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Photo of the Week

Hi Noel - we had the pleasure of fishing the Kitimat River for the first time this past weekend, and had a great time! On Sunday, we floated the upper Kitimat with [Darren Bisson](#) and really launched into some great Chinook!! Boy he really knows that river!! Very impressive!! Hole after hole held many fish of all sizes and condition, and they were ready to bite!! The highlight of the day was when Wendy connected on 3 Chinook in 3 casts, with the 3rd one being this 45 pounder!! She landed it in 20 minutes without having to chase it in the boat or on foot! It was an epic battle and she finally won!! All in all, we landed and safely released 42 salmon of 4 species, 17 of which were Chinook!! A beautiful day in the sun releasing beautiful fish! A day to remember for sure!!

Rob and Wendy Windham



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

Noel Gyger

July 25 to August 1, 2010

Number 178

Dear Fishing Friends:

SUMMARY: Weather has been good. Temperatures were very hot until Wednesday when it broke into thunder, lightening, hail and rain. Hot again on the weekend with highs to 28-29 degrees Celsius. Way too hot for some, me included. Fishing for Chinook, Sockeye, Chum Salmon, Cutthroat Trout, Bull Trout and Dolly Varden Char using fly, spin and conventional gear has been fair. The Skeena River came up and got dirty on Wednesday due to a slide somewhere on the Zymoetz (Copper) River. The water is dropping now on the weekend and is clean enough to fish again. Many boaters are happy about that. I have many reports of some big Chinook caught this week. Sockeye fishing is good. Limit 2 per day, 4 in 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 and some are starting to set-up for spawning. They are holding in the deep cut-banks as the water drops. The Kalum is the "back-up river" for when the Skeena River gets too dirty to fish. The Kitimat River is in good shape. Anglers this week are harvesting the last of the Chinook run. Kitimat River closed to Chinook retention on July 31st. The river remains open for retention of Chum, 2 per day over 30cm. Pinks remain closed for retention. Coho are showing up. Fishing "out front" the Kitimat Bay (Douglas Channel) you have a chance to catch all 5 species of Salmon. The outer waters are starting to produce exceptional numbers of Coho with still some pretty good numbers of Chinook. Crab (Dungeness and King) fishing is excellent. Check out the detailed Ron Wakita report below. The Zymoetz (Copper) River is clean. The Steelhead are coming in now. Prince Rupert ocean anglers are still catching some Chinook but most are now concentrating on the Coho run or the many spots for Halibut and other bottom fish. Meziadin Lake continues to produce some great Sockeye fishing. 60,000 Sockeye have entered the Meziadin Lake system. Check out the full report from Marvin Reid below. Bob Melrose says the Bulkley River is low and clear. Some nice fish have been taken. Morice River is low and clear. Tough fishing but there are fish in the river. Kispiox River water is low and clear. Fish are in and many are being caught but tougher when the water is so low. Check out the Bob Melrose report below. Cranberry River is fishing good for Chinook. This week guide reports came from Ron Wakita, Darren Bisson, Ariel Koppers, Mike Herzberg, Marc Girard, Tracey Hittel, Gill McKean, Marvin Reid, Dave Payjack and Jeff Carlson. **Thank you** to all of the fishing guides and anglers who have sent reports and photos. It is very much appreciated!

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Video Clips (This weeks clip is from the Skeena River, Terrace BC)

July 29, 2010 One "New" clip posted on [Video Clips](#)



I went Chinook (King) Salmon fishing with my nephew Justin Gyger on the Skeena River on Tuesday, July 27, 2010. This is a very popular time of year! There were lots of boats fishing where we were...but the Skeena is a BIG river, lots of room for everybody. We went 1 for 4 which means we hooked a total of 4 Chinook and landed one. Justin aka Judge estimated this fish to weigh around 38-pounds but I'd say it was closer to 40-pounds. Anyway, it was a big fish. Tackle used: [Ambassadeur](#) 7000 reel, [Redington](#) rod, [Maxima](#) mainline and leader. We were using [Scotty](#) Orca rod holders and [Gibbs](#) "catch & release" net. Hope you enjoy the show (recorded in HQ – watch it in full screen). [Click here for a direct link to this video](#) It is also listed on the [Video webpage](#). Title: **Skeena River King Salmon** and listed in category **2010 Chinook Clips**. Clip #0082. Plays for 3:01 minutes.

