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Photo of the Week

Hi my name is Michelle Genereaux and I thought I would submit this picture to you and your great website. This Kalum run Chinook was caught in the Skeena Main July 21, 2010. 47 inches length x 30 inches girth, putting it in at roughly 43-pounds. I caught it on a 6500 vintage [Ambassadeur](#) reel using braided [Tuf-line](#) mounted on my [Shimano](#) TDR 9ft "porkchop stick" rod that everyone said wouldn't bring a big one in! Everyone except Randy from **Northcoast Anglers**. I was conventional fishing using a classic Lettuce and Tomato "spin'n'glo" with a [Gamakatsu](#) size 5 barbless hook using NO bait (I never do). After not a thing all day boom! My bell dinged and I hit the rod fast yanking it out of the holder at the back of the boat and set the hook. I knew it was serious business! I set all my gear and rigging up all by myself and fought and brought the fish in all on my own. This is my first catch of the year! Holy fish.



Thank you, Michelle

Weekly Fishing Reports (Smithers, Terrace, Kitimat, Prince Rupert and Meziadin North)

Noel Gyger

July 18 to July 25, 2010

Number 177

Dear Fishing Friends:

SUMMARY: Weather has been good. Temperatures were very hot until Wednesday. Some would say too hot! It is nice and cool on the weekend, no rain to speak of. Fishing for Chinook, Sockeye, Chum Salmon, Cutthroat Trout, Bull Trout and Dolly Varden Char using fly, spin and conventional gear has been good for some anglers. Most of the guides have been doing very well but others with less experience, not so. The Skeena River came up due to the hot weather but remained in shape. Dropping now on the weekend. I have many reports of some very big Chinook caught this week. Selecting the **Photo of the Week** was challenging. There are so many nice ones to choose from. Sockeye fishing is good. Limit 2 per day, 4 possession. I've had reports of a few Steelhead caught also. The Kalum River is in good shape and fishing for Chinook is fair. More big fish are moving in every day. They are holding in the deep cut-banks as the water drops. The Kitimat River is in good shape and fishing for Chinook remains good. The main run of Chinook are in the river now. The main run has peaked. A few more should come in with the morning high tide. One week left to target big Chinook. It closes on July 31st. Fishing Chum and Pink is good. Fishing "out front" the Kitimat Bay (Douglas Channel) for Chinook dropped right off as most of the fish have gone upriver. Coho, Chum and Pink are starting to show up in the bay. Possible right now to catch all 5 specie of Pacific Salmon in the Harbour. Fishing the outer waters for all species of Salmon and Halibut is good. Crab (Dungeness and King) fishing is excellent. Check out the Ron Wakita report below. The Zymoetz (Copper) River is in good shape and fishing for Chinook was good until July 23rd when it closed upstream from Highway 16 Bridge. Ocean Chinook fishing in Prince Rupert is good as long as it is not too windy. Fishing for Halibut is good and so is trapping Crabs and Prawns. People are catching their limits. Marvin Reid from Meziadin North reports lake fishing for Dolly Varden and Rainbow Trout is good. More Sockeye are showing up in the Meziadin Lake. Chinook are being caught at the mouth of the Meziadin River where it dumps into the Nass River. Bob Melrose says the Bulkley River is in perfect shape. Still lots of Chinook in the system. Fishing is a little bit tougher in the Smithers area. Better luck below Morice Town. Morice River, sorry no report at this time. Kispiox River water is low and very clear. Lots of Chinook in the system yet. The Sockeye are also starting to show up. Cranberry River is fishing good for Chinook. This week guide reports came from Ron Wakita, Andreas Handle, Mike Holland, Ariel Koppers, Wes Owen, Marc Girard, Dave Payjack, Dave Wahl, Tracey Hittel, Gill McKean, Marvin Reid and Jeff Carlson. A very hearty **Thank you** to all guides and anglers who have sent reports and photos. It is very much appreciated!

