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Top Photo: October 29, 2014. Ariel Kuppers, pro fishing guide for [Kitimat Lodge](#) helps his Spey fly fishing guest Yuzo get a memorable pic of his beautiful Steelhead. Kitimat Lodge and their team of fishing guides offer Skeena River November Fishing Packages. If you are interested please [contact me](#) anytime and I will help make the arrangements for a trip of lifetime. **Cast on photo to view in larger size**

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- 2014 [Skeena River November Fishing Packages](#) **NEW** this year!
- 2014 [Haida Gwaii/Queen Charlotte Islands](#) for river and ocean

- 2014 Skeena River [summer-run Steelhead](#) and Salmon
 - 2014 Kitimat River for [Coho \(Silver\) Salmon](#)
 - 2015 Multi Rivers for [spring Steelhead](#)
 - 2015 Multi Rivers for [spring Chinook](#)
 - 2015 [Kwinamass River](#) for Steelhead (April & May) only
 - 2014 [Zymoetz \(Copper\) River](#) class 1 and 2 sections
 - 2014 [Nass and Coastal Rivers](#)
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Commentary: Wind: SE 5km/h Overcast (+7 degrees C) Steelhead, Coho, Trout and Dolly Varden Char are the target fish now. **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: Note: NEW** section added called **Recommended Fly Fishing Gear**. **Note: FOR SALE ECO Tour Tenure license**, see [Market Place](#) section. **Note: FOR SALE** West Coast floating Fishing Lodge entertaining over 1000 guests per year, see [Market Place](#) section or [contact Noel Gyger](#) for more info: **Note: Rogers Fishing Lodge FOR SALE** see [Market Place](#) section; owners of this lodge say they already have over 1000 guests booked for the 2014 season. In total in 2013 they did 1160 guests, so things are already pacing ahead of last year. Certainly a real positive for any potential [Buyer to have a turn-key business](#).

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Recent and Today's updates below:

Recent updates: **Update:** [Avid Sportfishing](#) sent a pic of their **NEW** Boat; that's right they are now operating 2 - 30 foot [Kingfisher](#) guide boats, see [Haida Gwaii - Queen Charlotte Islands](#) section. **Update:** **NEW** Product Profile [Scotty](#), see [Product Profile](#) section. **Update:** summer-run Steelhead from 2007, see [Vintage Video Clips](#) section. **Update:** [April Vokey](#) interviewed me about the history of Sportfishing and Guiding in NW British Columbia, see pic and caption in the [Skeena River](#) section (full crew named now). **Update:** [Avid Sportfishing](#) sent a Chinook pic and fishing report, see [Haida Gwaii - Queen Charlotte Islands](#) section. **THEY SUGGEST: Book Now for 2015!** **Update:** Skeena River is divided into 4 sections, see [Skeena River](#) section. **Update:** Full month of September 2014 is now posted, see [Past Fishing Reports](#) webpage. **Update:** as of Oct.7th [noelgyger.ca](http://www.noelgyger.ca) fishing video clips on [YouTube](#) have received 827,963 views, see [Noel Gyger has 96 fishing video clips on YouTube](#) section. **Update:** [Ariel Koppers](#) of [Kitimat Lodge](#) gets his client into Steelhead even in very high water, see pic and caption in [Kalum River](#) section. **Update:** **NEW** river condition pic and fishing report for the [Bulkley River](#). **Update:** Pristine Coast doc reveals surprising, untold history of salmon farms, see [Conservation](#) section. **Update:** Whose Ocean is it...? The Proposed "Aquaculture Activities Regulations" permitting ocean dumping & harm to fish habitat. Will Impact Us ALL, see [Conservation](#) section. **Update:** **Flood Watch**, see pic of snow in Terrace mountains and read the commentary, see [Skeena River](#) section. **Update:** for Steelhead fishing, see [Bulkley River](#) section, sponsored by [McBike](#) in Smithers BC. **Update:** for Lakes, Bulkley, Morice, Kispiox and Babine River, see [Smithers BC and area fishing report](#) section. **Update:** [Avid Sportfishing](#) posted a **NEW** video, see [Avid Sportfishing](#) section to watch it. **Update:** **NEW** river condition pic for [Kitimat River](#). **Today's updates:** **Update:** for [Skeena](#) and [Kalum](#)

River. Update: for **Zymoetz (Copper) River. Update:** Tracey Hittel of [Kitimat Lodge](#) send pics and Steelhead Spey fly fishing report, see [Kitimat Lodge](#) section. **Update:** [Hawkair](#) offers special hotel prices, see [Hawkair](#) section below. **Update:** **NEW Top Photo** posted this Oct 29th. **Update:** to receive the Nov. 6th e-mail NEWSLETTER [subscribe](#) here. **Update:** **Rob Brown** latest story titled "*Setting them free*", see [Rob Brown - The Skeena Angler](#) section. **Update:** stats for [noelgyger.ca](#) are posted now for Oct. 30th., see above. More updates will come in as the day moves on. Cast on links to send me your [fishing report](#) or [feedback](#). Or phone 250-635-2568, if I am not available leave your report on my answering machine. Thank you.

