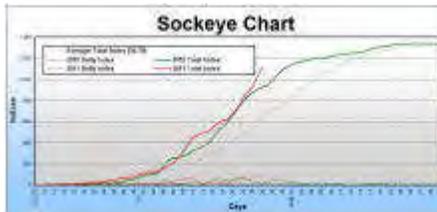
- Remote Coast Spring Steelhead ~ Apr 22-28 ~ full
- Prince of Wales Island AK Spring Steelhead ~ May 5-11 ~ 4 spots available
- Skeena-Kitimat Summer Chinook ~ Jun 24-30 ~ 4 spots available
- Dean River Summer Steelhead & Chinook ~ Jul 6-13 ~ full
- Skeena Camp Summer Steelhead & Salmon I ~ Aug 19-25 ~ 3 spots available
- Skeena Camp Summer Steelhead & Salmon II ~ Aug 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

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

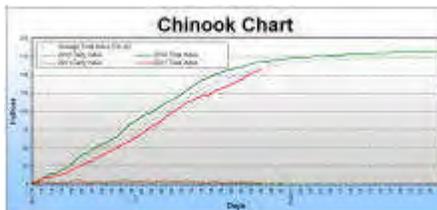
Note: Tye Test Fishery is shut down for this year.

Sockeye Charts



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Chinook Charts



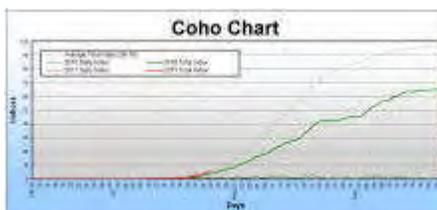
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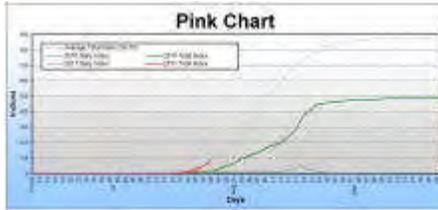
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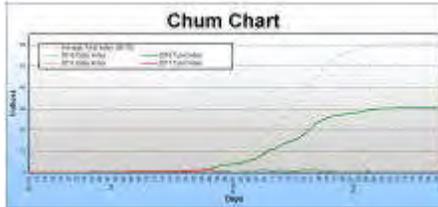
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Kalum River:

A good run of Steelhead are in the river now. Guiding started March 5th. I have reports of some good catches. The lower and upper end are in good shape. The water is very low. **How to:** This is a good river to float fish a Pink Worm or Goopy 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.

Lakelse River:

The water is clean and fishing for Trout is excellent.

Sat March 31/12 5:10am



If you catch a fish with this deformity [please let me know](#).

Backgrounder:

Hi Dana, please find attached two fish pics. I thought you'd be interested seeing these pics. My son-in-law Dennis Therrien caught and released this fish (Cutthroat) on the Lakelse River today. He was wondering if this is an injury or a biological defect? He caught fish that looked this way in the past...but this is the first time he got a pic. Please get back to us with your thoughts. Thanks. Best regards, Noel Gyger

Hi Noel, Dana Atagi asked if I could get back to you with regard to the cutthroat Dennis Therrien caught on the Lakelse River last week. Upper (and lower) jaw deformities, also known as pugnose, are seen at relatively low levels in many populations of fish. Research on the subject identifies that the deformity usually remains at low levels and doesn't expand within the population. The deformity exists throughout early development and it often becomes more visible at the fry stage and then develops at varying degrees with age. In most cases it isn't observed by humans until the fish gets larger and enters the fishery. In extreme cases the deformity can interfere with the uptake of feed and those fish often don't survive to maturity to pass on the genetic trait. This is likely why the incidence of pugnose in the wild is not that high. In other less severe deformity cases (such as the one your son in law caught) the fish are able to adapt, feed and spawn normally and will likely pass on this genetic trait. It seems like most of the science around the pugnose deformity (and many other genetic deformities in fish) has come from the fish farming industry and hatchery research. In these cases juveniles are able to survive at higher levels with the deformity due to their more hospitable man made environments.

Without seeing the fish there is a possibility that the deformity could have been caused by something else such as an early aged hooking injury. This can sometimes cause abnormal jaw, operculum or cranial growth as the fish grows. I'm guessing that's not the case from your photo. I have seen similar upper jaw deformities in coho from the Kitimat and Nass rivers.

Thanks for passing this information along and I will place it in our Lakelse River file for future reference. Please let me know if you catch any additional fish with pugnose on your fishing adventures.

Cheers, Jeff

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Sat March 31/12 5:10am

Zymoetz (Copper) River:

Water is low and in good shape. The weather is fantastic! Upper end remains closed for fishing. I received a fishing report from friends who say they had a good day fly fishing for Steelhead. They say they landed one that was estimated to weigh over 20-pounds. Sorry, no pics. **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.