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Many people book three trips per year to our area; one trip in the spring (March-April-May), one trip in the summer (June-July-August) and one trip in the fall (September-October-November). They love having the same guide but fishing for different fish in different areas.

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New Items on Website

July 22, 2010 One **FOR SALE**: (Beautiful Log House on Skeena River waterfront 5 minutes from downtown Terrace)

<http://www.noelgyger.ca/recreation-retirement-waterfront.htm>

July 16, 2010 One **FOR SALE**: (Riverfront property on the Bulkley River)

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July 16, 2010 One **FOR SALE**: (Riverfront property on the Kispiox River)

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Weather and Water Conditions

Bulkley River

Water is in perfect shape. There are still lots of Chinook in the system. Fishing is a little tougher in the Smithers area. Better luck below Morice Town.

Kalum River

More anglers are heading out to try their luck fishing for Chinook (King) Salmon. The water is in good shape. Fishing has been reported as fair. Chinook are being caught in the lower section. The fish seem to be holding in the deep cut-banks. **Reminder:** Fishing for Chinook upstream of signs below the lower canyon closed on Tuesday, May 25th. The lower end will remain open to fish for Chinook until August 7th.

Kispiox River

Fairly low and very clear. There are lots of Chinook in the system. The Sockeye are also starting to show-up. Fishing in general is good.

Morice River

Sorry, no report at this time.

Skeena River

The water came up until mid week but Chinook (King) Salmon is good. Lots of people are heading out on the river to try their luck. The main run of giant Chinook in the Terrace area is here. The two main boat ramps (Fishermen's Park and Kitsumkalum) are filling up with excited anglers. There are more and more anglers coming every day to enjoy this fabulous fishery. The bank fishermen are setting up on the "**Cotton Wood**" pool on the Skeena River. A few Chinook have been caught off of the "**Lakelse River Bridge**". Both spin and fly fishermen are covering the banks at "**Ferry Island**". This is a very exciting time of year!

Weather Reports

Terrace: 250-635-4192

Kitimat: 250-632-7864

Prince Rupert: 250-627-1155

Smithers: 250-847-1958.

Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO):

[Tyee Test Fishery](#) for the Skeena River

Tides

[Kitimat Tides](#)

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Skeena River



Hydrometric Data

[Babine River Graph](#)
[Bulkley River Graph](#)
[Kispiox River Graph](#)
[Kitimat River Graph](#)
[Morice River Graph](#)
[Nass River Graph](#)
[Skeena River Graph](#)

Zymoetz (Copper) River

The water is in good shape. Chinook closed July 23rd. I have received some good reports of Chinook landed on or before this date. The Steelhead will be coming soon. Some may be there already.

Cranberry River

The water is in good shape. I have reports that the Chinook are in.

Meziadin River

The water is in good shape. Chinook are being caught at the mouth of the river where it dumps into the Nass River.

Kasiks River

Chinook are being caught at the mouth of the river where it dumps into the Skeena. You can only fish below the Highway 16 Bridge.

Exchamsiks River

Chinook are being caught at the mouth of the river where it dumps into the Skeena. You can only fish below the Highway 16 Bridge.

Fishing Guide Reports

Summary for Skeena and Tributaries

Fishing This Week

GOOD

Type of Fish Caught

River: Chinook Salmon, Chum Salmon, Pink Salmon, Trout and Dolly Varden

Ocean: Salmon, Halibut, Bottom Fish and Dungeness and King Crab for ocean.

Thank you for using barbless hooks! (This is a BC fishing regulation)

Largest Fish of the Week

River: 50-pound Chinook on the Kitimat River. 50-pound Chinook Skeena River. **Ocean:** 75-pound Douglas Channel, Kitimat, BC

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Kitimat River

Chinook on the Kitimat River has slowed down a bit from last week although there have been some very bright Chinook still being caught in the lower Kitimat. Pinks and Chum are starting to show in better numbers in the lower Kitimat with every incoming high tide. The latter part of this week brought Salmon of all species. In addition to the Chinook, Pink and Chum, there were a few Sockeye and a few more Coho caught.