RIVER and DATE - High Rez pics of river conditions:

Skeena October 7th

Zymoetz (Copper) October 7th

Kitimat October 29th

Kalum October 7th

Bulkley October 16th



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Skeena River

Skeena River is divided into four sections:

Skeena 1 (non-classified) Exchamsiks River downstream to the ocean.

Skeena 2 (class 2 water) Exchamsiks River upstream to 1.5 km above Kalum River.

Skeena 3 (non-classified) 1.5 km above the Kalum River upstream to 1.5 km above Zymoetz River.

Skeena 4 (class 2 water) 1.5 km above Zymoetz River upstream to the head-waters.

Water has really dropped! Fishing is a little slow for Steelhead and Coho as most of the runs have already gone through...but if you know where to go and fish the right system you can still catch them. You may want to consider hiring a guide to learn how? If so please [contact me](#) anytime I will get you set-up with the BEST. **NEW** "high" rez water condition pic posted Oct 7th. To view cast on the link below.. **Reg: Sockeye** closed September 15th. It was a very good run this year, near record so hope we had lots of happy anglers. **Reg: Chinook closure:** Aug 7 - Dec 31 in a zone from Lakelse River mouth upstream to the Skeena River Overpass (New Hwy) Bridge) at Ferry Island.

Pic taken October 22nd



Flood Watch: We've had lots of rain and it put most rivers out of shape. Rain stopped now and the forecast is for sun and clouds for next week. Because of the cooler temperatures most of the rain stayed in the mountains as snow...but...if it rains heavy again and temperatures warm up and the snow cap melts, we could be in for a flood. It has happened in the past and the floods were so severe it took out highway bridges.



On my left is **April Vokey** of [flygal](#). April is authoring a book summarized as a reflective novel based on the history of our sport, and both its evolution & migration from the United Kingdom to North America's west coast. She interviewed me September 16th regarding the history of Sportfishing and guiding in northwest British Columbia. The whole interview was recorded by **Nick Pujic** (on my right) of [Vantage Point Media House](#) for a television series on [WFN](#). Got to say we had a lot of fun and it was hard to shut me up! I will keep you updated how this progresses. I am sorry, at this time, I cannot remember the names of the other folks in the crew. I will get them for you later.

As promised here are the names of the rest of the crew: Victor Cooper, Brock Tompkins, Yoshi Aoki, Adrienne Comeau and Catherine Laflamme (who took the photo).

Click on pics for **high rez** view



[CLICK HERE](#) to view “**high rez**” pic of river conditions for Oct. 7, 2014

Skeena Water heights below:

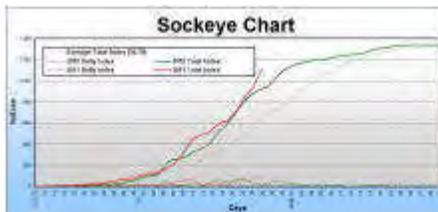


Cast on link for current Skeena River water heights

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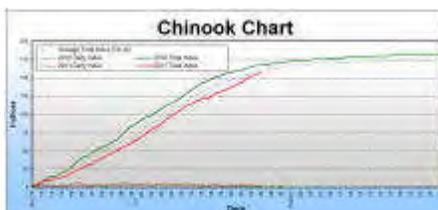
Skeena River Tye Test Fishery for 2014:

Sockeye Charts



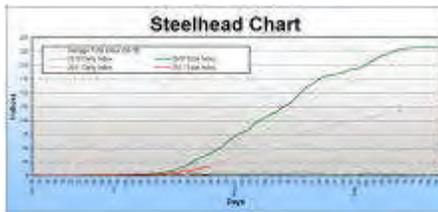
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Chinook Charts