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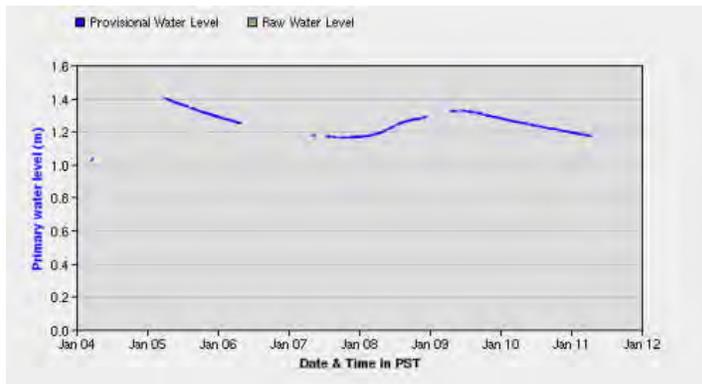


Chad and Noel, had a great couple of days (Feb 20-21) with Jeff, who was the perfect match for us geologists, and we shared stories about our work. In addition, he was a solid guide and helped Paola with her instruction.

Attached is a photo of the steelhead I caught on the Copper on the second day (yesterday). It was the nice pool upstream from Baxters, can't remember the name. Thanks to you both for all your help in giving us a great couple of days, my first winter steelhead, and an introduction to Terrace fishing.

Best regards, Howard Davies

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



Direct Link to Zymoetz (Copper) River water heights:

http://www.wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/graph/graph_e.html?stn=08EF005

Kitimat River and Douglas Channel:

Sat March 10/12 5:10am Douglas Channel:



We have been out prawning, crabbing and halibut fishing as its now open. Our 30 ft boat fishes a large group and we are starting our tours this week. A large group of sea lions are always present when we're out on the water. Kinda cool as they are quite large. Tracey Hittel of [Kitimat Lodge](#)



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Wed March 7/12 5:10am

Kitimat River: Weather is warming up. The water is in good shape. I have had reports of some good Trout Fishing. It is early for spring Steelhead. Stay tuned...

Wed November 2/11 5:10am

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

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



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Prince Rupert Ocean Fishing:

Wed March 7/11 5:10am

Report by Jeff Carlson

Once again you can tell when the new fishing season is about to start. All you have to do is take a drive along the Skeena River between February 25th and March 25th. The seagulls and eagles are starting to head up river in great numbers not to mention the sea lions as well. They are all after the eulachon which spawn this time of year. The Chinook salmon and Halibut also favour the eulachon which draws the fish to the inshore waters of the Prince Rupert area. It's time to dust off your gear and head out for some fun on the water.

There have been numerous reports of Chinook being caught in the Humpback Bay area, some in the 25lb range. With the halibut opening as of March 1st, there are more fishermen getting out on the water, in spite of the recent winter weather.

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Jeff Carlson

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Past Top Photos:



Posted March 16 to March 23, 2012. Darren Bisson with a huge Skeena River trib Buck Steelhead landed this winter. Darren is an **Assistant Angling Guide** (AAG) for Tracey Hittel of [Kitimat Lodge](#). If you would like to be guided by Darren [contact me](#) right away. Darren is one of the BEST angling guides I know. **Cast on pic for larger view...**



Posted March 11 to March 16, 2012. My nephew Justin Gyger holds his Dad's Skeena River trib Steelhead for a quick pic. Justin's Dad is my younger brother Mike. We had a super day of family fishing! Pic from 2007.



Posted March 1 to March 11, 2012. My son-in-law Dennis Therrien with a huge Kalum River Buck Steelhead.



Posted February 18 to March 1, 2012. Local fly fisherman Willie McCleary with a doe Steelhead landed in a local river this winter. Photo by Dennis Therrien



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Sat March 31/12 5:10am

NEW for the self guided:

Hi Noel, I just got off the phone with **Dundas 101**. It's a bit of a floating motel located on Dundas Island NW of Prince Rupert.

They will not be opening in 2012.

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If you have bookings with **Dundas 101**. I would suggest we talk as soon as possible in order to take care of your needs. Any available spots on the Island have or very soon will be taken up. Time is of the essence here in order to fish our area this summer.

Thanks

Jamie Hunt

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Wed March 28/12 5:10am

Our Lodge is on TV!!!

Extremely happy and excited to report that TJ and Vanessa's episode (Outdoor Quest) on Wild TV is premiering all this week.

Watch these 2 enjoy all that [Great Pacific Salmon Lodge](http://www.GreatPacificSalmonLodge.com) has to offer.

It's a great episode and well worth watching. Lots of super shots of the Killer whales and of course who can forget about the great fight Vanessa had with her TYEE!!!!

It was fantastic having them at the Lodge and laughs will not be soon forgotten.

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Thanks.

