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Top Photo: March 23, 2013. David Wulms with a beautiful Steelhead. David is the owner and angling guide for [Grizzlyking Fishing](#) in Terrace, BC. If you need info to book a pro fishing guide [contact me](#) anytime. **Cast on photo to view in larger size**

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Commentary: Wind: N 16km/h A few clouds (+7 degrees C) Steelhead are the main target fish now on a few very special rivers. Trout (Cutthroat and Rainbow) and Dolly Varden Char are always available in the rivers, streams and lakes. Check out the size of the Steelhead and Salmon 2012 runs in the Skeena River [Tyee Test Fishery](#) section below. **NOTICE:** [please send me pics](#) of your catch, I would love to post them. **Note: For Rent** Fully furnished quaint cottage near Lakelse and Skeena Rivers, scroll to [Accommodation](#) section near end of this webpage. **Note:** We would like to **WELCOME** [Avid Sportfishing](#) on board, see [Haida Gwaii - Queen Charlotte Islands](#) section. **Note: The BEST place to stay and fish in Smithers BC is Santernos B&B** <http://www.santernos.com> Phone 1-250-876-8951. **Note: B&B For Sale** in Smithers BC scroll to [Market Place](#) section near end of this webpage. **Note:** Noel Gyger [YouTube](#) videos have received over 735,000 views. **Note: Jamie Hunt** of the [Great Pacific Salmon Lodge](#) reports for Prince Rupert **Note: January 2013 FULL** reports posted, see link above. **Note: Avid Sportfishing** Sign up to receive their E-newsletters and email notifications on last minute deals, see [Haida Gwaii - Queen Charlotte Islands](#) section. **Note: 2013 trip discounts** offered from [Grizzly King Fishing](#), see [Skeena & Northwest Rivers](#) section. **Note:** Fishing some sections of the [Zymoetz \(Copper\) River](#) closed Dec 31st. **Update: Skeena and Kalum Rivers.** **Update:** Noel Gyger [YouTube](#) videos have received over 743,000 views. **Update: Jason Gowda** sent pic of his fly caught Steelhead, see [Guest Reports and Photos - 2012 Season Review](#) section. **Update: Scotty** www.scotty.com best fishing equipment, "The Way To Fish", see [Product Profile](#) section. **Update:** Sponsored video for [Tuf-Line](#), show title "Jig Fishing for Coho", see [Vintage Video Clips](#) section. **Update:** Fishing Report from Mar 24 to 31, 1966, see [History](#) section. **Update:** We are pleased to **WELCOME SplitKing Lures** back onboard as a sponsor. **Update: FOR SALE** 10.55 acres Skeena River frontage, see [Market Place](#) section. **Update: Brett Floyd** sent pic of Chinook from last July, see [Guest Reports and Photos - 2012 Season Review](#) section. **Update: FOR SALE** stunning walk-on waterfront acreage with custom log home, see [Market Place](#) section. **Update: Tracey Hittel** of [Kitimat Lodge](#) reports on local rivers and includes pics. **Update:** Prince Rupert ocean report and pic, see [Prince Rupert Ocean Fishing](#) section. **Update:** Aquaculture critics say committee will be upstream battle, see [Conservation](#) section. **Update: Rob Brown** latest story titled "Regulation education", see [Rob Brown - The Skeena Angler](#) section. **Update:** See [Avid Sportfishing](#) report and pic in [Haida Gwaii -Queen Charlotte Islands](#) section. More updates will 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.

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

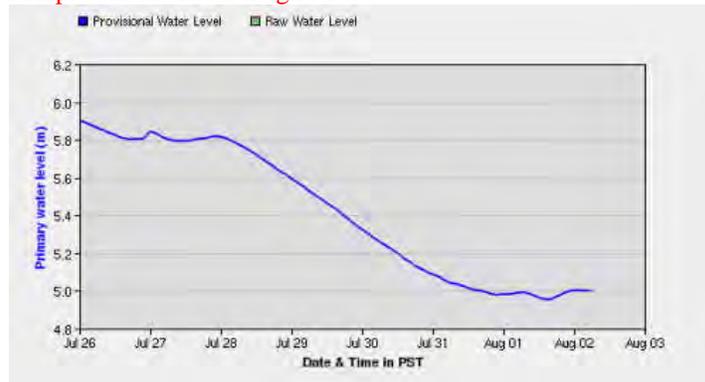
Skeena River:

River is very low and in good shape. A few Steelhead are being caught now. Trout and Dolly Varden Char fishing is very good and is available year round. Fly fishing is working well. The spring Steelhead run has started, a lot of the fish are heading for the Kalum River. **Reg:** all wild Steelhead everywhere in British Columbia are catch and release. The Steelhead run is very strong. Check out the **Tyee Test Fishery** charts below. Here is a direct link to the [Steelhead chart](#). **Tip:** 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. The Coho (Silver) Salmon run is below average. Here is a direct link to the [Coho chart](#). Many anglers are catching both Steelhead and Coho in the same day. The weather forecast is very good over the next few days, so get out there and catch some fish. If you need a fishing guide just [contact me anytime](#).

Fisheries and Oceans Canada Preliminary Salmon Outlook for 2013:

http://www.sportfishing.bc.ca/docs/preliminary_2013_salmon_outlook.pdf

Sample Skeena River heights below:



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Tyee Test Fishery 2013 season:

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Kitimat Lodge



Tracey Hittel, owner [Kitimat Lodge](#) steelheading for himself now that his guiding season is over.

Sun Mar 31/13 5:07am

Kitimat Lodge Steelhead fishing report - March 24, 2013



Another week and another above average steelhead extravaganza. Local rivers are still quite low and this pushes the Steelhead into the tail out water for sure. Holding fish as well fresh arrivals are in most systems and April will be a great time for the majority of the run.



Attached are a variety of wild steelhead from this week, enjoy!

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Sun Mar 10/13 5:09am
Kitimat Lodge Steelhead fishing report - March 3, 2013

A great week as arriving guest Don Stewart from Calgary Alberta flew in from his 1030 flight and by 2pm he landed his first ever Steelhead on the fly! He joked that he would be emailing his son by 5pm with a Steelhead, guess it was a bit early.

Don was using his single handed rod for this large Steelhead and landed it like a champ. Don then wanted to try the Spey and has now become a trained student as he landed a nice chrome Steelhead on a 7wt Sage. The last week has been very productive as Steelhead are entering the systems in large numbers as fish caught are well into double digits.



Speaking about double digits this super size male was landed today by 8 yr old Ethan. After being taken into his backing twice and now asleep with a throbbing thumb from the reel handle spinning uncontrollably from the epic battle, well worth the effort, and thanks to dad for the hook up with a Pink Articulated fly tied by Ariel.



Another sweet pic with the **Loomis** hat is Colin. He was fortunate to find a pool stacked with Steelhead in a variety of size and color.

March madness has definitely arrived and the sign of spring is upon us

Sun Mar 3/13 5:10am

Kitimat Lodge Steelhead fishing report - February 19, 2013

Another Pineapple Express along the north coast is producing not only mild weather but wild Steelhead as well.

We ran the jetboat yesterday for the first time, the Woodridge coughed and spit as I warmed her up and then she purred. Seconds later we were roaring down river to the first pool of the day. It took only a few moments and the first fish was on, then off! I followed in behind Ariel and send a light pink and white intruder into the deep emerald green water. Mid way thru the swing this small but aggressive hen steelhead boiled on the surface and it was fish on! It took only a few minutes to digitize this fresh hen and off she went, disappearing instantly into its hidden agenda. As we creeped down the pool of Spey desire another steelhead rose to the surface. The fish were active. We tried that same run at days end and Ariel had another great pull with no hookup.



This time of year the rivers are showing their bones and rocks are exposed waiting for aluminum to shine their sharp edges, but not today. We meandered way down river to the Spey fisherman's paradise, my shoulder crying for relief. I say no way and start fishing another perfect piece of fly desire, the entire river is all ours today. This time I switch to a black orange butt intruder and wham! Another fish on then off. We hooked quite a few fish that day only one made this report.

Attached is another nice Steelhead caught by the only lady of this report and as you can see its a very sizeable male. This time of year the Skeena and Kitimat systems are holding fish and if you find them, chances are you'll catch them. Our remaining pics are of Phil and Jesse two local fellas who are hardcore local anglers and thanks for the pics boys.