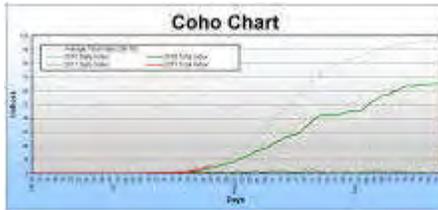
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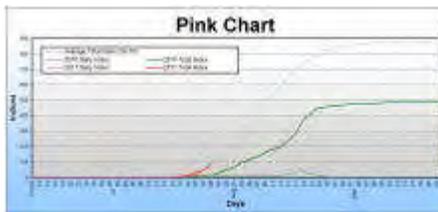
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Coho Charts



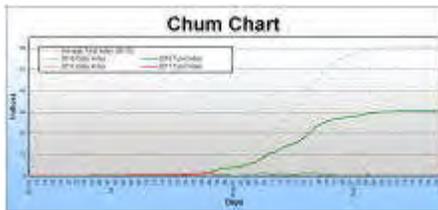
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Pink Charts



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Chum Charts



- [Current, Average and Previous Year](#)
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[Cast here](#) to view 2011, 2012 and 2013 Tyee Test Fishery numbers

2014 Salmon Fishing Outlook:

from Fisheries and Oceans Canada [Cast on this link](#) to read the Preliminary 2014 Salmon Outlook.

Fri July 18/14 4:23am

More information has come forth from DFO regarding the 2014 Salmon run, to read all the details cast on this link:

<http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/Preliminary-2014-Salmon-Outlook.pdf>

2013 Salmon Fishing Outlook:

Can be seen here:

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

Skeena River Tye Test Fishery for:

2011, 2012 and 2013 can be seen here:

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Kitimat Lodge



Kitimat Lodge fishing report - October 25, 2014

Today was the best day for the river swinging, as the clouds cleared and the snow dusted the mountain tops seen here from the Skeena River in British Columbia.

Skeena River Fishing Report

It's been a rough few days for steelhead fishing, with the high water as you may know. Fishing Skeena country as a paying fly fishing client puts the pressure on us guides! Sitting at the lodge telling stories and tying flies is short lived.



And topping the day is a pair of steelhead swung by Spey anglers. Wow!

With the rivers really shaping up, November will be a bonanza of Lunker Steelhead.

Tight Lines, Tracey Hittel

Booking 2015 Fishing Charters Now for:

- Skeena River November Fishing Packages
- 2015 best dates for Kitimat River Coho Salmon
- 2015 Coastal BC Spring Steelhead Fishing
- Multi Rivers for 2015 Chinook Fishing
- Douglas Channel Ocean fishing - Salmon, Halibut, Crab
- 2015 BC whale watching trips and hot spring tours

Morning Comes Early For Steelheaders

Really want to share our 2014 photo galleries before going out fishing in the morning! Apr, May, June, July, and August photos are now on the Kitimat Lodge website!

<http://kitimatlodge.com/gallery/>

Hey! We've been doing guided Steelhead fishing trips in BC since 2001, and many of you have been on our email list for a long time...

If you have fishing trip pictures from over the years - I invite you to post them to our page on Facebook!

<http://facebook.com/kitimatlodge>

Stay tuned - we have an awesome new video coming!

Ok, tight lines all, Tracey Hittel

Videos of Bass Pro Shops Manager's Fishing Holiday!

New on the Kitimat Lodge website and YouTube!

Videos of Bass Pro Shops Manager's Fishing Holiday!

Check out the Coho Salmon spin fishing action!

<http://kitimatlodge.com/dspFX>

Tight Lines, Tracey Hittel

SEE BELOW for complete [Kitimat Lodge](#) guiding season:

The 2014 season is closing in on us fast and the bookings are at an all-time high

SPRING STEELHEAD

Spring Steelhead begins this late March for 6 weeks. If the run of Steelhead was like last year our guests are going to hit pay dirt.



CHINOOK SALMON

Starting in May, thru to August, Chinook Salmon we target either by Jetboats or spacious driftboats, on the rivers, or 30ft Aluminum, twin Volvo Diesel, ocean vessel. All our boat are fully equipped with top of the line gear.



COHO SALMON

Late July to late September all 5 species of Salmon are in full charge from the ocean to the rivers. We intercept these Salmon either in the Saltwater or small coastal micro streams, using like tackle or fly.



HALIBUT and CRAB

May to November is best for Halibut and Dungeness Crab. For 2014 the size limit for Halibut has increased, retaining a 70lb fish, up from the 60lb fish in 2013



SUMMER - FALL STEELHEAD

The lower 100 miles of the Skeena and its tributaries are a Steelheaders dream, miles of fly water to chase the elusive steelhead. With our access to **Classified waters** in Skeena country, this allows us flexibility and tranquility for our customers.