July 18 I had the pleasure of fishing with Cedar Welsh and Todd Sherstone on a driftboat trip down the lower Kitimat River. Todd had entered a contest that Noel Gyger and I had sponsored last year. Anyone who added their family's, friend's or fishing partner's email addresses to Noel's Subscriber's Contest was entered into a **Draw for a Free Driftboat trip for 3 down the Kitimat River**. Todd was the Lucky winner. We hooked 2 Chinook but unfortunately we were not able to land any Chinook. We landed a bunch of Pinks but not the Chinook we were targeting. Cedar and Todd are a very nice couple and it was a lot of fun fishing with them. Thank You for your wonderful personalities and spirits. It was a great day on the Kitimat River!



July 19 I had the pleasure of fishing this morning with some really good friends, Doug, Bob and Al Ruel. I have known and fished with these brothers for over 20 years but this was the first time that we have fished out of my driftboat together with all 3 brothers at the same time. We had a lot of fun and a bunch of laughs telling old fish stories. We caught a bunch of Pinks and lost a couple of Chum but didn't hook any Chinook. It was a wonderful morning of fishing with good friends!

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July 19 Braydon Moretti caught a Cutthroat drifting with his father Rick. They lost a couple Chinook and landed a bunch of Pinks but Braydon was especially proud of the Trout that he landed, as he should be. Well done Braydon!



July 20 Mr. Arruda landed a very nice bright Chum under the Haisla Bridge on the **Radly Park** side. There were also 6 other Chum caught and kept in the same hole earlier in the morning. Mr. Arruda was using a **Yakama** #4 Pink Spin n Glo and a [Gibbs/Delta](#) pink hoochie.



July 21 Trent Vines drifted with his good friend Travis James for an afternoon drift on the lower Kitimat and they landed a chrome 28lb Kitimat River Chinook. They were using a [Loomis](#) Hot Shot rod HSR 1025C with an [Ambassadeur](#) 7000 reel. The lure of choice was a [Luhr Jensen](#) Hot Shot SE Mag. The "Right tools for the Job!"



July 21 Ariel Koppers fishing with our clients George Carden and Mike McCrosley landed 2 Chinook, 2 Sockeye and a bunch of Pinks. They landed the Chinook with [Luhr Jensen](#) Kwik Fish K13X Blue Scale. George's son Jody fished with us last year and I suspect that George may be here to "one up" his son. Jody landed a Chinook pushing 50lbs last year. The bar is set pretty high George, but there is always the theory...GO BIG or Stay Home!

Angler beware as there have been a couple Grizzly bears roaming the lower Kitimat River



July 21 Marc Girard was fishing with Dianne, our **Mobile Tackle Van** driver and her significant other Chuck. They landed a 28lb Chinook with a [Luhr Jensen](#) S E Mag Hot Shot. They were threatened by a couple of seals but managed to land this Chinook without incident. Congratulations Chuck! Well done Marc!

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July 22 Ron Baier and Brian Russell weighed a 29lb Chinook and a 12lb Chinook that they caught below the Highway 37 Bridge. They were using a **Yakama** Spin n Glo with a [Gibbs/Delta](#) Egg Drifter. These Egg Drifters (egg clusters or space balls) have become very effective for Chinook. Rick Taylor, a local angler evolved the technique a few years ago and now they are in the top drawer of many Kitimat Chinook anglers tackle box. Congratulations to Ron and Brian!



July 23 Marc Girard drifted with his wife Bonnie and Richard Piche down the lower Kitimat River. Bonnie landed this bright 20lb. Chinook on [Luhr Jensen](#) SE Mag Hot Shot Green Pirate. Richard wanted try rowing the driftboat and was on the oars when this Chinook was hooked. Congratulations Bonnie and Great Job Richard!

