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**Top Photo: November 22, 2012.** Tracey Hittel, owner [Kitimat Lodge](#) helps his guest hold up a beautiful Skeena trib wild Steelhead caught while spey fly fishing. Tracey and his team of AAG (Assistant Angling Guides) really know their stuff to get their guests into Steelhead and Salmon. Please scroll down to [Kitimat Lodge](#) section to read Tracey's season review. It is filled with stories and pics. If you are interested to book a fully guide fishing trip for Steelhead or any fish please [contact Noel Gyger](#) anytime. Cast here [http://www.noelgyger.ca/subscribers\\_form.htm](http://www.noelgyger.ca/subscribers_form.htm) to sign up to receive an e-mail notification when a **New** substantial report is posted.

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## River, Ocean and Lake Reports

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

*Last update was Friday, November 30, 2012 at 2:15pm*

Sunrise 8:31am Sunset 4:14pm

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**Commentary:** Wind: N 31km/h Light snow (-1 degrees C) Winter is here! 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 runs in the Skeena River [Tye Test Fishery](#) section below. **NOTICE:** [please send me pics](#) of your catch, I would love to post them. **Note:** **NEW Product Profile:** [Tufline www.tuf-line.com](http://www.tuf-line.com) **Note:** **For Rent** Fully furnished quaint cottage near Lakelse and Skeena Rivers, scroll to [Accommodation](#) section near end of this webpage. **Note:** **The BEST place to stay and fish in Terrace BC is [New Remo Bed & Breakfast](#) and 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 700,000 views. **Note:** **Tye Test Fishery** numbers posted daily if data is available. **Note:** **Jamie Hunt** of the [Great Pacific Salmon Lodge](#) reports for Prince Rupert. **Note:** **NEW Product Profile** [Scotty www.scotty.com](http://www.scotty.com) **Note:** **Tracey Hittel** of [Kitimat Lodge](#) summarizes their guiding season and includes 6 Steelhead pics. **Update:** for the [Copper](#), [Kalum](#) and [Skeena](#) Rivers. **Update:** **Alexandra Morton** found out CFIA to strip lab, suspects something "major" is up here, see [Conservation](#) section. **Update:** **Rob Brown** "The Skeena Angler" latest story titled "Long rods then and now 4". 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. **Scroll down to read ALL the Current updates in Red** highlighted in **Yellow**  
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For more info scroll to the [Conservation](#) section. A wild Salmon will thank you!

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**Fri Nov 30/12 5:05am**

### **Skeena River:**

River is in good shape. Most of the Steelhead have gone through but there is still a chance to catch some. Trout and Dolly Varden Char fishing is very good and is available year round. **Reg:** all wild Steelhead everywhere in British Columbia are catch and release. The Steelhead run is very strong. Check out the **Tye 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](#).

Sample Skeena River heights below:



Cast on link for current Skeena River water heights

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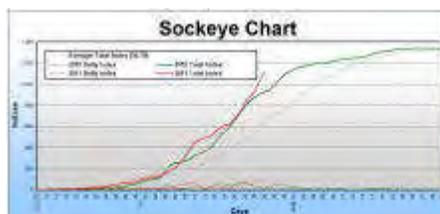
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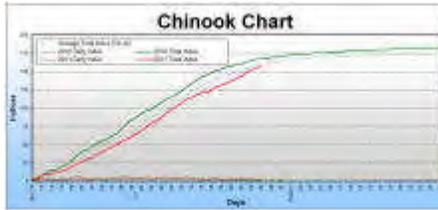


**Sockeye Charts**

- [Current, Average and Previous Year](#)
- [Cumulative Index 1956-2011](#)
- [Average Daily Index 1956-2011](#)

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## Chinook Charts



- [Current, Average and Previous Year](#)
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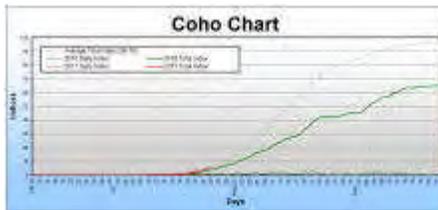
## Steelhead Charts