BOOK SOON - don't be disappointed:

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Kalum River:

NEW "high" rez condition pic posted Oct. 7th. Water at the highway bridge is high but very fishable. Upper end is in great shape! I am getting good reports; lots of Steelhead and Coho being caught. The Spey fly rod is working well. One can catch both Steelhead and Coho on the same day. It is just a matter how knowing which pools and runs they are holding in. If you need a guide to show you how and where just [contact me](#) anytime. Chinook closed August 7th.



Pic taken Oct 14th. Even in high water pro guide Ariel Koppers gets his clients into fish. Ariel guides for [Kitimat Lodge](#). Here is a comment from the owner Tracey Hittel, "Nice guiding Ariel ! Day 2 with a first timer on the Spey. High water, persistence and a fly called the cream si cle squidro. 4 bites for the day in the pissing rain again, priceless!"

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Lakelse River:



My Granddaughter **Stephanie Ritter** with a nice bright Lakelse River Coho landed Oct 5th. This was one of two fish she landed. We've had a good amount of rain today but I see conditions on the Lakelse are holding. And nice to see FISHING runs in the family!

Water is higher than normal and tea coloured. Steelhead fishing is slow. Check regs for the fly fishing only rule in some section. Steelhead are started to spawn in some sections, if you see them you should let them be and move on to other areas. **Reg:** Fly fishing only between Lakelse Lake and CNR bridge Mar 1 -May 31. **Tip:** Fly-fishing egg pattern flies work the best, also, the brighter the egg fly the better. **Tip:** Float fishing corkies (painted cork balls in various sizes) and a little bit of white wool works well. The bright red or orange ones are favored.

Lakelse River Bridge:

Lots of anglers and I heard of a few nice Chinook landed. **Camping:** There is a rough forestry campsite close to the bridge. When my kids were young we camped there often. We have many fond memories. Met some wonderful people there too. **Tip:** Fishing off the bridge with a marabou jig is the most popular, so is a **Hot Shot** or **KwikFish** plug.

FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY: Please get off the bridge when large trucks and equipment are crossing. This bridge has a wide deck sitting on a central pair of girders, and is designed to have the load travel the centre of the bridge. When a truck has to move over because someone didn't want to get out of their lawn chair it endangers everyone on the bridge by putting the load off-centre. In some cases, especially lowbeds with excavators etc on them are too wide to pass without people moving. Thank you.

Zymoetz (Copper) River:

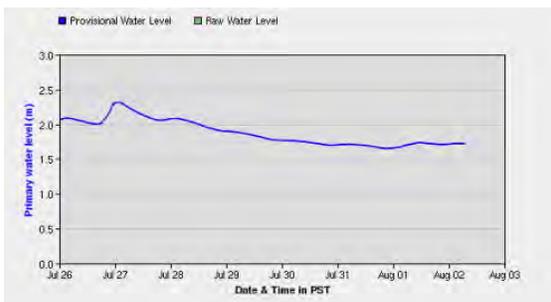
Water has really dropped and GREAT Steelhead fishing is back on! **NEW** "high rez" condition pic posted Oct. 7th. **See:** current **Top Photo!** When wet fly fishing give the Steelhead a chance to react when the fly comes drifting by. Dry fly works pretty good too. And for conventional here is a **Tip:** Float fishing the Pink Worm works very well in this river. Need a guide for 2014 in either the Class one or Class two section [contact me](#) anytime.

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Sample Zymoetz (Copper) River heights below:



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

http://wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/report/report_e.html?type=realTime&stn=08EF005

Kitimat River:

NEW high rez river condition photo is from Oct 28th. River height was 1.1m. Clarity approx. 3-4 feet. Coho are still available but most are getting very dark...and really should not be targeted. Need the "best" fishing guide just [contact me](#) anytime. Thanks.

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Exstew River:

Water high green cloudy as of Oct. 9th. The Coho are coming. These are bright fish. Fish moving up river fast due to the high water. Concentrate fishing beside tree structures and deep cut-bank pools. Watch for rolling fish, if you don't see them rolling they are probably not there.