Summary: Next week is the last week for retention of Chinook on the Kitimat River as it closes for retention on July 31st at midnight. This is the last week of Chinook fishing for retention on the Kitimat River for another year. It is an exciting time to fish the Kitimat with the expectation of hooking one last Big Chinook that anglers can keep and the good abundance of Pinks and Chum to keep Chinook anglers entertained. It is possible to catch all 5 species of Salmon on the Kitimat River. Wow!

Douglas Channel

Chinook fishing in the Kitimat Harbour fishery has dropped right off. A lot of Saltwater Anglers are fishing from shore near the Alcan boat launch on high tide and catching a bunch of Pinks with pink jigs and pink [Gibbs](#) Crocs. Tidal licenses are required and tidal regulations apply. For anglers under 16 years of age, Tidal water licenses are free but the Salmon stamp is \$6.72. A tidal Salmon stamp allows anglers to harvest 4 Pinks per day. This fishery has evolved into a very popular fishery for youngsters and families. The Kitimat River is closed to retention of Pinks but the tidal water is open to 4 per day. Be sure to get a tide chart prior to fishing. The best time is on the last hour of the rising tide. Tide charts are available on our website http://www.kitimatfishingguideandcharters.com/reliable_tide_tables_for_kitimat.html or from our Tackle Store, **City Centre Hardware and Sporting Goods**.



July 20 Wes Owen was fishing with Dean Girard on a morning trip in the Kitimat Harbour. They managed to hook a 10lb feeder Chinook before the wind picked up. They were also able to catch a bunch of Crab. Well done Guys!



July 21 and 22 David Payjack reports "I had the pleasure of taking out Lorne and Don Delisle and their longtime friend Rudy Desserl on a couple of days fishing trip, we had an overnight at **Bishop Bay Hotsprings** for a nice soak and a crab feast, we got into quite a few salmon at Fish Trap but found they were not striking very hard and had lost quite a few. We ended up landing 3 springs, 4 coho, 2 pink salmon, 6 Pacific Cod, a bunch of Rock Fish and one Halibut that was only 15 lbs. The boys were getting a little tired so I picked up a rod and managed to hook into a very large Halibut, only to lose it without seeing it. My experienced guess would be into the 150 lb class we spent quite a long time trying to entice it to strike again with no joy. There was a gale force warning issued so we cut the trip a little short. The coho fishing at fish trap is really picking up, If I had time for another trip I would spend some time to target them there." Dave Payjack. Congratulations on your trip. Well done Guys. Great Job Skipper! Anyone wishing to book a trip with Dave please contact Noel Gyger



July 22 Dave Wahl fishing with his clients landed a bunch of Salmon highlighted by these 43 lb and 41 lb
Congratulations! Well done Skipper!

Summary: Salmon fishing, especially Coho, is outstanding in the outer waters of the Douglas Channel. Chinook, Pinks, Chum and Sockeye are also being caught in good numbers. There are excellent Salmon opportunities throughout the Douglas Channel, depending on what you want to catch will determine the areas you should be fishing.

Halibut fishing is also very good although the latter part of this week's weather was not very suitable to get out on the outer waters of the Douglas Channel. As the Chinook and Pinks begin to spawn and wash out the river mouths, all the bottomfish will migrate up the Kitimat end of the Douglas Channel. In the coming weeks boaters will be able to jig for bottomfish and troll in the same locations inside the sheltered waters of the Douglas Channel. We are indeed fortunate to have this unique and productive fishing opportunity.

We still have available days on our driftboat trips, jetboat trips and saltwater trips. Any interested anglers please contact noel@noelgyger.ca

Thank You to everyone for contributing photos and info for this fishing report.

Sincerely and Cheers

Ron Wakita

Westcoast Fishing Adventures, Terrace BC



July 21 Gill McKean guided Bobby and his Grandpa Glen (left) to this nice Chinook on the Skeena River, bottom fishing with spin and glows. The weather was hot and sunny and the water was very clean. This was their first trip to the Skeena and they said they had the time of their lives and plan to return in 2011. On the same day Chaman (right), who is from Alberta, landed this nice 42-pounder after losing four strong fish. He hooked a total of eight Chinook on this day.