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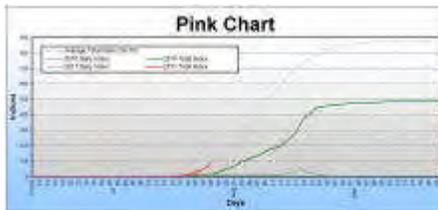
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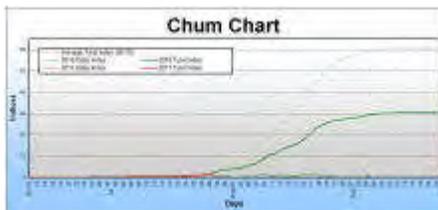
## Pink Charts



- [Current, Average and Previous Year](#)
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## Chum Chart



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## Kitimat Lodge



**Fri Nov 23/12 5:10am**

### **Kitimat Lodge BC Canada Fishing Report - November 21, 2012**

I had to post another report for our readers and avid, or soon to be avid, Steelheaders. With the guided season finished and the boats stored for the winter we have been swinging flies on our classified waters. Watching our guests hooking all those beautiful steelhead it was our turn to take a stab at the monsters from the deep.

When I first got involved in the classified water system in BC I was a bit reluctant as the initial invest was large. Today, some 12 years later, the province of BC has maintained the integrity of the fishery by limiting guided activity to ensure the quality of the fishery remains strong and intact.

As you can see in the photos below, strong and intact is what I'm talking about! Every Steelhead we landed was well above average and all of the fish were hungry for the fly. I posted video on U tube of the fights as well.



One of the youngest and keenest Spey guides I have ever met is 24 yr old Ariel Cuppers. This lad has spent years in the tackle business and now spends his time tying intruder flies, dry flies and trout flies and continues to progress as a Steelheader and a master tyer. I say progresses, as we are learning something all the time about Steelhead fishing. Those who are graduates, are fools!



I went to tie on a fly this week and he looked at me, are you going to use my flies? Sure why not, I ask for something Pink and 5 Steelhead and 3 spawner Coho later it unfortunately hooked a sharp rock and said goodbye.



Ariel was fishing his knock off Squidro, a orange rubber legged gem, that exploded in fantastic color as it sunk into the green water of the pool we fished. Another of our top guides, Darren Bisson (top right) has been out doing his thing on the local waters. Fishing and experimenting with nail polish colored beads, hammering Steelhead in double digit numbers.

As lodge and guide service owner it's important that we educate ourselves on the productive pools that steelheads enjoy as their playground. And when our clients arrive in April thru to November we have a good idea where they should fish. Nothing is more important than having a client who works his or her butt off all year for a week of fishing and our focus is catching them fish. The stress and strain we as guides feel is held deep within us during the season as we want nothing more than to satisfy our customer. We are quite lucky this fall as the rivers are staying low, especially the Kitimat River. This will keep the spawning beds in great shape and expect a awesome return in 4 years. I had to add a picture of Ariel with a Kitimat River Steelhead he caught this November, the biggest fall fish I've ever seen.

Tight lines and have a good winter!

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Fri Nov 9/12 5:14am

## Kitimat Lodge BC Canada Fishing Report - November 1, 2012



November has arrived and with that so does the snow. Our Steelheaders are dwindling in numbers and Steelhead are resting comfortably in their pools for the winter. Our final group of the season reeled in a fresh run of Steelhead and as you can see in (top left), Yuji is holding a bar of silver. Fishing his Bougle reel, a reel that screams when a fish pulls its drag. (top right) pic is of Yuji first time steelheader with another lower Skeena hog taken on a Pink Intruder I tied the night before, priceless.