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New Items on Website

July 29, 2010 One **New** item (**Skeena River Chinook video clip**)
<http://www.noelgyger.ca/news-bulletin.htm>

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>

River Reports **Weather - Normal temp - Sunrise & Sunset - Tye Test Fishery – Tides – Hydrometric Data**

Bulkley River

The water is low and clear. Some nice fish are being taken out, the largest being 42lb. As of August 1st there is a bait ban; no roe, worms, or anything artificial that has a smell to it – report by Bob Melrose

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

The water is very low and clear. Fish are in and many are being caught, although it may get tougher because the water is so low. 52lb was caught earlier this week. Sockeye and Coho are just starting to show up – report by Bob Melrose

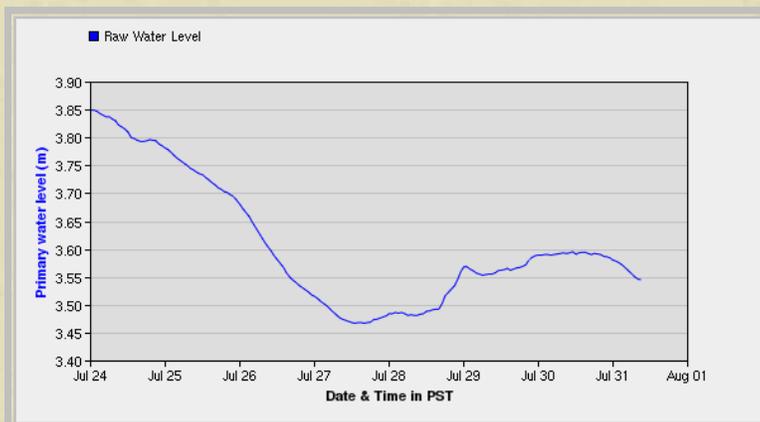
Morice River

Water is low and clear. Fishing has been tougher than some years, but there are fish in the river.

Skeena River

The Skeena River came up and got dirty on Wednesday due to a slide on the Zymoetz (Copper) River. The water is dropping now on the weekend and is clean enough to fish again. Many boaters are happy about this. I have many reports of some big Chinook caught this week. **Wade Ryan landed a 63-pounder last week**, see photo below. Sockeye fishing is good. Limit 2 per day, 4 in possession. I have reports of a Steelhead, Coho and Pink Salmon being caught also! Is this angler paradise or what?

Skeena River



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):
[Tye Test Fishery](#) for the Skeena River

Tides

[Kitimat Tides](#)
[Prince Rupert Tides](#)
[Port Edward](#)
[Hartley Bay](#)

Hydrometric Data

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

Normal Temperatures: Max 23°C. Min 11°C.
Sunrise: 5:44am **Sunset:** 9:38pm

Zymoetz (Copper) River

The water is in good shape. Chinook closed July 23rd. 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. Watch out for the Griz Bears!

Tseax River

The water is in good shape. Chinook and Chum coming soon! Watch out for the Griz Bears!

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. Sockeye are in the Meziadin Lake in fairly good numbers – see report by Marvin Reid

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.

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Babine River

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Fishing Guide and Tackle Shop Reports

Summary for Skeena and Tributaries

Fishing This Week

FAIR

Type of Fish Caught

River: Chinook, Chum, Coho, Sockeye and Pink Salmon, Steelhead, Cutthroat Trout and Dolly Varden Char.