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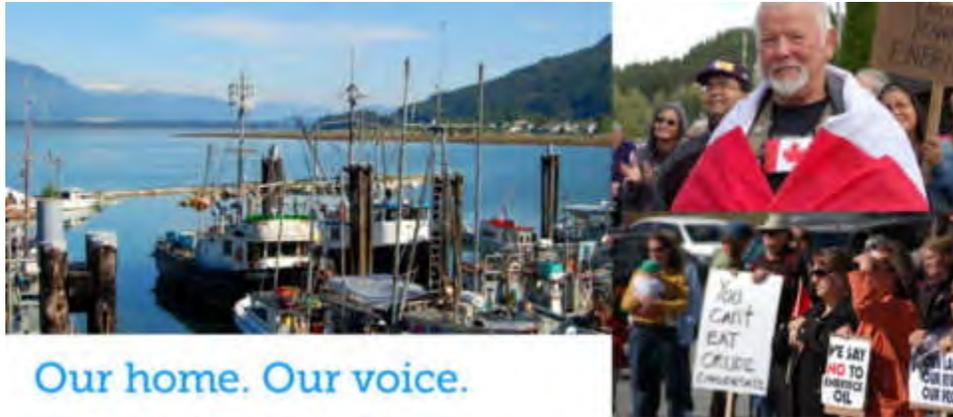
Kitimat River Estuary:

Coho fishing is good. Please **BEWARE** it can be dangerous getting into and out of the estuary with jet boat. If you would like to experience this unique fishery may I suggest you [book with a fishing guide](#).

Douglas Channel:

Chinook fishing in the channel is basically over as all of the fish have moved into their natal rivers, although one has a chance to catch "feeder springs", these would be smaller fish. Coho fishing is slow; they are all heading for their home rivers...and their home rivers don't have much water in them. Coho are being caught but way down the channel. Halibut and other Bottom fish are being landed in good numbers and lots Dungeness Crab. Now when I say this fishing is good you got to know what to fish with, where to fish and how. Pink and Sockeye are out their too. My suggestion is to [book a charter guide](#) for trip or two, then you will be up to speed how to do it on your own.

Douglas Channel Watch



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Where We Stand

Vision Statement: The [Douglas Channel Watch](#) will work to protect the Douglas Channel and its tributaries.



South African girl with a slab. Halibut fishing down the Douglas Channel is GREAT! Caption and photo by Tracey Hittel of [Kitimat Lodge](#). If you are interested to hire a charter [contact me](#) anytime.

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Bulkley River:

Cast here <http://smithersevents.com/fishing-report> for detailed fishing report for Oct 23rd. The report is sponsored by **McBike & Sport** <http://www.mcbike.ca> in Smithers BC

Water a little dirty from the Telkwa River. People catching 1-2 fish per day still though.

Water has really cleaned up and fishing for Steelhead is good!

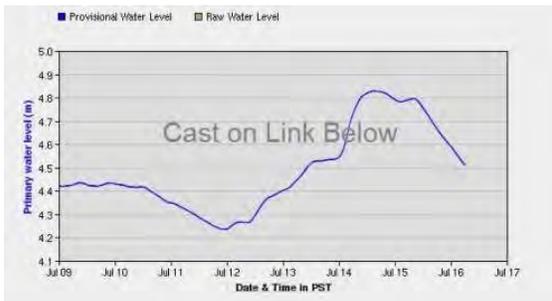
The river is blown in Smithers. .Like coffee with milk . Good above Telkwa though.

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Sample Bulkley River (near Smithers BC) heights below:



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Recommended Fly Fishing Gear:

Courtesy Chad Black [Nicholas Dean Outdoors](#)

In the low water conditions of early April, we generally used light sink tips to cover the shallow riffles and

tailouts where Steelhead were holding. Type 3 and Type 6 tips were generally all that was needed for most conditions. With the higher flows of late Spring, and in particular on the tributary rivers, we've also been using Rio's MOW tips in a variety of weights and lengths to get the fly down to the fish. The Heavy MOW tips, made of T-14 material, have been particularly useful, in lengths of 5, 7.5, 10 and 12.5 ft.

As with March, best colours have been pink, black, blue and orange. When fishing the Skeena and its tribs, larger flies from 2.5" to 4" in length have been most productive. Smaller flies in a variety of weights in the 1" to 2.5" range have worked the best on coastal rivers.

When targeting Steelhead, we've been using rods in the 12.5' to 13.5' ft range, for a 7 or 8 weight line on the larger rivers. Our personal favourites for this fishing include the 7126 **Sage TCX** and the 8139 **Loomis Dredger**. When targeting Chinook specifically, we've been using heavier 9 and 10 weight rods in the 13' to 15' range. Single hand rods and switch rods have gotten the nod on the coastal rivers. In particular, I had a chance to fish a 8116 **Sage One** rod and can confirm that it's a very good rod that's ideally suited to the coast!