(top left) is a nice male steelhead hooked and landed by Hajime, the night before he landed a nice steelhead in the same run so first thing the next morning, Hajime walked down into the exact same spot, fishing a red flash fly and boom! textbook steelheading. His words were, this is incredible Steelheading. (top right) is a shot taken by guide Ariel, the see thru fin of a fresh steelhead is just another example of the elusiveness these steelhead possess.



Above pic is a great postcard shot of the fresh dusting of snow on the local mountains with my good buddy Sergei casting in the foreground by the jetboat. Many emails and phone calls regarding our earthquake was really appreciated as things here in Kitimat are back to normal.

I visited our vessel at the MK Marina yesterday and talked to local angler Darcy who was going out for a winter spring using downriggers and trolling gear. Yes we love our fishing here in the north and look forward to a hopefully mild winter.

Bookings for 2013 are coming in each day as primetime spots fill up the fastest. We had another great season and are quite happy to say that when we started our business in 2001 we have operated without a injury or a lost time accident. Considering the multitude of rivers and boats our guides operate, at times inches of water and rocks to manoeuvre enroute to paradise.

Have a great winter and see you in 2013...

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**Fri Nov 30/12 5:04am**

### **Kalum River:**

Both lower and upper sections are fishing well for Steelhead. 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. The fishing guides can guide from April 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 Gooey 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..



Dennis Therrien with a bright Kalum River Steelhead. This is a great time to fish for Steelhead. Not that I have anything against guiding but guiding is over on this river on November 1st. With a little luck the weather is OK too. Leaves are off the trees and winter is on it's way. I fondly remember the days when the **Kalum Drifting Club** was operating. Around this time is when we started drifting and continued over winter. Check out the [Club Podcast](#)



Here is Dennis with another Kalum River Steelhead. As you can see the water is in good shape. It always has a green tinge to it. Guiding is over as of November 1st so mostly locals fishing now. Guiding starts up again on April 1. 2013. Guiding is limited on this classified river so if you are interested to be guided please [contact me soon](#). It does not take long for the guides to book up when their guests have fabulous Steelhead fishing like this.

### **Lakelse River:**

**Wed Nov 14/12 5:09am**



The Lakelse River is low and clean. Fishing has been slow but some Trout and Steelhead have been caught. A mother grizzly and 2 cubs have been spotted fishing on the flats at Herman's. **Please be Bear Aware!**

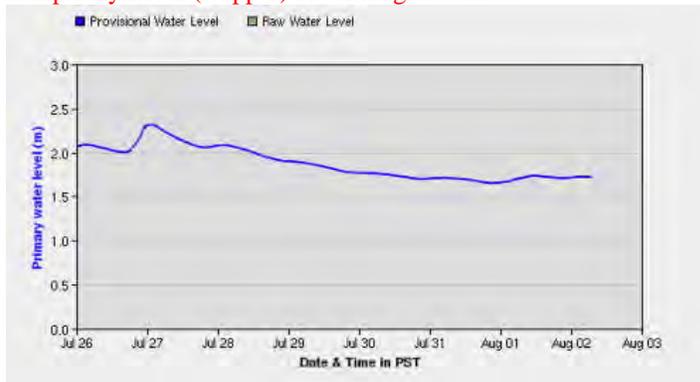
### **Zymoetz (Copper) River:**

**Fri Nov 30/12 5:04am**

The water is in good shape and fishing for Steelhead is fabulous. I've had reports of some great catches. I have also heard it is very crowded Monday through Thursday but not so on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. This is probably due to new regulations put in this year. **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. **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.

Sample Zymoetz (Copper) River heights below:



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

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## **Kitimat River:**

**Fri Nov 16/12 5:11am**

The river is on the rise from the local rain but conditions are holding. The Salmon runs are over for another year. Now anglers can focus on the good Trout fishing. Both fly and spin works well. The Steelhead run is in the spring; April and May is prime-time. If you need more info or you wish to book a guided drift boat trip please [contact me anytime](#). This river has a power-boat ban.