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Hi Noel, with only 1- 2 weeks left for the Skeena and Kitimat Chinooks I have to report some of the nicest fish we put to the photo factory this summer, so far! It all comes down to the guides that work for us and this year we are quite happy with our line-up. Pics of Angling Guide Richard Pow and client Tom Schratz with a hefty 50 lb. plus Chinook, then another of Guide Phil Thom with a monster Kitimat Buck, not to mention Darren Bisson who put many of our clients into Tye fish each day for a good couple of weeks, not to mention a client from Europe caught a Chinook so big he is getting it mounted locally then

sent overseas to Switzerland, here he is holding Italian Client, Franks 50 plus pounder. Also Disco Donny who landed 3- 50lb plus fish this summer is holding a Kitimat hog, and our finale, a 62lber on the Skeena this past week, with Guide Barkley Manderson and guided angler Troy Hittel. All of these fish come with a lengthy story and if you get a chance to be guided by any of us you will hear the stories in great detail.



Steelhead are also entering the Skeena and yesterday we had a double header Steelhead on the set line, so the Sockeye, Steelhead and Coho are entering Skeena country. River conditions are amazing on the Skeena, very low and great fly water, the Kitimat is low and glacier colored, with a small run of large Pink Salmon and the start of the Chum Salmon. The Kitimat has also had a nice run of Sockeye this year and client John Schratz landed a half dozen the morning before his flight back to England.

Arriving guests are from Germany, Seattle, Edmonton, Calgary and France.

Tracey John Hittel

J & E Tackle Shop, Prince Rupert BC

Hi Noel, fishing in and around Prince Rupert is excellent, especially when the days are not too windy. I heard of boaters getting their limits on Salmon and Bottom Fish at many of the popular fishing grounds plus limits of Crab and Prawns. I am really busy with charters so my report is a little short this week. I should have some nice pics and more of a report for you next week. Please get the word out that fishing is great so folks who are planning trips can come now. The charter boats are really busy and most are booked up. [Please have them contact you for available dates](#)

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Photo by Mr. McCleary

Hello Noel, Chinook fishing has gone from phenomenal to very slow over the past two weeks. It is now back up to GOOD as more runs are coming up the Skeena. As the Chinook are slowing down the Sockeye, Pink, Coho and Steelhead are gearing up! Lots of fisher's are happy to find out that Sockeye opened up in the mainstem Skeena allowing 2 per day per person. So get out there hand have FUN!

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Cheers!

Jason Munday

Marvin Reid: Meziadin and Northern BC

Hi Noel, fishing has greatly improved at Meziadin Lake with the Sockeye now entering the lake. Most anglers have been successful in landing fish each trip out. I had the pleasure this past week of guiding two fine gentlemen from Alberta, Dale and Kelvin Voss.

It was a beautiful morning and we were not long hooking into a couple of fish, unfortunately both were lost. A short time later Dale hooked into, and landed a nice female Sockeye. Not long after it was Kelvin's turn, and he also managed to land another nice female, slightly larger than his father's. All in all it was a great morning out on the lake.

I have a couple staying here at Meziadin that spent the last four days at Kinaskan Lake. They tell me the fishing at Kinaskan has been excellent as well. Many Rainbows are being taken trolling small lures such as Apex and Vibrax spinners.

I am now the operator of **Meziadin Lake Provincial Park**, as well as operating the Park which has a **Store**, and wireless internet to all sites. We also offer **Travel Trailer Rentals** to persons wishing to enjoy the outdoor experience.

I do guided fishing trips on Meziadin and other local lakes along Highway 37.

Meziadin is not the best lake in Northwest BC for Dolly Varden and Bull Trout, up to 11 lbs, must be very close to the top of the list. I supply all rods, tackle and bait. Care of catch and cleaning.