Ocean: All five species of 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: 40-pound Chinook on the Kitimat River. 50-pound Chinook Skeena River. **Ocean:** 50-pound Halibut Douglas Channel

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Ron Wakita: *Reliable Guide and Charters, Kitimat BC*

Website: www.kitimatfishingguideandcharters.com and

Home Hardware Tackle Shop E-mail wakita@telus.net Phone 250-632-1275

Kitimat River

Anglers this week are harvesting the last of the Chinook for this year's Kitimat River Chinook season. **Anglers are reminded that Chinook on the Kitimat River closed for retention on Saturday, July 31st midnight.** The Kitimat River remains open for retention of Chum, 2 per day over 30cms and 4 Coho per day, 2 over 50cms. **There were 6 Coho reported to be caught in the Kitimat River this week which is a good sign for a very good Coho season.** Pinks remain closed for retention although DFO is monitoring Pink stocks for a possible opening.



July 25 Trent Vincas drifted with Travis James and Jesse Houston. Travis landed a 25lb Chum using a [Loomis](#) GLX single handed Fly Rod and a **Sage** Reel. Travis was using a Chartreuse Egg Sucking Leech. They also hooked and landed a bunch of Pinks.



July 25 Marc Girard drifted with his friends from Prince George Mark and Dave. They landed 8 Chum on their drift and hooked a bunch more. Well done Marc and friends! The Chum run on the Kitimat River has been later into July and when the Chum do start to run they have a tendency to come in one big mass of fish. With the 18' high tides we are receiving this week, Chum fishing on the Kitimat River should start to heat up

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July 28 Ariel Kuppers fishing with his brother Dylan, his girlfriend Nicolette and Justin Lowes. They landed 2 Chum, 5 Pinks and 1 Coho. They had a dozen fish on including a big Chinook. They were fishing with Fly, bottom bouncing **Yakama Bait Spin n Glo** with [Gibbs/Delta](#) hoochies and Jigs. Ariel and his group caught these fish just prior to a thunder shower we received. The little bit of rain that followed the thunder storm was a welcome sight because with the exceptionally hot weather we have been having this summer everything was getting pretty dried out. Well done Guys!



July 28,29,30 Mike Herzberg of **Reliable Guide and Charters** fishing with our clients, Rob and Nancy Pellan landed a bunch of Chum and Pinks during their Drift Boat Trips on the Kitimat River. Rob also hooked into some big Chinook. Rob is writing a book which will profile Kitimat River Chum. Nancy commented that, "**Mike provided an amazing historical commentary of the fishing on the Kitimat River.**" Both Rob and Nancy commented about how much they enjoyed their fishing trip with us and the town of Kitimat itself. We are indeed proud to call Kitimat our home and it is always a pleasure to share the beauty of our town and river with folks from out of town. Thank You for enlisting our Guiding services and we are pleased that you enjoyed your trip to Kitimat. I look forward to reading your book when it is published. Congratulations on your catch!



July 26 I had the pleasure of once again hosting the **Multi Level Care Patients Annual Fishing Trip**. These trips are made possible with the generosity and the very kind hearts of some good friends; Bonnie and Marc Girard, Al Smith, Richard Piche, OB and Dianne. Marion Webster and her staff, Bruce Webster, Myrna Cromack, Dianne Plante, Leslie Stoneman and Paquita Blassing do a wonderful job during the Fishing Trip with their caring and loving hands. This is a very special group of anglers who, even in their delight angling years still enjoy the thrill of landing fish! The highlight of the trip is the Luck that **Amy's Lucky Rabbit** brings us every year! This year we landed 4 Pinks, 2 Chum and lost a big Chinook.

I think this is our **22nd annual year** of hosting the **Multi Level Care Patients Fishing Trip**. It was initially started by **Angelo Logia, a Local DFO Fisheries officer** back in 1989. When Angelo transferred, I continued hosting this group. Thank You to Angelo for starting a program that has been enjoyed by everyone who has participated. Life is precious and the memories created during these trips are very special. I am extremely grateful to everyone who helped out. Thank You to all.



Group Photo: Leslie Stoneman is sitting by the waters edge, then from left to right, Al Smith, Bernie Thicksen, Myrna Cromack, Diane Plante, Bonnie Girard, Richard Piche, Marjory Mott, Walter Schmidt, Ron Wakita, Marion Webster, Amy Grant, Bruce Webster, Paquita Blassing.