Sample Kitimat River waters heights below:



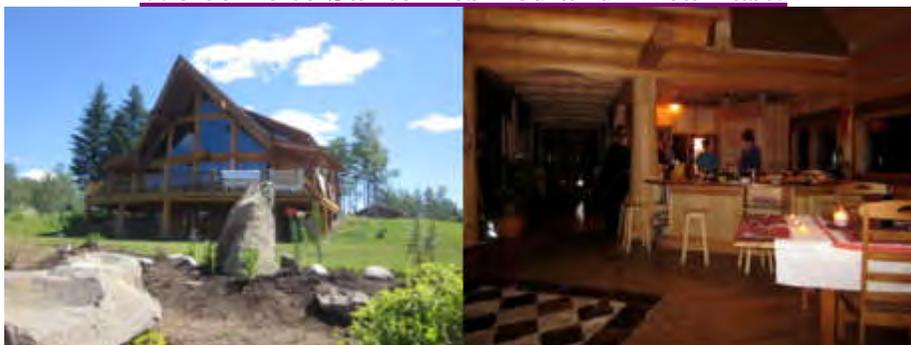
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Hello Noel, I'd like to introduce you to **Friends of Morice-Bulkley** (we call ourselves FOMB). Friends of Morice-Bulkley are a grass-roots community group deeply concerned about proposed Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline.

Check out our website [www.friendsofmoricebulkley.ca](http://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

**Tue Nov 20/12 5:01am**

**Summary of Smithers area rivers:** Steelhead are still being caught in the Bulkley and other local rivers. There was some ice / slush in the rivers over the weekend..... Temperatures have increased a little bit again...

**Mon Nov 12/12 5:10am**

Fishing is not over.... yet.... There are still a number of steelhead being caught in the Bulkley! The Telkwa is bringing in some slush....

**Fri Nov 9/12 5:11am**

Fishing the Bulkley river has been fantastic this year. With the large number of **steelhead** in the Skeena River and tributaries, I have seen some monsters fooled by many **WEBFLYZ** custom tied flies! Click "[Webflyz](#)" for an enquiry of what flies you need for ANY fish, globally.



Here is a good friend and fly tyer for Webflyz, Luke Saffarek, who happens to guide Tiger fish in Botswana, with his 2nd steelhead of his life on the fly. This fish measured 39 inches x 21 inches (est. 25+lbs) and was caught on the Bulkley river on a simple leech pattern built by [Webflyz B.C.](#) I had my 9 month old son on my back and was over-excited while filming Luke land this steelhead MONSTER! Here is the noisy LINK to the YouTube video of this fish being landed, [CLICK HERE>>MONSTER STEELHEAD<<](#).

Whether you fish the Kispiox, Zymoetz, Morice or the Skeena mainstem, you are sure to see some of the Steelhead chromers that are sought after by the world of fly anglers!! The Bulkley has dropped recently, and with cold atmospheric temperatures, fishing is still better than usual for this time of year. Fish are found in all types of water and recently have been moving around with the last rain. Webflyz Custom flies is your answer to the FLY guessing game, no matter what species of fish, in fresh or salt waters, My flies are proven in all fly fishing situations.



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Have a great day and remember that getting outside is the natural stress relief that we need and enjoy to get us through another week of LIFE!

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### **Morice River:**

**Mon Nov 12/12 5:10am**

A good number of fish have been caught on the Morice as well this past week.

### **Kispiox River:**

**Mon Nov 12/12 5:10am**

has still been fishing good although really cold weather might change all of that.

### **Prince Rupert Ocean Fishing:**

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



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## **History: 2007**



The photo of the week shows a beautiful fall, wild Steelhead landed and released by Boris Konovalov on the Kalum River in late September 2007. Remember...last week Boris was releasing a Coho. Boris and his two friends booked their guided fishing trip with me and caught both Steelhead and Coho on the same day. It does NOT get any better than this. Wahoo!