Jamie Hunt
[Great Pacific Salmon Lodge](#)

A few pics of our lodge and some great fishing. To see all latest pics just cast to this link:
<http://smg.photobucket.com/albums/v718/JamieHunt/Salmon%20fishing%202011/>
Hey all. We just received this bit of press and I thought you would enjoy reading it:

Great Pacific Adventure

By T.J. Schwanky

There are many towns and cities across British Columbia that claim to be the salmon capital of the world but I'm not sure you'd find a place more deserving than Prince Rupert. This quaint little coastal town has been the hub of salmon fishing activity since the late 1800s when countless commercial canneries dotted the nearby shorelines. While a profitable commercial fishery still exists in the region, it's sport fishing now, however, that brings most fishermen to Prince Rupert. For some reason, I'd never fished this region so when SCI supporter, Jamie Hunt of Great Pacific Salmon Lodge suggested we come up and check out his new lodge, Vanessa and I jumped at the opportunity. We managed to talk a few friends into joining us and Jamie gave us run of the lodge. We'd be his only guests for four days.

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

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

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

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



To read to full article in a clearer PDF file just cast here:

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

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

Mon March 19/12 5:10am

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

 **Operation Tye: The Movie – Outdoor Canada**
 outdoorcanada.ca
 Down below is a video teaser for my adventure travel feature "Operation Tye," which appears in the Fishing 2012 issue of Outdoor Canada magazine (on newsstands February 5). Many of the images shown here do not appear in the print article. The following events took place July 17 to 19 in Chatham Sou...

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Steve Hidber - Oscars Source for Sports, Smithers BC www.oscarssports.com



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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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Sat March 24/12 5:10am

[Kitimat Council to ask Enbridge to respond to avalanche worries](#)

District of Kitimat Council voted unanimously Monday, March 19, 2012, to invite Enbridge to make a presentation to council about the concerns about avalanches along the Northern Gateway pipeline route that could threaten the town's drinking water.

[Enbridge presents strong case for marine safety planning](#)

Enbridge made its strongest public case yet Tuesday, March 13, that improvements in marine safety worldwide since the Exxon Valdez disaster in 1989, make the chances of an accident involving ships carrying bitumen and condensate in Douglas Channel and the BC Coast highly unlikely.

But one of Enbridge's own invited experts somewhat undermined the case by pointing out that in the event of a major tanker incident (as unlikely as Enbridge believes it may be) the resources of the federal and provincial governments are spread far too thin to deal with a major disaster.

Sun March 18/12 5:10am

[Minister issues non-denial denial on taking habitat protection out of the Fisheries Act](#)

On Friday, March 16, Fisheries Minister Keith Ashfield released a brief statement denying that the

government had made a decision to take habitat protection for fish out of the Fisheries Act (Earlier in the week reports had leaked saying that government intended to take protections for fish habitat out of the act, as way of clearing the way for industry.)

Ashfield's statement, which came at 4:40 p.m. Eastern Time appeared to be the classic buried government news release issued late on a Friday. The release actually did not deny facts of the leak, making it also a classic non-denial denial.

Sat March 10/12 5:10am

[New Enbridge forum in Kitimat? and energy boom strains YXT](#)

Kitimat Council to consider new Enbridge forum after warning about avalanches on pipeline route

District of Kitimat Council will consider a motion at its next meeting on March 19 to hold a second community forum on the controversial Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline.

The notice of motion was introduced by Councillor Mario Feldhoff after a request for a new forum by the environmental group Douglas Channel Watch.

Murray Minchin called for the forum after a presentation to council about the avalanche dangers at Nimbus Mountain, where Enbridge plans a tunnel through the mountain.

[Strains from northwest boom brings expansion at Kitimat Terrace airport](#)

The boom in construction in the Kitimat area, together with future energy projects, means Northwest Regional Kitimat Terrace Airport is straining beyond capacity, District of Kitimat Council was told at the regular meeting Monday, March 5, 2012.

The airport is looking for \$966,000 for works alone to expand the current aprons at the terminal building. The airport is also looking for money to improve the runways, which date from the Second World War

Wed March 7/12 5:10am

[Kitimat group launches anti-Enbridge petition/referendum](#)

Danny Nunes, a candidate for mayor of Kitimat in the fall election, together with a group of volunteers, is launching a petition/referendum opposing the Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline project.

Nunes was a gadfly candidate for Kitimat mayor in the fall election, gaining 85 votes.

Nunes pointed to a vote by Kitimat council on January 17, 2012, not to hold any council or vote or referendum on the Enbridge project until after the Joint Review Panel has reported, sometime in 2013.

"If they won't hold a referendum, I will," Nunes told Northwest Coast Energy News, referring to the District of Kitimat council.

[Joint Review Panel refuses to consider possible Enbridge plans](#) for a natural gas Northern Gateway

The Joint Review Panel has ruled that it doesn't have to include possible plans by Enbridge to add a natural gas pipeline to the Northern Gateway project in its consideration of the bitumen pipeline.