Our first Steelhead client of the year will arrive this Saturday, as well fishing on the Douglas Channel is picking up with many Dungeness Crab filling our traps. We have a tentative opening date for Halibut and we could be on the water as early as March 15th. Many bookings are coming in so please book your group as its going to be another good season and we look forward to our old friends joining us as well new ones for the 2013 season.

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Kalum River:

Water very low but if you know this river well you can still catch them. Spring Steelhead should be coming in now. These fish a bright fresh (see pic below) fresh. This river seems to have all three runs of Steelhead, spring, summer and fall. The fall run, from my experience, is the largest. So if you are coming to the Kalum to fish for Steelhead I would suggest the fall, starting mid September to end of October. This river usually does not freeze over in the winter. It will freeze if conditions are right and that would be if it is very cold and snowing. Slush forms and starts to back up the water when it hits the rocks. This slows the river to such an extent it freezes over. So far so good this year. **New Reg:** The fishing guides can guide from April 1 to November 1. If you are interested to book a trip [contact me](#) anytime. Guides and rod-days are very limited on this river so book soon. **Warning:** Jet boater be very cautious as a few new channels on the lower end have formed and logs are nearly across the river.

How to: This is a good river to float fish a Pink Worm or Goey Bob.



This bright doe Steelhead was land by Dennis Therrien on March 18th. Water very, very low but Dennis reports the fishing picked up. Might be some fresh run spring fish coming in now.



February 22nd 2013 - Winter Steelheading has been outstanding this year. Warm temperatures combined with large numbers of fish have given anglers some superb fishing and catching days. All the local rivers have been reporting good fishing. Kalum River Lodge's first spring fishing trips start on the 1st April. All indications are for an exceptional spring season so if you have ever considered a spring Steelhead trip with us this is the year to do it!

Andrew Rushton

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Lakelse River and Lake:

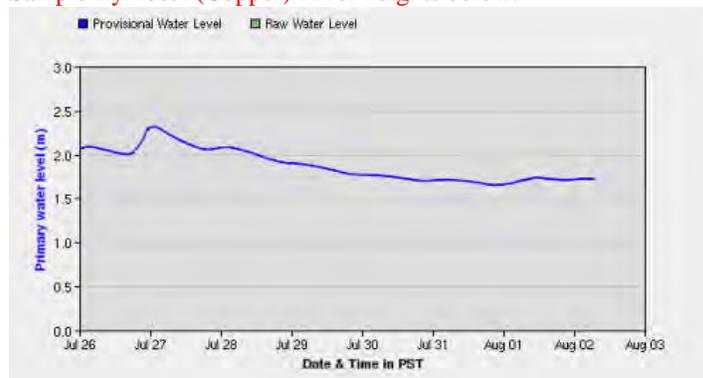
I have reports of slow Steelhead fishing, The water is very low. The fish are holding in the deep pools and runs. These are true summer-run wild fish and all must be released. As the weather starts to warm up most of these fishing will start spawning. When spawning they should be left alone. Cutthroat Trout and Dolly Varden fishing is slow also. **Regs:** Cutthroat Trout release above CNR bridge, Mar 1 – May 31. **Reg:** Fly fishing only between Lakelse Lake and CNR bridge Mar 1 – May 31. **Reg:** Bait ban; no powered boats. Class II water all year.

I have a report of some good Steelhead fishing. These are summer-run Steelhead that winter over and spawn in the spring. Trout and Dolly Varden Char fishing is excellent as well. A good number of these Trout head for the lake to winter over. Ice is coming off of the Lake, be careful walking on the ice can be very dangerous.

Zymoetz (Copper) River:

The water is in good shape but has substantial ice flows and is frozen over in some locations. I have had reports of excellent Steelhead catches using both spin, conventional and fly gear. **Reminder:** No fishing above the sign at the transmission line crossing (below) Zymoetz Canyon Jan 1 – June 15. You can still fish below the sign all winter. **Fact:** Last year we had a record run of Steelhead, lets hope we have good run this year. **Tip:** check the **Tyee Test Fishery** charts and see the numbers for Steelhead, they look real good. The fly rods work extremely well in this river. **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. **Tip:** Fly fishermen please wade safely by using a wading staff.

Sample Zymoetz (Copper) River heights below:



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

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

Kitimat River:

Sun Feb 17 /13 5:06am



Hey Noel. Went fishing on the Kitimat River last week. I managed to get a hook up with this nice little doe on my 5 wt while fishing for cutthroat. Take care. Ariel Koppers.