Rods, Reels, Lines: For Steelhead - Spey rods in the 12' to 14' range, with a **Skagit** head to match. A 7126 TCX paired with a 500 grain **Skagit Flight** and **Loomis 8139 Dredger** with a 525 grain **Skagit** are excellent choices. A good quality disc or cork drag reel (e.g. **Islander** and **Ross**) with a minimum of 150 yards of 30 lb backing. For Spring Chinook Salmon, same as above, except with heavier gear - 9 weight minimum, 10 weight better.

Sink Tips and Tippet: A 15' Type III and 15' Type VI for most shallow water applications, and a variety of MOW tips - medium (T-11) and heavy (T-14) for deeper and/or heavier water. Always 15 lb **Maxima Ultragreen** for Steelhead. Increase tippet to 20 lb **Maxima Ultragreen** if targeting Spring Chinook.

Flies: **Idylwilde** String Leech, Bunny Tube, Marabou Tube and Popsickle, in shrimp pink, cerise, black, blue and orange.

If you need info to book a pro fishing guide please [contact me](#) anytime.

Prince Rupert Ocean Fishing:



Fish from this **Grady White** for **ALL** the bottom fish plus **ALL** the Salmon, Dungeness Crab and Alaskan King Crab...with a captain who has over 40 years experience. If you are interested to book a charter please [contact me](#) anytime for **ALL** the details.

Haida Gwaii - Queen Charlotte Islands:

Avid Sportfishing



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Interested in a top notch fishing adventure in 2015? We have great packages in the best place on earth to catch salmon & halibut.

Cast on this link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9A8XnE-nS_E#t=25 to watch their **New Video** and see for yourself.



Still some really nice fish being caught on the west coast, a late push of nice springs to end another great season of fishing in Haida Gwaii. We are now booking for 2015, reserve your dates while they last!



Fishing for Halibut and Salmon this month has been simply outstanding. Book your charter soon to avoid disappointment.

1-877-770-2843

www.avidportfishing.ca



Here's our latest addition to the fleet for 2014. That's right we are now operating 2 - 30 foot Kingfisher guide boats. This one is tricked out with all the same options and quality gear as our first boat. Luxury fishing on the West Coast of Haida Gwaii just got even better!

Reserve Your Dates for 2015

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Smithers BC and area fishing report:

Fishing report for October 15, 2014

After three weeks of marginal water conditions, most rivers are back in shape! Water levels are still fairly high (who would have thought after super low water in September??). Weather forecast is for cooler temperatures which will help all rivers drop even further! Steelhead fishing should be stellar over the next few weeks!

Fishing report for October 15, 2014

Lakes - Little to no angling pressure on many of the lakes in the Bulkley Valley. Fish are aggressive this time of year and fun to fish for if steelheading is unfeasible.

Bulkley - Section below Telkwa is very murky. Upper section is fishing better but has many people, fishing is decent.

Morice - River got some much needed water, maybe help bring in some fresher fish. Lots of anglers fishing the cleaner water, having good results.

Kispiox - River was dropping but heavy rains are forecasted for that region over the next couple days.

Babine - Also got a little bump of much need water. Fishing has been okay for most.

Fishing report for October 9, 2014

Bulkley - Lower section is definitely fishable today. Fishing should only improve with time and good weather. We have had good reports. Upper section has been fishing great.

Morice - Many anglers there searching for better water, and have been finding fish.

Kispiox - First river to clear up from recent rain, as a result beyond busy with people. Not much camping available. Fishing has been okay.

Babine - Use of tackle is now permitted. Water is low and clear, fishing has been consistently okay.

Fishing report for October 2, 2014

Bulkley - Water conditions are good. Fishing reports are saying it has been a little slow recently. Upstream of Telkwa is busy with people boating the river.

Morice - Fishing is okay but water is still low and clear. Be careful of bears especially on the upper end.

Kispiox - Dropping nicely but more bad weather is on the way. Fishing should be okay when drops again. Many people on the river.

Babine - The use of 'Gear' is now permitted on the Upper end of the Babine River. Fishing is decent but water is extremely low. Be cautious as many bears are near the bridge.

Fishing report for September 29, 2014

Bulkley - Water looks good and fishing for steelhead is pretty good. Telkwa river is inputting just enough color which is nice.

Morice - River levels bumped up to maybe move some fish around. People are having good luck with Steelhead.

Kispiox - Higher than normal and blown out. Lots of people camped out there waiting for the water to come down and clean up.

Babine - Super low water on the upper end and the Nilkitwa keeps coming out of shape for the lower portion. Fishing is tough.