Summary: Many Chum were caught this week although the Kitimat Chum fishery has not displayed the incredible numbers that the Kitimat River has gained the reputation for. Chum has become a targeted species especially for Fly fishers. Chum in the lower Kitimat River are aggressive to a fly and are a mean, tough fish to land particularly the fresh Chum that have moved into the river on the tides.

Pinks have evolved to become a popular fish for families, especially for the Moms and the kids. Pink Jigs made by **Rainbow Jigs** and **Jims Jigs** are the most popular Jigs used to catch Pinks on the Kitimat River. **Gibbs** 3/8 oz. Pink Crocs are also very effective for catching Pinks. With the non retention of Pinks in effect, anglers are requested to release the Pinks with care. Leaving the fish in the water and taking a few minutes to revive the fish will dramatically increase survival. There were a higher than normal number of Coho caught this week and a few more Sockeye. The Kitimat River has a skeleton run of Sockeye but it seems like there are a few more than normal. Sockeye are closed to retention on the Kitimat River but they are an awesome fish to catch and release. It is an exciting time to be fishing the Kitimat River.

Douglas Channel

The Outer waters of the Douglas Channel are starting to produce exceptional numbers of Coho with still some pretty good numbers of Chinook. Bottom fish is very good depending on which Skipper you speak to. Most boats are focused on the Coho because of the exceptional numbers we are seeing on the outer waters.



July 30 Rob Lafferty fishing with his friends, Justin and Candace Campbell, Matty Boyes and Zabrine Fay landed 6 Chinook, 4 Coho and 4 Pinks. They were fishing down in Fish Trap Bay. They also reported catching a bunch of Dungeness Crab. Congratulations on a Great Day of fishing down the Douglas Channel!

July 30 Dave Payjack of **Seawest Fishing Adventures** landed 4 Chinook and 8 Cod with his clients Bam Bang from Indonesia and Robert Tuttle from New York. Dave also reports losing a Halibut. I spoke to Robert after their trip with Dave and he said that they had a wonderful fishing trip down the Douglas Channel with Dave. Congratulations on your catch Bam Bang and Robert! Well done Skipper! Sorry no pictures available at the time of submitting this report.

Summary: The Douglas Channel will continue to produce all species of Salmon in the coming weeks especially Coho (Silver) Salmon. Coho usually starts in the first week of August in the Kitimat Harbour. The Coho Harbour fishery is one of my favorite fisheries to fish with my family.

On a personal note, I hope to have my new grandson, Chase out on the waters of the Douglas Channel very soon. Lori from **MK Bay Marina** reports that although the Marina has been extremely busy the staff of **MK Bay Marina** has worked hard to accommodate most boaters. Boaters wishing to launch or moor at MK Bay please call the friendly staff at 250 632 6401.

Halibut and bottom fishing should continue to improve in the Kitimat end of the Douglas Channel as we progress into August. The weather has been outstanding and the fishing has been great! We are indeed fortunate to live and fish in the North West.

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

Gill McKean: Westcoast Fishing Adventures, Terrace BC and rivers north.

Hi Noel, I am sorry I cannot include a detailed report and photos as I am very busy out on the river just about everyday. I can say my clients are catching a few Chinook and Sockeye, even the odd summer-run Steelhead. Hopefully more pics and details next week when fishing for the BIG Chinook slows down and actually closes in some areas.

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Greg Buck: Nicholas Dean Lodge, Terrace BC



The above photos of pro angling guide Greg Buck and client were sent to me by his clients Terry Welty and Doug Wood

Greg Buck

Tracey Hittel: *Kitimat Lodge, Kitimat BC*



Hi Noel, picture of guided angler Robert Anderson with a Skeena Tyee, as well another 25lber he landed and a third Chinook he put in the net while fishing the Skeena River the past week, fresh Chinook are still entering the Skeena.