Ariel is one of the **TOP Guides** for Tracey Hittel and the [Kitimat Lodge](#). Keen on hiring him for a fishing guide just [contact me](#) anytime.

Sat Dec 22/12 5:07am

This river usually has a good run of Cutthroat Trout due to the Federal Hatchery and because the Provincial Government funds a tagging program. Much is learned about numbers, health, spawning and migration.

Sample Kitimat River waters heights below:



Cast on link for current Kitimat River water heights:

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Douglas Channel:

Mon Mar 11/13 5:07am

Weather and ocean conditions are good. **Tracy Hittel** of [Kitimat Lodge](#) reports: We trolled for a hour yesterday while the traps filled with crab and landed a small winter spring.

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Sun Feb 17/13 5:06am

Winter Springs are starting to pick up. With milder weather and low winds conditions are good. Quite a few boats are heading out. Crab and Pawning remains excellent.

Bulkley River area:

Fishing Report from [Oscar's Source for Sports](#) in Smithers, BC

Ice fishing has been hit and miss so far. Klinger Lake near Houston has done ok. A few fish have also been caught on Helen Lake and Irrigation Lake. Round Lake, Call Lake, Lake Kathlyn are also options and so is Ross Lake. Use some jigs, glow hooks, artificial bates.....

Hello Noel, I'd like to introduce you to **Friends of Morice-Bulkley** (we call ourselves FOMB). Friends of Morice-Bulkley are a grass-roots community group deeply concerned about proposed Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline.

Check out our website www.friendsofmoricebulkley.ca for our take on the pipeline and links to research on the risks the pipeline poses to the steelhead and salmon resources of the Morice and greater Skeena. You will also find FOMB's evidence to the Gateway joint review panel on the genetically unique trophy rainbow trout of Babine Lake. You can now also find us on FaceBook and Twitter.

Best,

Dawn

Prince Rupert Ocean Fishing:



Ocean fresh Chinook Salmon landed in Prince Rupert yesterday, March24th. Photo courtesy of the [Great Pacific Salmon Lodge](#). They are taking bookings now so cast on their website to make the arrangements.

Great Pacific Salmon Lodge

Reg: Halibut Fishery closed September 9, 2012 [Cast on this link for Official Notice](#)



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Sun Mar 31/13 5:05am



What a fantastic day! Sunshine, Salmon, BBQ's, Killer Whales and Great company!....that pretty much says it all <(((((>{ We are taking booking everyday. Please contact us [Avid Sport Fishing](#) anytime to make the arrangements. See you soon...

Fri Feb 15/13 5:15am

Just to let you know we have partnered with **Delta Hotels** in Vancouver and worked out a deal for our guests who are arriving in Vancouver the day before the flight to Haida Gwaii. Most of our trips require our guests to catch the early morning flight to Sandspit. We recommend guests arrive in Vancouver the day before in preparation for this early departure. We've decided to include hotel rooms and breakfast in our trips to make it easier for everyone. We are currently advertising this as our "2013 *Trade Show Special*" but it will be included in our packages from now on along with the round trip airfare (Vancouver -Sandspit). Just thought you should know if you have any inquiries, Thanks. Neil Goodwin Guide/Owner [Avid Sportfishing](#).

Jan 1/13 5:00am

Sign up to receive our E-newsletters and email notifications on last minute deals. Be among the first to know about cancellations and available dates at discounted rates on Haida Gwaii fishing trips. <http://www.avidsportfishing.ca/rates-and-dates/last-minute-deals>

Tue Dec 18/12 5:05am

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Best regards,

David Wulms

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Hi Noel, Took out my new 8 wt **Hardy Marksman** fishing rod with a **Hardy Fortuna** reel attached to it, to the river last Saturday, and landed two nice Steelheads.

Best regards,
David Wulms.



Hi Noel, I went out fishing today Feb 3rd, and landed some nice steelheads.

Best regards,
David Wulms.

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Fishing Report For March 24 to 31, 1996



This weeks photo attachment shows a March Kalum river Steelhead "double header", landed at the Horseshoe pool. That's me on the left with the small buck and my son-in-law Dennis with the large buck. In the past I have hooked the rare "three header" a few times, but could never land it.