Since the JRP has no evidence at the moment to suggest that Enbridge has such a project "in sufficient planning stages to warrant inclusion within Northern Gateway's cumulative effects assessment," the Panel considers that it is inappropriate to consider a possible natural gas pipeline. If Enbridge did want to build a natural gas pipeline along the route, it would be subject to new and separate hearings.

Fri March 2/12 5:50am

[Smithers council votes to oppose Northern Gateway](#), fourth council within a month

Smithers has become the third northwestern British Columbia municipal council to vote against the Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline, joining Prince Rupert and Terrace. Earlier, one regional district, Skeena Queen Charlotte, also voted against the controversial pipeline and tanker project.

The vote in Smithers was 5-1.

[Prince Rupert council votes unanimously to oppose Northern Gateway project](#)

Prince Rupert council has joined Terrace and the Skeena Queen Charlotte Regional District in voting to oppose the Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline project and associated tanker traffic on the west coast.

The Prince Rupert Council vote was unanimous.

[“Fake Enbridge” Twitter account joins Gateway pipeline battle](#)

Soon after Enbridge Northern Gateway decided to ramp up its social media campaign, it had a rival, a Twitter account, clearly labelled “satire” called Fake Enbridge, @FakeEnbridge.

Conservation

Wed March 28/12 5:10am

From [TheCanadian.org](#): Langer Responds to Fisheries Minister / 625 Scientists Speak Out Against Gutting Fisheries Act

[Otto Langer Responds to Fisheries Minister's Defence of Plan to Gut Fisheries Act](#)

I cannot believe that it is the Jamboree Campground or drainage ditches/streams on a few farms that is the issue that has motivated the attempted elimination of habitat from the Fisheries Act. It just a cover, smokescreen or just an excuse to deliver on an anti-environment ideology. Over the years I have heard many complaints from industrial lobby groups like the the BC Business Council and many other such lobby efforts related to the pipeline, oil and gas, electrical and other industries. Their primary goal is to get DFO and habitat protection and environment assessment processes off their backs.

[Read Letter from 625 Canadian Scientists Urging Harper not to Gut Fisheries Act](#)

This past week 625 Canadian scientists onto signed a letter calling for the Harper Government to cease its plans to remove habitat protections from the Fisheries Act. The changes were first made public by Common Sense Canadian contributor Otto Langer, prompting many prominent voices across the nation and political spectrum to condemn the gutting of the Act - including former Conservative fisheries ministers John Fraser and Tom Siddon. Read the scientists' letter here.

[Water, Water Everywhere, but for How Long? Privatizing Water in BC](#) - by **Miranda Holmes**

World Water Day (March 22nd) is a good time to consider this: Canada has nearly 10% of the world 's supply of fresh water. How lucky are we? But what is all this water doing to earn its keep? Nothing. Or so think our politicians - and thirsty corporations like General Electric...The provincial government is expected to table a new Water Act in 2012. It is anticipated that the new Act will allow water license owners (whatever the purported use licensed) to sell to the highest bidder. The new owner can arbitrarily change the licensed use from, say, agriculture to heavy industry. In a drought such as Australia's, good luck to farmers who might need to buy water back.

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Wed March 28/12 5:10am



Dear friends,

We have one week to do something about the Harper government's alleged plan to remove habitat protection from the federal Fisheries Act. Thanks to those of you who have already taken action.

Please help us stop this gutting of the most important protection for marine habitat. Call MP Randy Kamp, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, at his B.C. constituency office (604-466-2761) or his office in Ottawa (613-947-4613). Tell Mr. Kamp that without viable habitat for fish, the health of coastal and ocean ecosystems will suffer, and so will the coastal economies that depend on them. Tell him his government must not proceed with this rumoured revision to the Fisheries Act.

Then call your MP whether they are in government or opposition.

- [Find your MP by entering your postal code](#)
- [Find your MP's phone number](#)

The Omnibus Budget Bill with these drastic changes for fish habitat will be tabled in the House of Commons on March 29 and the government will use their majority to promptly approve it.

Why not call right now? If you need more information [read Living Oceans' media release](#).

We must work together now to avert enormous environmental harm for the future. Thanks for your support.