**Noel Gyger - WEEKLY FISHING REPORT dated November 4 – November 11, 2007  
(Number 44)**

Dear Fishing Friends:

Weather is typical for this time of year, some rain, heavy at times, cloudy but just beautiful when the sun shines. No major snow falls yet. The snow line is low. Most all the leaves are off of the trees. Steelhead fishing is fair on all the rivers except for the Zymoetz (Copper) River which is poor after it took a hit from too much rain mid week. It is cleaning up now. The Kalum is in fabulous shape and the Steelhead fishing is excellent. Fresh fall runs should still be coming in. The water is at a good height. There seems to be a good run of Steelhead this year. They will be in the river all winter, setting up to spawn in the late spring. For **ALL** reports cast here: <http://www.noelgyger.ca/past-fishing-reports.htm>

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## **Vintage Video Clips**

### **Early winter fly fishing for Steelhead - 1996**



Dustin Kovacvich, Rob Vodola and I fished for Steelhead on the Zymoetz (Copper) River early winter 1996. We had a great day. It was a cold day but I did manage to shoot this short video:

[Video Clip 0022](#) (Dustin Copper River on the fly)

The small screen WMV video plays for only 57 seconds. Check out Rob's "release" technique ☺ Hope you enjoy.

To watch more video clips cast on this link:

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

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## **Guest Reports and Photos:**



Jorde Nathan from Chicago just sent me this pic of one of the Steelhead he landed while being guided here. Jorde has been back two times and would really like to come back a third time. If any of you are interested to book a guided fishing trip just [contact me](#) anytime.

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## **Past Top Photos:**



**Posted November 13 to November 22, 2012.** Ariel Koppers about to release a bright wild Kalum River Steelhead landed this fall. Ariel is an AAG (Assistant Angling Guide) for Tracey Hittel of [Kitimat Lodge](#). If you are interested to book a fully guide fishing trip for Steelhead please [contact Noel Gyger](#) anytime.  
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**Posted November 1 to November 13, 2012.** Darren Bisson about to release a bright wild Skeena River Steelhead landed this fall. Darren is an AAG (Assistant Angling Guide) for Tracey Hittel of [Kitimat Lodge](#) If you are interested to book a fully guide fishing trip for Steelhead please [contact Noel Gyger](#) anytime. **Reg:** Coho closed October 31st. **Cast on photo to view in larger size**



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## **Conservation**

**Fri Nov 30/12 5:03am**

### **CFIA to strip lab**

Hello, It has been revealed today that the CFIA (Canadian Food Inspection Agency) asked the OIE (Office of International Epizootics, the World Organization for Animal Health), to strip Dr. Kibenge's lab of its status as one of only two OIE reference labs for ISA virus. Dr. Kibenge is the scientist testing the BC farm salmon I am sampling.

Is the CFIA simply following due diligence? Is there something wrong with Dr. Kibenge's lab?

There are some extenuating circumstances. A few weeks ago the OIE changed the definition of an ISA virus - positive region. Previously, a region could only be designated positive if the "disease" was found. Now a region is positive if the virus is "detected."

Therefore if the OIE keeps their lab - BC would be designated as ISAv positive. The CFIA testified under oath at the Cohen Commission in December 2011 that if ISAv is confirmed in British Columbia, BC farm salmon trade could cease.

Stakes are high all around. This could be the end of farm salmon in BC, or it could be the open door to an ISA epidemic with no understanding of what this will mean to the North Pacific.

When Dr. Kibenge diagnosed ISAv for the first time in farm salmon in Chile, he was right and the resulting outbreak cost \$2 Billion. There are no wild salmon in Chile, that was just the impact on the salmon feedlot industry. The virus was eventually traced back to Norway. Here the stakes are even higher.

Influenza viruses are dangerous to ignore.

[See my blog for more information.](#)

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Alexandra Morton

**Sun Nov 25/12 5:04am**

### **Freighter runs aground off Prince Rupert, stoking oil spill fears**

The grounding of a 278-metre container ship near Prince Rupert has raised questions about the risk of oil spills on British Columbia's rugged coastline.