Dear Fishing Friends:

Fishing remains H O T on the Kalum river. As a matter of fact it's getting HOTTER! With two rods from my drift boat on March 28, we managed to land 13 Steelhead and lost about four, along with many more bites, rips and tears. Our "land - lose" ratio was very good. I shot some great video footage and clicked away with the still camera for more pictures on disk. Through the day we hooked three "double headers". I have been guiding on this river for 13 years and this is the most action I have seen regarding Steelhead. I was expecting to land the average of up to four or six, but this was incredible!! The largest fish was a buck estimated to weigh around 20-pounds. Most of these fish were fresh and bright silver indicating to us that they had just come into the river as part of the spring run. When you think that fishing cannot get any better, the next day the same two rods landed 14 Steelhead. It does not get any better for Steelheading. As you know these are all wild fish, no hatchery fish exist in the Kalum river.

Float fishing small egg bags and sometimes loose skeined salmon row worked well. I wonder if it had much to do with the guide? This could have been a good day for fly fishermen to try his luck because the water was very clean. You could see into about six feet of water and for the Kalum, this is "good" visibility. The Kalum river water always has that fine, glacial, silt green color to it.

I recorded a spectacular video sequence from that drift which landed us 13 fish. One of my guests was just releasing a Steelhead. He took out the barbless hook and the fish was gently slipping out of his hands back into the water when his partner yelled "fish on"!! Slowly, smoothly, I panned the camera up from the just released fish to his partners face and the bent over fishing rod, then panned out to the river where I was hoping to see the fish jump. Sure enough it did!! We had another "double header" on! I got it all on video that will surely appear in REVIEW 1996. To get this type of action footage, in a professional video shoot, it would have to be staged....ours was not. It was unbelievable! In that particular pool called the "Marshall Pool" we landed five of the 13 fish. We're still "buzzing" today from that action!! The bubble has to burst, everything has to even out. Would it be too much to expect this action everyday? That's fishing!

We were the only drift boat on the river. We have the only drift boat access to the upper river because the take-out is located on private property. In low water, which is normal for this time of year, jet boats can't maneuver the shallow tail outs because there are too many rocks sticking up. Impossible and dangerous for jet boats... but perfect for the drift boat.

Starting now with every drift we are looking forward to hook the first Chinook Salmon of the year. The earliest we ever hooked one was April 5th. For conservation reasons, this year, the Chinook Salmon will be "catch and release only" on the Kalum river until July 1. Our angling guides are pleased with this new regulation. We all want this special run of early Chinook Salmon to be protected forever. The Kalum river record Chinook weighs 85-pounds. Our lodge record weighs 83-pounds.

Copper (Zymoetz) River... is still clean and I have heard of a few Steelhead being caught. Same thing applies for the Kitimat river. The Kitimat river has a Cutthroat Trout bite happening now. Cutthroat are a lot of fun on a size four or six flyrod. The Kitimat river has a hatchery on it and you may retain one hatchery Steelhead per day per angler. The main run should be in about a week.

All the river water levels continue to drop, due to the good weather, making it perfect for fishing. Cool temperatures tonight with lows of -5 degrees C.

We still have some dates open for this Kalum drift boat fishery, although we are fully booked on April 20,21 and 22. We are offering discount rates for lodge and guiding up to April 19, 1996 Contact me for more information. Come fishing with us sometime.

Terrace is a long ways from anywhere in the U.S. or southern B.C. Flying is the only way to go. Air B.C. has daily nonstop, jet flights (One hour and 15 minutes) from Vancouver priced at approximately \$300 US. Call them at 1-800-776-3000.

Yours sincerely,

Noel F. Gyger

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Fall Coho - 2009



Uploaded on Oct 18, 2009

[Tuf-Line DuraCast](#) - Fishing for late season Coho with spinning rods and marabou jigs. Field testing a "new" braided line (superior casting superline). To watch click on show title "**Jig Fishing for Coho**"

To watch cast on this link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1kyPvojL6rM>
Playtime 2:28

Ron Wakita, his son Brandon and I were fishing on the Kalum River for late season Coho on Saturday, October 17, 2009. We were fishing with spinning rods and marabou jigs. We were field testing a "new" braided line called Tuf-Line DuraCast. This line eliminates wind knots and tip wraps and makes no rod guide noise. It is revolutionary performance on spinning and casting reels. The most innovative superline ever constructed, Tuf-Line DuraCast is the "best" casting braid we have ever used. It's full bodied, ultra-round tri-axial construction provides explosive distance, pinpoint accuracy and effortless handling. Backed by unrelenting strength and highest abrasion resistance, DuraCast will revolutionize your experience!