Sincerely,
Mary Lindsay,
Interim Executive Director

Sat March 24/12 5:30am

From [TheCanadian.org](#): Simi Sara, Damien Talk Private Power, Fish Kills / Enbridge's Eastern Pipeline Plan / Rafe on BC Media's Epiphany

[Audio: Simi Sara, Damien Gillis Talk Private Power, Fish Kills, Enbridge on CKNW](#)

Listen to this interview of Damien Gillis by CKNW's Simi Sara on recent revelations that so-called run of the river projects are killing fish. The two also discuss Provincial Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Steve Thomson's appearance on Sara's show this past Friday and the complete lack of penalties or enforcement by either DFO or the Province on these blatant violations by several private power operators. They also touch on the Harper government's plan to gut the Fisheries Act and how that benefits Enbridge and the private power industry. (March 20- 12 min)

Trailbreaker: [Yet Another Tar Sands Pipeline in the Works... from Enbridge - by Mark Brooks](#)

With all the recent controversies and media attention surrounding the proposed Northern Gateway and Keystone XL pipelines, you would not be remiss in thinking that these are the only projects currently being considered to get tar sands crude to foreign markets. But you would be wrong. Although the project has not been officially confirmed, plans are in the works to pump bitumen from northern Alberta through Montreal to the Atlantic coast city of Portland, Maine, where tankers would then transport about 200,000 barrels a day of the heavy crude to U.S. Gulf Coast refineries and foreign markets.

Rafe: [Mainstream Media, Former Politicians Finding Religion on BC Libs, Fish](#)

Tom Siddon, formerly Federal Fisheries Minister has seen religion and is critical of his old party for removing "habitat" from the Fisheries Act. Siddon said the wording would turn fish into a commodity and overlook the importance of the broader ecosystem that, for instance, allows British Columbia's famous salmon resource to thrive. "If we want to preserve and protect our fish stocks, it's more than a commercial equation," he said.

[The Economics of Salmon Farms, Oil Pipelines and Natural Gas](#) - by Ray Grigg

Even without considering the environmental costs and risks of producing and transporting oil and gas, opening our markets to Asia and elsewhere is an unwise strategy for British Columbians and Canadians. The oil and gas industry should be jubilant at the prospects of pipelines and tankers. But everyone else in this country should be worried. The social and economic costs of a few closed salmon farms in BC would pale beside the damage inflicted by higher energy prices.

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Mar March 17/12 5:10am



Harper set to pull teeth from Fisheries Act

Dear friend,

Living Oceans Society is alarmed by the Harper government's alleged plan to remove habitat protection from the federal Fisheries Act. The changes to the Act will remove the most important protection that we have for the freshwater and marine habitat that Canada's fish species depend upon. It also threatens long-established coastal industries such as commercial and sport fisheries, ecotourism, and fish processing plants.

Can you help us stop this gutting of Canada's environmental protection? Please call MP Randy Kamp, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans at his B.C. constituency office (604-466-2761) or his office in Ottawa (613-947-4613) right away. Tell Mr. Kamp that without viable habitat for fish, the health of coastal and ocean ecosystems will suffer, and so will the coastal economies that depend on them. Tell him his government must not proceed with this revision to the Fisheries Act.

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The habitat protection provisions of Canada's Fisheries Act are one of the most important and effective pieces of environmental legislation in this country. "Section 35", as it's known, doesn't just protect fish habitat – it helps protect entire ecosystems. Its loss would be devastating.

Please call before this revision can be included in the Omnibus Budget Bill which will be tabled in the House of Commons on March 29. Once this change to the Act is introduced, Stephen Harper's government will use their majority to ram it through Parliament.

Without habitat protection in the Fisheries Act there are no barriers to projects and activities that could destroy fish habitats. For example, if this crucial requirement is removed and the Northern Gateway pipeline is approved, Enbridge may be responsible for preventing harm to critical salmon bearing rivers and spawning grounds. If habitat protection is eviscerated from the Act then there could be little opportunity for public input on new salmon farms or on expansions at existing salmon farms.

Please call Mr. Kamp and your MP today. Time is of the essence. We must work together now to avert enormous environmental harm for the future.

Sat March 17/12 5:10am

From TheCanadian.org: 3 Stories on Harper's Assault on Fish

Rafe: Harper's [Underhanded Gutting of Fisheries Act Designed to Help Enbridge & Co.](#)

Retired DFO senior manager and scientist Otto Langer has received and made public the news that under the Budget Omnibus Bill, the Fisheries Act will no longer protect fish habitat! Not only are they putting fish habitat in the hands of the pipeline builders and other despoilers of fish habitat, they are trying to slip this through in an omnibus bill to avoid a full debate. These are the same bastards that have already privately approved the Enbridge pipeline by super tankers down our coast through the most perilous passage in the world.

[NDP Fisheries Critic Takes Harper Government to Task Over Leaked Changes to Fisheries Act](#) - by **Damien Gillis**

Federal NDP Fisheries Critic Fin Donnelly took the Harper Government to task in Question Period earlier today over its plan to slip significant changes to the Fisheries Act into its omnibus bill. The changes - revealed in a document leaked to former senior DFO scientist and manager Otto Langer - would water down key habitat protections contained in section 35 of the Act. Donnelly raised the matter in Ottawa today, claiming, "At a time when the government should strengthen habitat protection, the Conservatives plan to gut one of the strongest environmental laws in the country. These changes will set Canada back decades."