Tracey John Hittel

Jeff Carlson: *BC Style Fishing Charters and J&E Tackle Shop, Prince Rupert BC*

Hi Noel, fishing in and around Prince Rupert is excellent. 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. Coho numbers are picking up.



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Picture of bait fish - When you find a lot of bird activity diving into the water you can be sure there is a lot of feed. The salmon are also attracted to these bait balls. I normally make a couple of passes through and most times I am successful.

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Jason Munday: *Fish Tales Tackle Shop, Terrace BC*

Hello Noel, Chinook fishing slowed down for only two days when the river got dirty from the slide on the Copper River. The dirty water may have brought in more BIG fish that were holding in the lower Skeena River. Even if it slows down for Chinook...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 and have FUN!**

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Cheers!

Jason Munday

Marvin Reid: Meziadin and Northern BC

Meziadin Lake continued to produce some great Sockeye fishing this past week. However, things have slowed somewhat towards the end of the week and into this long weekend. Fish are still being caught, but in lower numbers, and some of the fish are beginning to take on their spawning colours. I spoke with one of the fisheries employee's this afternoon, and inquired about the status of this year's salmon counts. I was told that 60,000 sockeye have entered the Meziadin Lake system, and the good news was that based on the test fishery on the lower Nass River, many more sockeye were on their way up the river, heading for Meziadin. The employee told me he felt that the Spring run was all but over, as most of the fish were now in the Meziadin River.



I had the pleasure this week of fishing with a couple of great gentlemen from Oregon and California, Micheal Hall and Ken Countryman. We headed out onto the lake at 5am, well before the sun had made its daily appearance. We were treated to a spectacular sunrise, enhanced by the smoke in the air. Micheal and Ken were both rewarded with a great Sockeye each before the morning outing came to an end. Thanks guys for your company.

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

Sockeye on the Babine

Sockeye open up on the Babine River and Babine Lake on Sunday August 1.

Limit is 2 fish per day with 4 fish possession. Tackle restrictions on the river are fly fishing only, meaning a fly rod and reel and single, barbless hooks. In the lake you can use barbed hooks.

The Babine River can mean crowded fishing conditions and casting skills in tight, cramped, quarters is definitely an asset. As fly anglers we like to give each other enough room to cast but on the Babine we test each others patience. Crowding is the norm in the more popular spots, so get used to it.

A few unwritten rules are used to keep your fellow anglers friendly. Allow about a rod and a half length between up and downstream anglers. Unless you know how to cast in tight quarters find a spot that allows you more room. Ethically you should not barge in between two anglers. New anglers should start from the downstream end and work up as anglers leave or quit.



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If you are right handed and fishing river "right" you can make a very effective cast in tight quarters by using a spey cast. At the end of your drift pick rod up and sweep upstream, now swing rod downstream raising to forward cast position and make your roll cast. This cast allows you to make an effective cast in a tight situations with no backcast room.

On river "left", just use the tension of the current to roll line upstream, you can then roll cast to your desired spot. Backcast room can be at a premium on the river and learning these casts can save you a lot of grief and flies. Long casts are not needed, 30 feet is plenty and will catch 90% of the fish. The high rod tight line allows you to feel the take. Resist the temptation to set the hook on what are obviously foul hooked fish. Foul hooked fish must be released by law. Peer pressure assures that anglers play by the rules. If a fish is foul hooked it should be broken off immediately. Many anglers will needlessly try to pull a foul hook upstream and in the process screw up fellow anglers. Most downstream anglers will offer to unhook your foul hook quickly.

Anglers hooking into the big springs should break them off as you are not allowed to keep Springs in this area. Anglers who have caught their two fish should allow another angler to fish if there are waiting anglers.

No fish should be kept on shore, this attracts bears. Park regulations require you to take your fish immediately up to your locked vehicle and coolers must be stored inside. No lunches, little kids, dogs on the river.