[Trips can be booked](#) by the hour or by the day. I use an 19ft **Harbercraft** powered by a 75 **Yamaha**.

We can be contacted at marvin_reid@telus.net , or 1 866 500 7302

Best regards, *Marvin Reid*

Bob Melrose: Oscars Source for Sports, Smithers BC

Summer Doldrums Cure-- Float Trip

Summer fishing can often bring a slowing down in the action on our interior lakes. Hot weather and warm water temperatures usually requires a change of tactics when fishing for trout. Your best fishing will be before the light hits the water or on cloudy days. Trout, not born with sunglasses, shun the bright light and will come into the shallows to feed only in the early morning and late evening. Mid day should be reserved for a nap or exploring. Hit the water early and come in for breakfast when everybody else is just setting out.



I remember one August long weekend I was fishing a very large lake known for its huge Gerrard Rainbows. Fishing was terrible. It was oppressively, sticky hot without a breath of wind. No one was getting fish let alone bites. I recalled a story of a fanatic angler who held 7 out of 10 of the states trout records. He fished in the dark when the big boys would come into the shallows to feed under the cover of darkness. Since I was having no success I thought I would give the darkness a try. I left the dock at 9:30 PM, just getting dark. By 1:30 AM I had released three rainbows 8, 13 and 21 pounds. Playing big rainbows in the blackness was quite an experience. Alone in the night with a big fish had me thinking about the classic Hemingway tale "The Old Man and the Sea". Your mind becomes very creative at night.

The cure for the summer doldrums is a float trip. Pontoon boats have really opened up the fishing opportunities on some of our rivers. Some of my most recent pleasurable memories have been the floats with friends down our many rivers. The 8-10 foot rockered pontoons by makers such as Buck's Bags or Outcast will quite easily handle Grade 3 water and carry enough gear to handle a multi-day float.

In the Central Interior there are many choices available for a great float trip. These river are generally pretty safe floating but always check for the latest info you can get on sweepers or log jams and always err on the side of caution. Wear a PFD, either a vest or suspenders and carry the necessary safety equipment.

Here is a short list of great floats. Most of our rivers are low and in excellent shape at the moment. The Bowron, east of Prince George, is a beautiful float, rainbows, a few dollies, salmon are now in, lots of whitefish and wildlife. Crooked River, north of Prince George. rainbows, dollies, whitefish and lots of Northern Pikeminnow(Squawfish).

Blackwater River, southwest of Prince George, rainbows and whitefish, beautiful wild river to float. Nechako River, south of Vanderhoof, from Cheslatta Falls down. rainbows, dollies and whitefish. Morice River, south of Houston, rainbows, dollies, whitefish and salmon/steelhead and bears, moose and deer. Bulkley River, from the Morice confluence to Smithers a fairly tame section. There is some tricky water downstream of Smithers best attempted by experienced pontooners. The Bulkley has rainbows, dollies, whitefish, salmon/steelhead and great wildlife viewing. The Kispiox is a magic river and valley. River contains rainbows, dollies, whitefish, salmon/steelhead and much wildlife. The Kitimat River from Highway bridge down is an easily accessed float. There are rainbows, dollies, cutthroats, whitefish, salmon/steelhead. From the highway bridge it is a long, long day float especially because you just can't pass up a good looking spot. Access points at mid river better for day trips. Tributary rivers entering the Skeena downstream from Terrace can also be floated. Check with local paddling clubs or your speciality tackle shop for current information.

A float trip is a wonderful experience. Exercise, new views around every bend, undisturbed wildlife, clear water and getting to know the river intimately is hard to beat, and it is a great way to beat the summer heat.

Pontoon boats can be rented for \$40 a day, please call ahead to make plans. Pickup or vehicle ferrying can be arranged.

There are also maps of the Bulkley Valley that were designed for fisherman and show all the boat launches. Stop in to pick up your copy.

Prince Rupert

Excellent fishing in the Rupert Area. Chinook, Coho, Chums, Pinks and Sockeye now in the area. Big halibut and lots of bottomfish/rockfish.