[Fishing report for September 25, 2014](#)

Bulkley/Morice – Slowed down over the last couple days but is still good. River needed with rain though. Telkwa will hopefully clear up in the next couple days to improve the conditions. Bulkley upstream of the Telkwa confluence is not as murky.

Kispiox – Packed with people. River is on the rise but color is nice. Fishing is tougher than previous weeks.

Babine – Fishing for Steelhead is pretty good right now. Water levels did not bump up as much as other rivers.

Guest Photos and captions:



Brian Ziegler from New Jersey USA sent this pic of his Skeena River Coho landed with Spey rod on Saturday September 6, 2014. It measured 36.5 x 24. WOW ! That's one BIG Coho. Thanks for send the pic. Best regards, Noel



Here is a pic of my son-in-law **Troy Ritter** releasing a Skeena River summer-run Steelhead landed Saturday August 16th. Sorry the pic not too clear as I took a snap-shot from a video clip. Nice job Troy. And thank you Deb (my daughter) for shooting the video. River conditions were low and very clean...and the air temp really high around plus 30 degrees C.



Hi Noel, We read your fishing report all the time and always look forward to opportunities to fish in northern BC.

I have attached a few photos of our success story from this year's fishing trip to China Bar (last week). Marty Schneider, from Saskatchewan, is holding a 32 pound Chinook and Colby Schneider is holding a 33 pounder which is the result of a double-header on the Skeena! This was an exciting morning for us.

The next day, we hired a charter at Prince Rupert and caught a couple of good halibut.



Hi Noel, Sockeye fishing on the fly was good today (July 14th). Here's my Dad Tom Hodgson with a nice one. Thank you for posting. Luke

Vintage Video Clips:

Skeena River 'summer -run' Steelhead 2007



Another bright one!

Pro fishing guide **Randy Marshall** holds up **Astrid Gangl's** Steelhead for a quick shot. Astrid is from Luxembourg and is a many-time repeat guest.

Cast on this link to watch:

<http://www.noelgyger.ca/video-clips/Steelhead-0001.wmv>

It runs for about 1:00 minute and is a small screen wmv.

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

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Guest Reports and Photos - 2013 Season Review:

Guest reports and photos are posted here:

http://www.noelgyger.ca/archived-fishing-reports/february-1-28_2013.pdf

Past Top Photos



October 22 to October 29, 2014. Local fly fisherman **Willie McCleary** holds up his Skeena trib Steelhead for a "quick" shot. Fish was landed this fall. **Notes from Noel:** Good technique using the cradle net with built-in tape measure. Lots of water dripping off the fish shows the fish was out of water for only a "split" second. Good job Willie! Photo by **Dennis Therrien**. If you are interested to be guided on rivers or ocean please [contact me](#) anytime. **Cast on photo to view in larger size**



October 8 to October 22, 2014. Hi Noel! My names **Amber Serbin** and I came up from Edmonton, Alberta on another fishing trip. All this rain had me worried but I got into steelhead on the Zymoetz (Copper) River October 2nd! I attached a picture for you. Looking forward to hooking into more! **Note from Noel:** if you are interested to be guided on rivers or ocean please [contact me](#) anytime. **Cast on photo to view in larger size**



October 1 to October 8, 2014. **Dennis Therrien** with another beautiful Zymoetz (Copper) River Steelhead landed mid September this year. If you are interested to be guided on rivers or ocean please [contact me](#) anytime. **Cast on photo to view in larger size**



September 24 to October 1, 2014. **Dennis Therrien** with another beautiful Zymoetz (Copper) River Steelhead landed and this month. Must say, fishing has been outstanding this year! If you are interested to be guided on rivers or ocean please [contact me](#) anytime. **Cast on photo to view in larger size**



September 17 to September 24, 2014. Photo and caption courtesy Michael Herzberg. My biggest Coho in the last four years. Best fight in probably ten. This thing hit as we were reeling in the hot shots. Then went crazy on the surface. Love those big Northern! If you are interested to be guided on rivers or ocean please [contact me](#) anytime. **Cast on photo to view in larger size**



September 8 to September 16, 2014. Dennis Therrien with a beautiful Zymoetz (Copper) River summer-run Steelhead landed September 6, 2014. If you are interested to be guided on rivers or ocean please [contact me](#) anytime. **Cast on photo to view in larger size**

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Weather Reports telephone numbers: Terrace: 250-635-4192 **Kitimat:** 250-632-7864 **Prince Rupert:** 250-627-1155 **Smithers:** 250-847-1958.