[Veteran Fisheries Scientist Warns Harper Watering Down Fisheries Act in Omnibus Bill](#) - by **Otto Langer**

I have just been leaked a confidential copy of proposed changes to the habitat provisions of the Fisheries Act as directed by the political levels within the Harper Government. The government is totally re-writing the habitat protection provisions of Section 35(1) so as to remove habitat protection out of the Fisheries Act. This is a serious situation and will put Canada back to where we were in the pre 1976 period where Canada had no laws to protect fish habitat and no way to monitor the great industrial expansion that occurred in Canada with the consequential loss of major fish habitat all across Canada.

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Thu March 15/12 5:10am

Today I received ISA virus positive test results for Atlantic salmon bought in several BC supermarkets and the Vedder River. I have posted photos and information on my blog. I have contacted the First Nation of the Vedder region.

<http://alexandramorton.typepad.com>

If we want wild salmon it is up to us.

Alexandra Morton

Tue March 13/12 5:10am

From TheCanadian.org: [Veteran Fisherman Warns of Supertanker Risks / Muzzling, Denial of Science Veteran North Coast Fisherman Warns of Serious Navigational Risks](#) to Supertankers- by John Brajcich

John Brajcich and his family have been fishing the north and central coast of BC since the 1930's, providing them with intimate knowledge of its many navigational hazards. Here, Mr. Brajcich outlines his concerns about proposed supertanker traffic through these waters: "This route would be extremely dangerous to tanker traffic. Using the Otter Pass route, Nepean rock becomes a very prominent problem for ships=92 travel. Should a major oil spill occur I feel an oil boom would not be able to contain it because of the velocity of the current in this area and the oil could travel 20-50 miles in one 6 hour tide."

<http://thecanadian.org/stories/your-voice3/item/1366-veteran-fisherman-serious-navigational-risks-supertankers-bc-coast-enbridge>

[Decline of Climate Change Acceptance Scares Leading Scientists](#) - by Ray Grigg

Dr. Nina Federoff, president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, said at a recent gathering of the AAAS in Vancouver that she is "scared to death" about the public's declining acceptance of global warming and the growing influence of well-funded skeptics who are spreading misinformation

about climate change. "I'm very worried," she confided to reporters, noting leaked documents from the influential Heartland Institute of Chicago that reveal it is planning a program for US public schools intended to discredit the evidence that the burning of fossil fuels is creating world-wide environmental threats.

[Audio: Damien Gillis Talks Tar Sands PR, Muzzling of Science on CFUV](http://www.thecanadian.tv/audio/Damien-on-CFUV-Mar9-12.mp3) or <http://www.thecanadian.tv/audio/Damien-on-CFUV-Mar9-12.mp3> to go directly to the MP3 file

Listen to this interview of Damien Gillis on Victoria's CFUV 101.9 FM by the Hidden News' host Mehdi Najari. The pair discuss a range of topics, including the Harper Government's taxpayer-funded Tar Sands PR campaign and the characterization of environmentalists and citizens opposed to the proposed Enbridge pipelines as radicals and threats to the national interest. What is the world's scientific community saying about Canada's muzzling of scientists and cutting off funding to key research projects and regulatory bodies - and how is that damaging Canada's global reputation? (19 min - from March 7, 2012)

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Mon March 12/12 5:10am

FROM: Alexandra Morton re: **Meeting with Norwegian Parliamentarians**

Yesterday a large group of people met the Norwegian delegates, that includes one of the most powerful men in Norway, as they entered a meeting with the operators of their BC fish feedlot corporations. While our meeting in the parking lot went well, the head of Mainstream's "Environmental Department and Communications" got into a scuffle with one of the Norwegian political leaders and stuck her tough out at us. Clearly the Norwegian salmon feedlot corporations are running out of lines of defense.

Today they will meet with the David Suzuki Foundation which has signed an agreement with Marine Harvest, funded at times by the Moore Foundation, that includes support for "production amendments." I walked away from this deal years ago, because these amendments would make the salmon feedlots bigger. They violate the biology and First Nations of the waters of the Kingcome and Knight Inlet, known as Broughton. The concept is to allow the industry to put more fish in each feedlot so they can fallow one migration route every other year. However, wild salmon need to go to sea unharmed by this industry *every* year and when these corporations get what they want, they may not want to play ball anymore and just stock all the feedlots with more "fish." Every time the industry ends up in front of a judge they talk about the productive relationships with environmentalists and indeed, making their feedlots bigger would be "productive."

If you are a member of DSF of please consider writing to Suzuki to ask for details of this deal called BAP/BAMP. One of the components of the deal was that Marine Harvest got to review all communications from the David Suzuki Foundation, Georgia Strait Alliance, the T. Buck Suzuki Foundation and Living Oceans. This may be why we never hear from these groups anymore about salmon feedlots. Now they meet on our behalf behind closed doors.