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

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Guest Reports and Photos - 2012 Season Review:



Brett Floyd sent this pic of a nice Chinook (King) Salmon landed from the Kitimat River last July 2012. Their group were guests of Tracey Hittel [Kitimat Lodge](#).



Hi Noel, here is a nice one taken above Houston BC last October on the fly
Cheers, Jason Gowda
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Past Top Photos:



March 10 to March 23, 2013. My 8yr old reeled it in, knuckle busted 2x wiped the tears and as you can see I'm crying too, 18-pounder I guess. Photo and caption by Tracey Hittel of [Kitimat Lodge](#). If you need info to book a pro fishing guide [contact me](#) anytime. **Cast on photo to view in larger size**



March 1 to March 10, 2013. Local angler Heather Press with a nice Skeena River wild Steelhead. Tracey Hittel of [Kitimat Lodge](#) sent the pic. If you need info to book a pro fishing guide [contact me](#) anytime. **Cast on photo to view in larger size**



February 20 to March 1, 2013. Dennis Therrien with a nice Kalum River Steelhead landed and released a couple of days ago. If you are interested to book a guided fishing trip for spring Steelhead [contact me](#) anytime. **Cast on photo to view in larger size**

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Conservation

Sun Mar 31/13 5:05am

Aquaculture critics say committee will be upstream battle

National aquaculture advisory committee to meet Wednesday in Richmond, B.C.

[Cast here to read full story](#)

Thu Mar 28/13 5:02am

AlexTalks4

Hello; In this video, [AlexTalks#4](#) I present what the three leading political parties in British Columbia are saying about salmon feedlots. All the statements are highly significant because they recognize there is a serious problem with salmon feedlots on wild salmon migration routes.

Please communicate with your candidates to support them in this. Make no mistake, the Norwegian salmon feedlot corporations operating in BC are a powerful and aggressive lobby. There is no evidence they are good for the BC economy, because of their conflict with the much larger fishing and tourism industry and potential for enormous impact on rights of First Nations to nourish themselves on wild salmon.

Please view the film www.salmonconfidential.ca and see where this is heading. This is an emerging scandal of international proportions on the world stage of international trade.

Alexandra Morton

Mon Mar 25/13 5:01am

History made! Today, fish entered the 'Namgis First Nation's Atlantic Salmon Farm - the first land-based, closed containment Atlantic salmon farm in Canada, and one of the first in the world that will raise Atlantic salmon to full market size.

I join Chief Bill Cranmer of the 'Namgis in expressing thanks for all the expertise and support that has made it possible to reach this critical point in moving toward proving the economics of growing Atlantic salmon sustainably, on land, separated from the marine environment.

The 'Namgis First Nation have relied on wild salmon for 1,000s of years and we are proud to be a Project partner with them, leading the way with this technology that not only offers many environmental advantages, but health and production benefits as well.

It is anticipated that the fish will grow to full size in about half the time it takes in open net-pens; using 30% less feed; and without the use of pesticides and antibiotics.

Indeed, we hope to have an even more jubilant announcement in about a year - at the time of the first harvest.

Our great thanks for your support in getting to this historic point in the Project.

Kindest Regards;

Eric Hobson

President; [SOS Marine Conservation Foundation](#)

Sun Mar 24/13 5:01am

First Nations say they will fight oilsands, pipeline

Canadian and US aboriginal leaders in Ottawa promise legal challenge, other measures

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Fri Mar 22/13 5:03am

Will Canada's Proposed Tar Sands Oil Pipeline Muck Up Its Pacific Coast?