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

Conservation

Whose Ocean is it...? The Proposed "Aquaculture Activities Regulations" permitting ocean dumping & harm to fish habitat. Will Impact Us ALL

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Pristine Coast doc reveals surprising, untold history of salmon farms

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SAVE Lelu Island and Skeena wild salmon from LNG

Will you sign the declaration to save Lelu Island from LNG?

The proposed Petronas Pacific NorthWest LNG development on Lelu Island, on the estuary of the Skeena River, would require massive dredging of areas that have been identified as critical to the health and abundance of Skeena salmon.

A study by the federal government in 1973, as well as recent science, confirms that altering or destroying these habitats will significantly damage the abundance and health of Skeena salmon.

This site was selected for industrial development without consultation with First Nations

and Skeena communities.

[Cast here to sign the declaration](#)

A Wild Salmon will thank you for it!

Release poisons, really?

Hello, members of Parliament John Duncan and James Lunney are reaching out to the public regarding new salmon farm "regulations" that would allow the industry to release chemicals that kill fish. They would also allow for killing wild fish to control pathogens.

As one of the big Norwegian operators in BC considers selling out to Mitsubishi, we have three weeks to speak up about these proposed regulations.

http://alexandramorton.typepad.com/alexandra_morton/

Also there is a new film on salmon farming premiering this weekend at the Vancouver International Film Festival <http://www.viff.org/festival/films/f14044-the-pristine-coast> The ending will surprise you!

We need to decide if we want Norwegian and Japanese companies deciding which fish will live or die in BC.

Our voices are important. See my blog on how to comment on this. Alexandra Morton



SkeenaWild Conservation Trust is having a fund raising event this Saturday, September 27 at the Old Church location in Smithers BC. The event is emceed by April Vokey. Doors open at 5:00 pm. Dinner served 6:30pm. Tickets \$40. If you have something to donate let them know ASAP. Wild Salmon will thank you for it! For more info cast on this **FaceBook** link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1464616407141882>

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It is with great pleasure that we can report on the continued success of SOS's strategy to advance land-based closed containment as a sustainable alternative to farming salmon in direct contact with the marine environment.

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Rob Brown - The Skeena Angler:

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

Rob Brown blog: http://web.me.com/skeenaangler/Skeena_Angler/Blog/Blog.html

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Setting them free

http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-oct-29_2014.pdf

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The Intruder

http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-sep-24_2014.pdf

Dionys

http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/rob-brown-sep-17_2014.pdf

(SSBC) The Steelhead Society of BC:



<http://www.steelheadsociety.org>

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

http://www.steelheadsociety.org/sites/default/files/June_2013.pdf

NEW FaceBook page link here: <https://www.facebook.com/SSBCmain>

News updates:



SkeenaWild celebrates filmmaking, photography and community connection.

Drop in on the 5th Annual Film & Photo contest

Open for entries May 15 - Sept 15

NEW categories. *Great Prizes

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FIRE BAN in Northwest BC was set to begin 4:00pm August 12th.

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Fishery Notice: Sockeye limit has increased from 2 fish per day to 4 fish per day.

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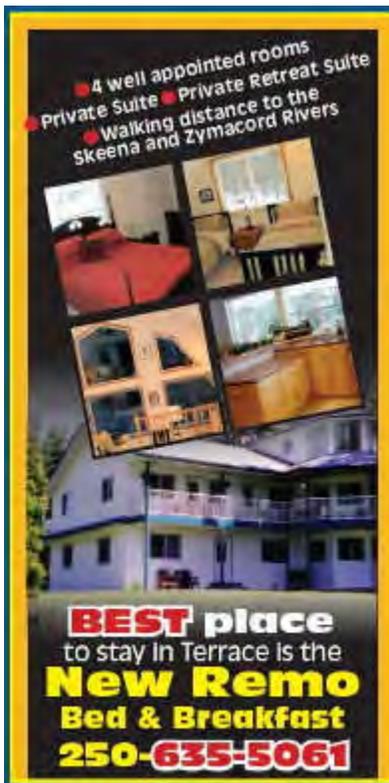
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Fishing Regulations:

2013-2015 **BC tidal waters and fresh-water** (Federal) Salmon fishing information (including recent updates):

<http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/index-eng.htm>

Effective April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2015

Shellfish Contamination Closures:

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

On-line tidal waters fishing licenses:

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

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

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

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Check for In-season Regulations Changes at:

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

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Market Place

For Sale

West Coast of Vancouver Islands, BC Rogers Fishing Lodge

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



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

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

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

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

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