Big enviros are not the only ones seduced into relationships with these companies by promises of good behaviour. Many of the small salmon enhancement groups are now dependent on Norwegian salmon feedlot money. Marine Harvest paid the fine they got for possession of Broughton herring to one of these societies who have Marine Harvest posted on their "[wall of fame](#)" ! They should have given this money to the communities that lost the fish, but the enhancement group in Broughton refuse collaboration with Marine Harvest, and the First Nations want them to leave. Enhancement societies are now too scared to test salmon for ISA virus. Why wouldn't they want to know? What good is taking money to protect wild salmon if you can't check for the most deadly salmon virus known, a virus following this Norwegian industry around the world?

The book "Merchants of Doubt" describes something very similar to this, when Big Tobacco drew the Cancer Institute and the American Heart Association close. This is no coincidence as the BC Salmon Farmers Association and Big Tobacco hired the same PR strategy firm Hill and Knowlton.

Salmon Are Sacred is now financially broke. Industry repeats we are funded by large American groups which is not true. We will have to limit what we can do to our personal funds, which are also virtually non-existent, because many of the people in the photos in my blog, including myself have given too much to this movement to make ends meet.

Showing up in a parking lot is one of the options left to us and you can see how this went in my blog alexandramorton.typepad.com

Onward!

alexandra morton

Sat March 10/12 5:10am

From TheCanadian.org: Video: Rafe on Dix Pt.2 - LNG, Fracking, Enbridge, Fish Farms / Enbridge, Harper, China Cartoon

[Video: Rafe Confronts Dix on LNG, Fracking, Enbridge, Fish Farms](#) - by Damien Gillis

Rafe Mair pulls no punches in this, the second of a two-part interview with BC NDP Leader Adrian Dix - grilling the potential future premier of BC on Liquid Natural Gas, fracking, the proposed Enbridge pipeline and salmon farms. Will the NDP stand up to Harper over Enbridge and open net pen aquaculture? Why do they favour LNG - and how do they reconcile their support for it with the controversial fracking process that would supply it with much of its gas? Watch and find out!

[New Gerry Hummel Cartoon: Harper Rolling Out the Welcome Mat for China](#)

Check out this new cartoon from Gerry Hummel highlighting the push to open up BC and Alberta's fossil fuel resources to emerging Asian markets like China. In recent months both Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his Resources Minister Joe Oliver have told Canadians and leaders on the world's stage that the Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline will be built no matter what, despite intense opposition from the public and First Nations in BC.

[Rafe: Harper and Clark Playing Dangerous Games with Enbridge](#)

Where is Premier Clark? I believe that the provincial government has shared jurisdiction, yet she seems to think if she ducks her head British Columbians won't notice her...Even if Premier Clark can avoid the pipelines issue, she sure as hell can't avoid the tanker one. This will be a huge issue by the time the next provincial election comes around in May of 2013. I have no doubt that the NDP will be unalterably and vocally opposed to the tanker traffic and the premier will have to fish or cut bait. To make it worse, she's in a Catch 22 position - if she opposes the tanker traffic many of the right wing of the party will vote Conservative; if she supports it, the centre/left and the crucial swing folks will vote NDP.

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Wed March 7/12 5:30am

Letter to Norwegian Delegation touring Canada

A delegation of Norwegian Parliamentarians are touring Canada. They are visiting Quadra Island (escorted by John Duncan) which is the area where the Norwegian feedlots and 1/3 of all BC wild salmon come into to extremely close contact. I have written them a letter and posted it with their contacts on my blog.

<http://alexandramorton.typepad.com>

Fri March 2/12 5:10am

From TheCanadian.org: Video: Spirit Bear Guide Talks Tankers / Rafe on Enbridge CEO's Resignation

[Video: Spirit Bear Guide Marven Robinson Gets Personal About Enbridge](#) - by Damien Gillis

Marven Robinson speaks to Damien Gillis in Prince Rupert the day after the big rally he helped organize against Enbridge on Feb. 4, 2012. A spirit bear guide from the Gitga'at Nation of Hartley Bay in BC's Great Bear Rainforest, Robinson opens up about a range of topics - from the navigational risks of the proposal to the toll dealing with Enbridge has taken on his family and community. The Gitga'at will have their opportunity to address the Joint Review Panel on Enbridge's proposal at hearings in Hartley Bay on March 2-3. (7 min)

[Rafe: Is Enbridge's CEO Really Retiring to Build His Grandson a Hockey Rink?](#)

To me there's something fishy going on - rather like the story "when a husband sends his wife flowers for no reason, there's a reason." Why is Mr. Daniel giving 10 months notice of his departure, elevating Mr. Monaco to the president, who it would seem, is taking over the company reins so Daniel can build an outdoor skating rink for his grandson? Why was the matter announced with such nonchalance?