Kispiox River

The Kispiox River is low and extremely clear. Lots of Chinook and some Sockeye are in the river. Fishing is good!

Bulkley River

The Bulkley is in perfect shape! Fishing is a little bit tougher in the Smithers area but really good below Morice Town. Lots of Chinook in the system yet.



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

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Guest Comments and Photos

***** If any of you have special fishing photos, testimonials, scenic river photos, wildlife photos or articles I would love to see them.**



Hi Noel, here's a nice picture representing Sabin Simard and his brother Evans (first time salmon fishing) with a 42 pound Chinook caught at **Powerline Pool** on the Kitimat River Saturday afternoon July 17th. We caught a 42 pound Chinook a 4 pound Pink and a 25 pound Chum.

Great day and great weather!!!

Cheers. Sabin Simar

Catch and Release Formula

Chinook: girth squared x length x 1.54 divided by 1000 (inches)

Steelhead: girth squared x length x 1.33 divided by 1000 (inches)

Marketplace

[Contact me](#) anytime to post your items. There is no charge for a posting. Here are the latest postings:

Fiberglass Fish Reproductions



This 42 x 23.5 inch Steelhead was estimated to weigh 30-pounds. There are many sizes and positions available, and pretty much any species. [Call Carey Braun anytime at 250-639-3769](#) and he will be happy to build one for you. Yes, that's Carey in the photo. [Place your order NOW](#)

Real Estate



Terrace, BC Beautiful 3300sq ft Log House on the Banks of the Skeena River 5 min. west from Downtown Terrace, BC. Situated on .75 of an acre and built in the early 70s before setback rules and is only 20 ft from the bank of the River, but out of the floodplain. **There is a trail leading down to a bench where you can tie up your boat most of the year.** Completely renovated house including new doors, windows, plumbing, and electrical, & is like a brand new house. It has 4 bedrooms (possible 5th) and 2 1/2 baths and two natural stone fireplaces. There is also a 22 X 32 shop & a double carport. Very private and quiet, just the sound of the river. [Contact Noel Gyger for more photos and info](#) **New! this week**



Terrace, BC This property is a ten minute drive from the Terrace/Kitimat Airport part way between Terrace and Kitimat. Near Mount Layton Hot springs, within 45 minutes of internationally acclaimed Shames Mountain, 15 minutes from 18 Holes at the Skeena Valley Golf Club, and central in all directions from world class salmon fishing, mountain biking, hiking or kayaking. This property features over 400 feet of sandy beachfront. While approximately 25 acres is left forested, the balance has been levelled and prepared for your dream home, or potential development. This property is home to local wildlife, including Moose, Deer, and perhaps the occasional Spirit Bear, plus countless smaller mammals and birds. This property is truly a one of a kind natural treasure. Properties of this quality rarely become available, act now! [Contact Noel for more info.](#)

Rick McDaniel Re/Max of Terrace



Terrace, BC With over 3200 feet of river front, panoramic mountain views, beautiful natural spring on the property, mobile home and guest cabin, barn, stable, workshop, gardens, a 5 1/2 acre area that was formerly a vegetable growing plot that supplied the local area and has been fallow for several years now. May be organically certifiable. Pick your fishing spot along the riverfront, with several different good looking options available. Clear views of the Seven Sisters range, plus mountains to the East, West and South as well. Located 76 KM East of Terrace this is literally a piece of Paradise on Earth. The balance of the property carries up the ridge toward the majestic peaks on the South side of Highway 16. Perfect as a small farm or build your dream home. [Contact Noel for more info, maps and more photo's.](#)
Rick McDaniel Re/Max of Terrace

WANTED TO BUY I have a client who is interested in property of 5-10 acres or larger on the Skeena River or one of the tribs, not too far out from Terrace BC. Need winter access, hydro and phone connection, or at least wireless coverage. He wants to be able to walk down to the river with his Spey rod and fish, so Skeena 4 would be ideal, but no farther than USK. **If you have larger acreage that is sub-dividable to suit my client please [Contact Noel Gyger](#) **New!** May 22/10**