Large cracks remain in the science assessing Enbridge's Northern Gateway Project

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Thu Mar 21/13 5:05am

Northern Gateway panel tangled in web of aboriginal interests

First Nations lawyers have pressed Enbridge for detailed answers about title and rights

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Mon Mar 18/13 5:04am

Enbridge to dredge Kalamazoo River/Dilbit Sinks

Enbridge has now been ordered to dredge the Kalamazoo River, almost three years after the spill:

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The following link is to an article "*Dilbit Sinks in Enbridge Oil Spill, but Floats in Its Lab Study.*" This article helps to explain why Enbridge's lab testing doesn't reflect actual conditions:

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Sun Mar 17/13 5:03am

Angus Reid Form re: Northern Gateway Pipeline to Kitimat. Do you Support or Oppose this project or are you Not sure? Take a few seconds and [vote here](#)

Sat Mar 16/13 5:02am

From [TheCanadian.org](#): Rafe: Premier's Economy vs. Environment Calculations Off / New Film, Research Probe Salmon Virus Mystery

Premier's Calculations for Pipelines, Fish Farms, Site C Dam Don't Add Up - by Rafe Mair

Rafe questions BC Premier Christy Clark and her party's economic basis for supporting projects like a new pipeline and refinery proposal for Kitimat, open net pen salmon farms and Site C Dam. "Yes, Mr. Dix must come clean with his program and I intend to ask him questions like these. But you are the premier. You must deal with these issues and do so in specific terms. I assure you that you will hear about these issues again, for many British Columbians, including me, believe our environment and the fauna and flora it creates and protects is worth more than simply a token amount that they consider, and write off, as a cost of doing business - no matter how much that may be.

[Cast here to read more](#)

New Film, Cutting-Edge Research Probe Salmon Virus Mystery - by Damien Gillis

The mystery of BC's disappearing wild salmon is back on the radar this week, with the release of a new documentary and launch of a groundbreaking research partnership to study farmed and wild fish for viruses. Salmon Confidential, a feature-length film released online, explores the battle over salmon science that was at the centre of last year's federal judicial inquiry into rapidly declining Fraser River sockeye

stocks...Meanwhile, a new scientific partnership to study salmon diseases was announced between renowned Dr. Kristi Miller's DFO lab, Genome BC, and the non-profit Pacific Salmon Foundation. With significant resources and Miller's leading-edge methods, this venture may yet unlock the mystery of BC's disappearing salmon.

[Cast here to read more](#)

Fri Mar 15/13 5:02am

FOMB for immediate release:

ENBRIDGE HUMAN HEALTH RISK EXPERT PROVIDES UNRELIABLE TESTIMONY

During cross examination, Mr. Dennis Yee, Enbridge's expert witness on the potential human health effects of a pipeline spill, admitted that he had provided inaccurate information about his background and qualifications. The cross-examination by Dr. Josette Wier, an independent intervenor, uncovered that Enbridge's expert had listed a publication that had never occurred. In his resume, Mr. Yee had claimed as his most recent publication a 1997 article that was "in press". It is only after Dr. Wier questioned him about it during her cross-examination on February 28, that he admitted that his last claimed publication supposedly taking place 16 years ago, in fact never was published.

Dr. Wier had been concerned about Mr. Yee's "expert" qualifications since he has not presented any peer-review scientific publication in the last 16 yrs, and his academic background is limited to a M.Sc. degree in biology. Dr. Wier expressed her reservations to the Joint Review Panel (JRP) on February 12, 2013. However, the JRP ruled they were satisfied with his professional experience. Now, in testimony, Mr. Yee has admitted that even the claim of a 1997 publication was inaccurate, even though he had just sworn to the accuracy of his resume prior to the beginning of cross-examination, as well as on two prior occasions during the JRP proceedings.

According to Dr. Wier, "including misinformation in his resume which on three occasions he had sworn to as accurate shows a plain lack of credibility."

In addition to the obvious lack of qualifications of its expert, Enbridge's submission to the JRP of its Human Health Risk Assessment from Oil Spills in fact contains no description whatsoever of the human health effects that might arise from such a spill. According to Dr. Wier, this demonstrates that Enbridge/Northern Gateway simply does not care about the risks to people living near their proposed pipelines.

Mon Mar 11/13 5:05am

Salmon CONFIDENTIAL

Hello

This film is the behind the scenes on the greatest environmental scandal in British Columbia. Please watch and then make sure all your MLA hopefuls watch this as they will be holding this ball as the issue breaks the surface, finally after twenty years.

[SALMON CONFIDENTIAL](#)

The wild salmon of British Columbia need our participation in stopping the viral pollution. The Province of BC is charge of the land tenures for every salmon feedlot and thus they decide which wild salmon are exposed to this.

Please do what you can to spread this film.