This is Grizzly country and there are a lot of them on the Babine. When the bears come out on the river anglers should leave and get up on the bridge and allow the Grizzlies to do what Grizzlies do. One year we had some visiting anglers hand feeding a young Grizzly. The Ultimate stupid and often a death warrant for the bear. If you lose a couple minutes of fishing time by watching a beautiful Grizzly consider yourself truly lucky.

No camping is allowed at the river, it gives the bears a chance to feed undisturbed in the early morning and late evening. Camping is available about 3 km, away at the campsite sign.

Use common sense, I know at times it isn't so common anymore, but consider your fellow angler, be bear aware, and make sure that you or other anglers don't do anything to compromise the Babine experience. Remember you need a Salmon Stamp with your licence to keep Sockeye.

Prince Rupert

Still catching some Springs but most anglers now concentrating on the Coho run or the many spots for Halibut, rockfish and Ling Cod.

Kispiox

The water is very low and clear. Fish are in and many are being caught, although it may get tougher because the water is so low. 52lb was caught earlier this week! Sockeye and Coho are just starting to show up.

Bulkley

The water is low and clear. Some nice fish are being taken out, the largest reported being 42lb! As of August 1st there is a bait ban: no roe, worms, or anything artificial that has smell to it.

Morice

Water is low and clear. Fishing has been tougher than some years, but there are fish in the river.

Enjoy your weekend.

Bob Melrose



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Fishing Regulations

2009-2011 BC tidal waters and non-tidal (Federal)

Salmon fishing information:

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

Effective April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2011

2009-2011 Freshwater (Provincial) Fishing Regulations

Synopsis:

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

Effective April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2011 (Note: regs good for two years)

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 I am with my **63-pound Chinook** I landed on the Skeena River Friday, July 23, 2010. Hope your readers enjoy it. Sincerely, Wade Ryan



Kelly and her friend landed this big Chinook on the Skeena River Sunday July 25, 2010. They were so excited, cleaned it and everything! – Photo and caption courtesy of Deborah Ritter.

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:

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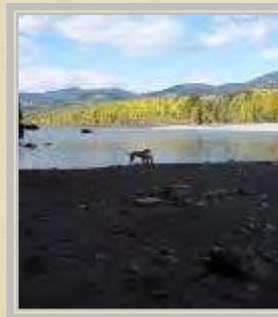
Terrace, BC Beautiful 3300sq ft Log House on the Banks of the Skeena River 5 min. west from Downtown Terrace, BC. Situated on .75 of an acre and built in the early 70s before setback rules and is only 20 ft from the bank of the River, but out of the floodplain. **There is a trail leading down to a bench 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](#) **(Make an offer)**



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

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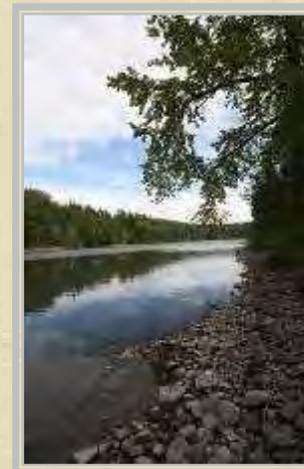
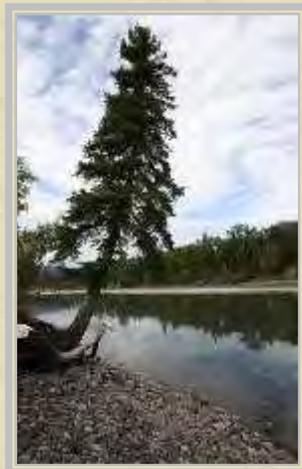
Rick McDaniel Re/Max of Terrace



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](#)



Waterfront/Dock location

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Chris Timms Calderwood Realty Ltd of Smithers



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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](#)

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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](#) (to read a Microsoft Word Document .doc)



For Sale: 16' Fiberglass Dory and Trailer: \$6,500 (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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GOOD LUCK and GOOD FISHING!

Yours sincerely,

Noel F. Gyger

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[Let-me-know](#) what you think of the **New!** Fishing Report format? Your ideas are always welcome. Thank you.