Waterfront/Dock location

Smithers BC - 8 terraced acres of Bulkley River Waterfront. Experience the advantage of nature's tranquility only 20 minutes from downtown Smithers, BC. Prime building lot awaits your ideas for development. Proven year round water source. **Boat launch access for world class fishing, kayaking, rafting, etc.** School bus service available. Recreation waterfront and privacy all at your door step. [Contact Noel Gyger](#) for detail and more photo's.
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Kispiox BC - Fishing paradise out your back door, world record steelhead were caught in this fishing hole. 24 acres of rare Kispiox Riverfront and host to the "Cottonwood Hole". Level, benched property part. Flood plain. Value of old homestead at buyers discretion. **Prettiest small parcel in the valley.** [Contact Noel Gyger](#) for detail and more photo's.
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B&B's For Sale



Sooke, BC [Ocean Wilderness Inn](#) This breathtaking 4.6 acre oceanfront property boasts a private setting with small creek towering trees and lots of wildlife for photographers and nature lovers. The beautiful walk on waterfront is almost a full mile of private beach. The home offers 9 very large bedrooms with large bathrooms. The fir floors blend into the log theme of the home, everyone who visits feels at ease in this comfortable home. Current owners have done extensive renovations to keep the property in top condition. The home has been featured in several publications and is well known for its great meals, crystal clear water, spectacular gardens and customer service. Enjoy spectacular views from the hot tub. Just a few minutes drive to fabulous salmon fishing and surfing beaches. [Contact Noel Gyger for more info](#)



Quadra Island, BC Moon Shadows B&B 4500 square foot home on an acre of beautiful gardens, lots of room for toys in barn and storage shed. What a wonderful life choice with the ocean at your door step and fabulous Islands and inlets to discover while sailing or kayaking, fabulous fishing, clamming and oysters. Just a wonderful way to enjoy life while raising your family. Home is fully operational as a B&B, and is being sold with all furnishings, bedding and kitchen tools as the current owners are leaving the province. [Contact Noel for more info](#)



Sooke, BC Coopers Cove Guest House Beautifully appointed 6 bedroom 7 bathroom waterfront B&B. This spectacular B&B was featured on Oprah for its gourmet cooking classes. Fabulous large professional kitchen, wonderful grounds complete with herb and vegetable gardens, and two hot tubs. Home is steps from the Galloping Goose Trail leading into the heart of Victoria. [Contact Noel for more info](#)

Newest MARKET PLACE ITEMS BELOW:

Boats



Price reduced to \$10,500

For Sale: Custom 15 foot all welded aluminum Jet boat: 2000 Johnson 40 jet power with power trim stainless steel impeller (and stock aluminum impeller) 8 degree hull with tunnel. Center consol. Front fishing platform with storage. 3 Rod holders. 1 Scotty down rigger. Hummingbird 520 fish finder, Karavan trailer. **One owner, never used for guiding.** Turn key ready. \$11,500 obo. Phone 250-635-4007 ask for Jamie.



For Sale or Lease: 1997 24' Ali-Craft jet-boat & boat trailer: \$35,000 (will cost you over \$60K new) For complete listing details and contact info [please click here](#)



For Sale: 16' Fiberglass Dory and Trailer: \$5000 (will cost you \$8-9K new) Very well maintained. Comes with anchor, anchor rope, life jackets (up to six), fish box, 10' ash oars, and spare new trailer tire. Has water-tight, lockable dry storage under the front seat also has dry storage under the bow. Knee braces at the bow, for standing & fighting fish while floating downstream. Current owner will deliver anywhere in northwestern BC. May be viewed at Meziadin Lake. Will consider a new model quad in good condition as trade. Contact Gary Miltenberger, e-mail only: gmiltenb@gmail.com Sorry, I don't have a phone.

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