Grandchildren wanting an outdoor rink in Atlanta, Georgia, of all places, doesn't quite have the pizzazz one has come to expect from huge companies kissing off Mr. Daniel who has done so much to take Enbridge from a flat financial position to great heights.

Rafe: [Transport Canada's Clearing of Enbridge Ignores the Facts](#)

What an interesting pair of stories =96 on the one hand Transport Canada has said that tanker traffic is safe on our pristine west coast while another tells of Enbridge repairing its faulty pipeline that resulted in yet another spill for the company this past May in the Northwest Territories. Now sisters and brothers, repeat after me: LEAKS AND SPILLS FROM THE TAR SANDS TO THE COAST AND THEREAFTER, DOWN THE COAST ARE INEVITABLE AND THE CONSEQUENCES WILL BE CATASTROPHES. We are being subjected to an Orwellian barrage of bullshit.

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Rob Brown - The Skeena Angler

I would like to welcome Rob back to my **Weekly Fishing Reports**. Rob contributes a weekly column to our local **Terrace Standard Newspaper**: http://www.bclocalnews.com/bc_north/terracestandard

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

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Guide loathing

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Kalum in Winter

http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-mar-14_2012.pdf

Sun December 4/11 5:10am

Noel Gyger has 96 fishing video clips on YouTube:

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

Total Uploaded Views as of March 19, 2012 were: **626,735**

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

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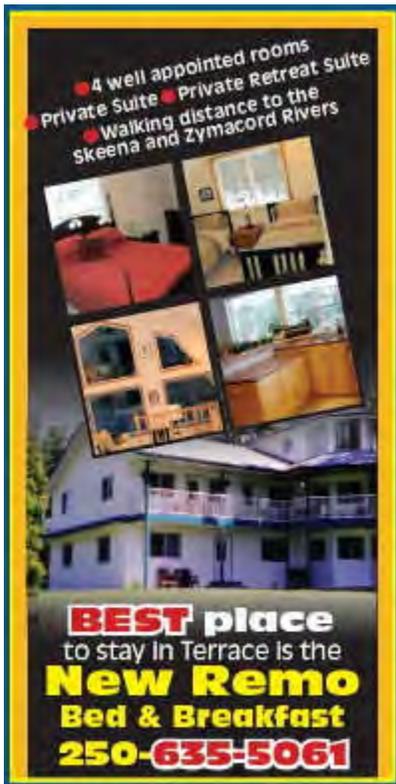
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Highway webcam: <http://images.drivebc.ca/bchighwaycam/pub/html/www/111.html> to view road conditions. This one is near Terrace BC and is located at the junction of Highway 16 and Highway 37, looking east on Highway 16. The image will update every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

Fishing Regulations:

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

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

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

Shellfish Contamination Closures:

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

On-line tidal waters fishing licenses:

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

2011-2013 Freshwater (Provincial) Fishing Regulations Synopsis:

www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish/regulations

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

Check for In-season Regulations Changes at:

www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish/regulations/#Inseason

Buy your fishing license online at:

www.fishing.gov.bc.ca

Safety and survival on water:

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

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

Attention Anglers Cold Water Kills:

The waters of British Columbia are cold year-round.

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

YOU HAVE:

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

PREVENT COLD WATER SHOCK:

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

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

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

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

Do this to your life jackets NOW:

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

SURVIVAL ITEMS ONLY

You should put the following items into the pocket:

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

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

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

Thank you and please be safe...

Noel F. Gyger

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

Market Place:

Sat March 10/12 5:10am

For Sale Terrace BC

Beautiful fishing home less than 10 minutes from the Skeena River





- 4002 Best St. - Built in 1998 - 2,700 sq ft of finished floor space - house 28' X 48' - Garage 24.5' X 26' = 663 sq ft
- Assessed value 2009, \$327,600 - 2011, \$288,500 2010 taxes - \$3559.56
- 5 Bedrooms, 3-up and 2-down Master bed has 4 piece ensuite + walk in closet
- Total of 3 - 4 piece bathrooms 2 up and 1 down
- Heating, forced air gas furnace + in floor hot water heat throughout basement
- HRV ventilation system - Central Air Conditioning - Gas and Electric stove hook up - N gas BBQ hook-up on patio
- New 30 year roof installed May 2011, Landscaped lot, in ground sprinkler system
- Mixed flooring, 3/4 oak LR, dining, hall and MBR, Ceramic tile, Kitchen, entrance, stairs, 2 downstairs BR
- Carpet in 2 upstairs BR, and 600 sq ft family room
- Two car garage - RV Parking - Paved driveway - Daylight basement - Built in Vacuum - Gutters have leaf guards
- Built in storage cupboards in garage and family room - Garden shed under 12 X 16 Patio
- F / S / WD /DW included Asking \$345,000.00

For more information and more pics contact Jim or Eileen Callanan 250-635-3620

For Sale

Telkwa BC

Handcrafted log home on 1.41 acres **Bulkley River frontage**





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