Prince Rupert, reputedly one of the safest harbours in the world, is often discussed as an alternative oil tanker port to Kitimat, which is currently the end terminal for the proposed Enbridge Gateway pipeline, where bitumen would be loaded onto oil tankers for export.

"This could have been one of the worst spills ... this could have been an historic catastrophe in the shipping industry in B.C.," said Ian McAllister, a director of Pacific Wild, an environmental organization which has been fighting to keep oil tankers off the West Coast. "The thing that immediately came to mind ... is that it's one more incident on this coast where human error put a large ship on the rocks."

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

**Fri Nov 23/12 5:07am**

Hello, I have never used the word "fight" in my 20+ year effort to protect this coast from industrial salmon feedlots.

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Alexandra Morton

**Thu Nov 22/12 5:01am**

### **Alaska-bound rail project could solve Canada's oil sands problems**

A group of Canadian businessmen has obtained the blessing of Alaskan tribes and Canadian First Nations to build a railroad through their lands that could carry up to five million barrels per day from the oil sands to the super tanker port in Valdez, Alaska.

This is truly a nation-building project that must be seriously evaluated by all governments and the oil industry. Preliminary feelers have been placed and it's clear that the concept is the most viable and pragmatic solution for Canada's logistical problems.

The proposed 2,400-kilometre railway would link Fort McMurray, Alta., with the Alaska oil pipeline system then on to the Valdez for export.

[Cast on this link to read the full story](#)

**Thu Nov 22/12 5:01am**

### **Caribou, wolves or development?**

Caribou populations are declining so quickly along the proposed Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline route that British Columbians are now faced with a stark choice: kill wolves to save the caribou or halt development.

[Cast on this link the read the full story](#)

**Sun Nov 18/12 5:01am**

### **Enbridge's Line 9 reversal touted as good oilsands PR**

#### **If Enbridge plan is approved, pipeline may carry oilsands oil to Montreal - and beyond**

The reversal of a pipeline between Sarnia, Ont. and Montreal to carry Western crude oil east is an exercise in good public relations, says Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver.

Enbridge's Line 9 would show eastern Canadians the benefits of Alberta oilsands development, argues Oliver.

"Certainly, we have found that the farther away the resource is the less people are comfortable with it. If you bring the resource to them, they're helping to develop it, it creates added value in Canada," he added

Enbridge has filed a preliminary application with the National Energy Board to reverse a section of the pipe between North Westover, Ont. (near Hamilton) and Montreal. The company already has NEB permission to reverse the flow between Sarnia and North Westover. The company plans to ship light crude oil to the Suncor refinery in Montreal to meet growing demand.

On top of the good PR, there is an argument to be made about energy security. Canada gets half of its oil from overseas even though we export two-thirds of the oil we produce.

That may seem counter-intuitive, but Oliver says the reason is simple: Up until a little while ago, it was cheaper for Eastern Canada to import oil from the middle-east than from Alberta.

But not everyone is convinced that is Enbridge's endgame. In its latest document filed with the NEB, the pipeline company says they would like to ship heavier crudes — like oilsands bitumen — at a later date.

"All they want to do is transit through Montreal and then ship it to the U.S. There will be no energy security. This is bollocks," says Steven Guilbeault, head of Equiterre, an environmental group based in Montreal.

[Cast here to ready full story](#)

**Thu Nov 15/12 5:08am**

"Unprecedented" top Fisheries job focus on Northern Gateway

Leaked email reveals senior liaison position for pipeline megaproject across B.C.

**By Peter O'Neil, Vancouver Sun November 9, 2012**

Organizational chart, from leaked email, shows Northern Gateway liaison at a senior level.

OTTAWA — Enbridge Inc.'s proposed Northern Gateway pipeline project is getting special attention from the federal Fisheries department, according to an internal email obtained by The Vancouver Sun.