Alexandra Morton

Fri Mar 8/13 5:08am

Dear Marine Harvest - don't do this

March 5, 2013

Dear Marine Harvest

I have been informed that a large percentage of juvenile Atlantic salmon in your Dalrymple Hatchery, Sayward BC, are infected with the piscine reovirus. I understand that you intend to move these fish into ocean pens in the very near future where the virus will be loosed into the Pacific.

This Norwegian virus is associated with a disease called Heart and Skeletal Muscle Inflammation known to severely weaken salmon to the point they may be unable to swim up a river. The BC provincial farm salmon vet, Dr. Gary Marty, reported the symptoms of this disease to Mainstream (August 8, 2008 Cohen Commission Exhibit # 1549-018). Heart lesions consistent with this disease were reported in your fish on April 29, 2009 by the same vet:

“Congestion and hemorrhage in the stratum compactum of the heart (i.e., the peripheral layer of dense cardiac muscle) is a distinctive lesion that I started seeing in 2008 in clinical submission from both Atlantic and Pacific salmon...” (April 29, 2009, Cohen Commission Exhibit 1549-318)

Dr. Marty reports 75% of BC farm salmon are testing positive for this virus.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/story/2012/07/19/bc-piscine-reovirus.html>

Dr. Ian Lipkin, director of Columbia University’s Center for Infection and Immunity, a World Health Organization-sponsored disease detective lab states:

“If the potential hosts are in close proximity, it goes through them like wildfire,”

www.wired.com/wiredscience/.../salmon-disease-identified

Indeed, juvenile wild salmon near Kingcome inlet near your feedlots were negative for this virus in 2008 and then positive in 2012.

The Cohen Commission into the Decline of the Sockeye Salmon of the Fraser River reported up to 90% of the sockeye that enter the Fraser River never make it to their spawning grounds. Is this virus responsible? A very recent paper warns that this disease spreads over long distances

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22959429>

Given this evidence, in accordance with the Precautionary Principle, your fish in the Dalrymple Hatchery represent a significant threat to the wild salmon of British Columbia if they are placed in ocean net pens.

Justice Cohen recommends net-pen salmon farms cease to operate by 2020 unless they can be shown to pose less than minimal risk to migrating salmon (Recommendation 18, Vol.3, Pg. 20). Putting exotic fish, infected with an exotic virus, known to spread like wildfire and weaken wild salmon is, in my opinion, in excess of minimal risk to one of the last great wild fisheries left on earth.

Either do not do this, or stand by your actions and inform British Columbians which feedlot you will be filling with these fish so that the impact can be measured.

Alexandra Morton

alexandramorton.typepad.com

Fri Mar 8/13 5:08am
Critical viral situation

Hello, In the ongoing effort to communicate the critical nature of the threat to wild salmon from exposure to European viruses I made the video below. There is some breaking news contained within it

[AlexTalks#1](#)

If you have questions, email me and I will try to answer them in the next edition. I will post these videos on [my blog](#) so you can check back there.

A [website](#) was posted yesterday asking for your opinion on my running in the BC election and I am considering this.

I watched the disassembly of my town of Echo Bay as a result of government policies that favoured the salmon feedlot industry. We in Echo Bay knew what we needed to thrive, but we did not know how to help ourselves. My town is almost gone.

I can see that what happened to tiny Echo Bay is happening elsewhere. What I have learned in over the past 26 years may be applicable.

Thank you for your enduring interest.

Alexandra Morton

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Mon Mar 4/13 5:04am
Prince George Citizen
February 28, 2013

Province peppers fish experts with questions at pipeline hearings

An oil spill in a sensitive location at a certain point in time would have devastating effects on at risk species...

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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

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News updates:

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Sun Mar 10/13 5:06am

Fishery Notice - Fisheries and Oceans Canada

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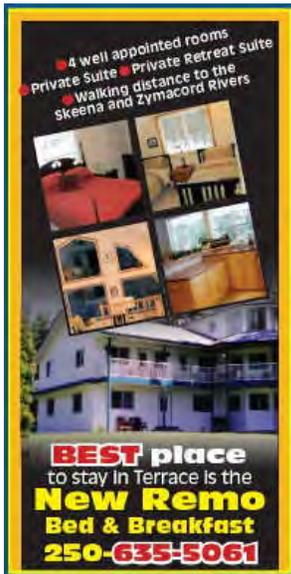
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www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish/regulations

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