In what critics call an unprecedented step, **the department has listed a "Northern Gateway Liaison" at a top level of its organizational chart**, under a reorganization prompted by the 2012 budget's sweeping Fisheries Act amendments.

**The position will report directly to the executive director of the National Ecosystems Management Branch at the department's headquarters.**

"This suggests an unprecedented level of access and engagement for a specific project," said Green party leader Elizabeth May, who in the 1980s was a senior adviser to a federal environment minister. "This is the reality of a government that has told the bureaucracy, 'be prepared to make sure this project goes through.'"

B.C. NDP MP Fin Donnelly, his party's deputy fisheries critic, said he's never heard of a company getting such special treatment. "This clearly exposes the Harper Conservative oil pipeline agenda. They are putting the oil industry ahead of fishing, tourism and all other industries."

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**Fri Nov 9/12 5:10am**

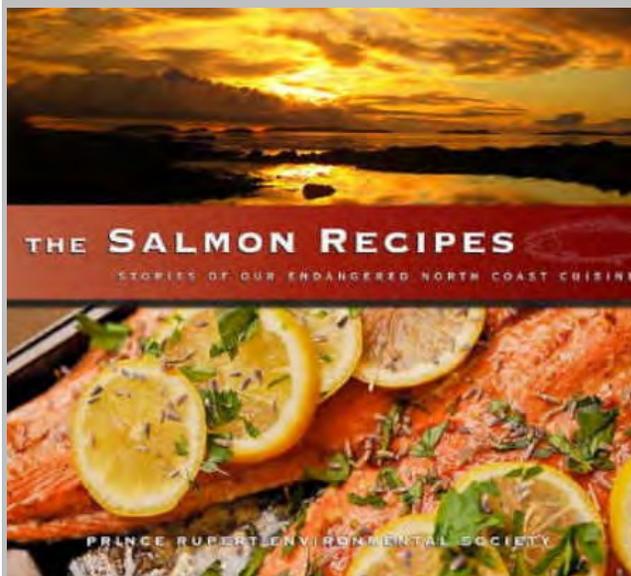
From [TheCanadian.org](http://TheCanadian.org): Justice Cohen Gets Tough on Fish Farms

Rafe: Cohen Commission Report Rightly Targets Salmon Farms, Precautionary Principle:

There are several things that jumped out at me with the Cohen Commission Final Report, released yesterday. The first is that my faith in Bruce Cohen as expressed on CBC's Early Edition right after his name was announced has been fully justified. I said then that I knew the man, had fought in court with the man, that he was a superb lawyer and judge and that those who thought he could be pushed around just because he happened to be a very nice guy to boot would be pleasantly surprised. Hell of a good job, Bruce, I'm proud of you. Cast here to read the [full story](#).

**Sat Nov 8/12 5:10am**

book launch aka salmon vs supertanker 4



Hello all,

"THE SALMON RECIPES Stories of our Endangered North Coast Cuisine"

is finally printed! **We are organizing a book launch at the Museum of Northern BC on Friday November 16th at 7pm. 100 1st Ave West, Prince Rupert.** I know some of you won't be able to make it over from the villages or Haida Gwaii but if you can't come in person send some family or friends to see the book, help us celebrate and pick up a copy for you. The more the merrier! There will be readings and refreshments and a no host bar.

If you can't make it and want me to mail your copy, just send me your address. Also anyone can order the book online [www.saveourskeenasalmon.org](http://www.saveourskeenasalmon.org) it is 19.99 (24.49 with tax and shipping included).

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the launch. I can't wait to see the book with everyone else and actually hold it in my hands.

If you are on FaceBook check out The Book Launch event  
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So storytellers, cooks, and photographers- spread the word about our new book - hope to see you there.

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Marine Director **Prince Rupert Environmental Society** 250 627 4201

**Tue Nov 6/12 5:04am**

Defend Our Coast video

Hi everyone: As you know last week many thousands of people in Victoria as well as over 70 communities around the province (including Smithers) joined rallies to "Defend Our Coast". An inspiring video has now been posted and can be viewed at <http://defendourcoast.ca> or <http://vimeo.com/52303865>. Great to see all that support around the province and know we are not alone!

Pat Moss – **Friends of Morice Bulkley**

**Sun Nov 4/12 5:03am**

Cohen Report is out!

Hello: Justice Bruce Cohen just released his Final Report on his 3-year, \$26 million commission into the 17-year decline of the Fraser Sockeye.

I want to share Cohen's incredibly strong wording within the confines of his mandate, which was specific to the Fraser sockeye. Clearly, however, Fraser sockeye are not different from other salmon in their vulnerability to the array of farm salmon pathogens.

I will write more detail in my blog soon, but I wanted you to know the good news as soon as possible. [The Cohen report](#) includes:

- **Salmon farms have the potential to import exotic viruses and amplify endemic ones**
- **There should be an immediate freeze on farm salmon production on the Fraser sockeye migration route**
- **DFO should be relieved of their duty to promote salmon farms**
- **Mitigation into the impact of salmon farms on wild salmon should not be delayed and should be carried out in the absence of absolute certainty**
- **DFO must assess ALL research done on the impact of farm salmon on wild salmon and if found greater than minimal, the industry must be prohibited from operating on the Fraser sockeye migration route!**
- **Siting criteria has to be revised to include wild salmon migration routes.**

As this report is tabled, you should know the Province of BC is in the process of renewing many salmon farm leases. The Province of BC remains the landlord of the industry even though regulation has become federal. If BC offers this industry long term leases, Justice Cohen's recommendations and our \$26 million

will be wasted. The Province cannot at this point offer these lease renewals without consulting with the Fraser First Nations, because the salmon they have rights to are swimming through effluent from the salmon farms, Cohen is specifically reporting on.

I am actively researching exotic salmon viruses, but if these leases are renewed in the next few weeks, there will be little chance of the Cohen recommendations being acted on.

This report is the result of a massive amount of work, I especially thank my lawyers Lisa Glowacki and Greg McDade - they went the extra mile and beyond!

There is something you can do now. I have created a petition in honour of Cohen's work asking Premier Clark not to renew the salmon farm leases to the sea floor of BC.

If you step up and share it widely, there is a chance our children will have wild salmon in their lives, and honestly it looks like there are tough times ahead, they will need everything we can leave them.

[www.change.org/NoSalmonFarmLeases](http://www.change.org/NoSalmonFarmLeases)

In celebration of hope and thanks to you Mr Cohen for seeing the difficult truths,

Alexandra Morton

**Sun Nov 3/12 5:03am**

From [TheCanadian.org](http://TheCanadian.org): Video: Pipelines Job Killers

[Video: Pipelines "Job Killers"](#) (3 min) - Energy Workers Union Leader @ Defend Our Coast - by Damien Gillis

Watch this powerhouse speech from Dave Coles, president of the Communications, Energy and Paper workers Union at the Defend Our Coast rally in Victoria explaining why his members are "diametrically opposed" to Tar Sands pipelines to BC's coast. A representative of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers echoed those concerns, citing the loss of fisheries jobs in Alaska following the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

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

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

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

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**November 28, 2012**

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October 31, 2012

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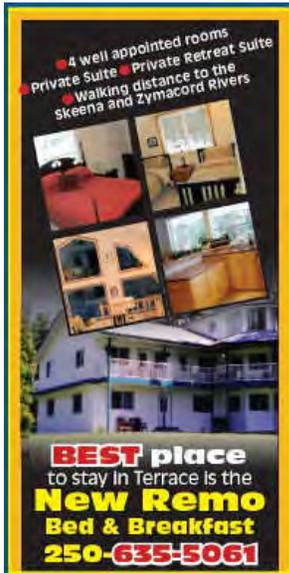
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