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**Top Photo: October 15, 2019 Kuni from Japan** was the top rod this week fishing his single hand **Scott rod** with a **OPST shooting head** and a **OPST 130 grain sink tip**, his homemade fly called the French Maid was deadly fishing for Steelhead and Coho Salmon, they could not stay off this fly. As a younger man he guided the Bow River in Calgary Alberta and used his sixth sense to bring fish to his fly, a treat to guide this week. Caption by **Tracey John Hittel** of [Kitimat Lodge](#). If interested to book with the **BEST** fishing guides please contact me **Noel Gyger** [noel@noelgyger.ca](mailto:noel@noelgyger.ca) anytime.

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### **River, Ocean and Lake Reports** (Smithers, Terrace, Kitimat and Prince Rupert BC)

*Last update was Thursday, October 31, 2019 at 5:36am*

**Sunrise 8:34am Sunset 6:00pm**

**Weather Reports via [website](#)** for Terrace BC

**Wind: E 4km Overcast (+5 degrees C )**

**Weather Reports via telephone:**

**Terrace:** 250-635-4192 **Kitimat:** 250-632-7864 **Prince Rupert:** 250-627-1155

**Smithers:** 250-847-1958



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The list below should assist visitors find titles on this lengthy webpage, **from Top to Bottom:**

Top Photo **New!** October 15/19

Booking Now for 2019

Available guiding dates

Commentary

**Fishery Notices and News**

Releasing Fish [see webpage](#)

Recent updates

**This month most current updates** (**updates shown here as soon as they happen**)

Current highway conditions

**Skeena River**

**Skeena River Tyee Test Fishery**

**FISHING Video's from our area**

Guest Photo and Captions

**Gemma's Boutique** **New!** September 10/19

Skeena River stories

Skeena River videos

**Eco Tours**

**Kitimat Lodge** - Tracey John Hittel, owner

**Kitimat Lodge** - Fish Guiding Videos

**Kalum River**

Kalum River stories

Kalum River videos

Kalum River Podcasts

**Zymoetz (Copper) River**

Copper River stories

Copper River videos

**Kitimat Ocean Fishing (Douglas Channel)**

**Kitimat River** **New!** September 2/19 fishing report (**dangerous log jams are still here**)

**Kitimat River** - **Kitimat Lodge** guiding guest **Testimonials**

Kitimat River stories

Kitimat River videos

**Kasiks** **New!** October 4/19 (includes 5 rivers below)

**Exchamsiks**

**Exstew**

**Zymacord, Shames**

**Ecstall, Gitnadoix**

**Kleanza Creek**

**Bulkley River** **New!** October 2/19

**Kispiox River** **New!** October 2/19

**Morice River** **New!** October 2/19 - **Summary for above 3 rivers October 9/18**

Recommended Fly Fishing Gear

**Amber Serbin** – posted a story "Addicted to Chrome" **New!** October 1/19

All Northwest BC river height info

Past Fishing Reports [see webpage](#)

Recent Top Photos

List of Noel Gyger FaceBook pages

Conservation **New!** October 30/19 - Watershed Watch and more...

Rob Brown – The Skeena Angler **New!** October 24/19

(SSBC) The Steelhead Society of BC

Noel Gyger YouTube Videos

Advertise

Highway webcam

Fishing Regulations

My History - by Noel Fredric Gyger

Market Place **New!** October 26/19

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- 2019 Skeena River jet boat for [summer-run Steelhead](#) **BOOK NOW !**

- 2020 Kitimat River drift boat for [spring Steelhead](#)

- 2019 Kitimat River for [Coho \(Silver\) Salmon](#) **BOOK NOW !**

- 2020 Multi Rivers for [spring Steelhead](#)

- 2020 Multi Rivers for [spring Chinook](#) - especially Kitimat River

- 2020 [Kwinamass River](#) for Steelhead (April & May) only

- 2019 [Nass and Coastal Rivers](#) **BOOK NOW !**

- 2019 for [Zymoetz \(Copper\) & Skeena River](#) **BOOK NOW !**

- 2019 [Douglas Channel ocean fishing for Salmon and Bottom fish](#) **BOOK NOW !**

Need info to book "any" guided fishing trip for 2019-20 [contact me anytime](#)  
Cast on any link above to e-mail Noel Gyger to receive all the details for a trip of a lifetime! Noel will put you in "direct" contact with the fishing guide to work out all the fine details.

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**Kitimat Lodge** <http://kitimatlodge.com> has the following fish guiding dates open:

- Sep 1 to Sep 7 on Multi Rivers for Salmon and Steelhead
- Oct 25 to 31 for Kalum Steelhead

**Here is a list of your options:**

- Full service private suites
- All inclusive meal plan
- Cabins & Deluxe Suite accommodation
- All Suites boast a full kitchen with fridge and stove
- Laundromat
- Secluded location
- Picnic tables BBQ and Fire pits
- Wireless internet
- Open year round
- Steelhead & Salmon fly fishing
- Steelhead & Salmon conventional and spin fishing
- Saltwater fishing Salmon Halibut and Crab (Dungeness and Alaska King)
- Jet boat tours Skeena and Kalum
- Kitimat River Drift Boat fishing full and half days
- All the Coastal Rivers
- Nass River and tribs
- Transport Canada approved vessels
- Helicopter fishing
- Hot spring Tours

WOW that is all I can say ... [lets talk](#) ♥ ♥ ♥

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To read **April 2019 Fishing Reports** cast on this link:  
[http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/noel-full-month-april\\_2019.PDF](http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/noel-full-month-april_2019.PDF)

To read **ALL** past Fishing Reports cast on this link:  
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### **Commentary:**

**Note:** To review **ALL PAST** Tyee Test Fishery data and charts cast here:  
<http://www.noelgyger.ca/news-bulletin.htm> **Note:** **NEW** section added called **Recommended Fly Fishing Gear**. **Note:** **FOR SALE** Saltwater Lodge ~ info updated August 24, 2018 and the **price lowered from \$999,000 to \$650,000**; certainly a real positive for any potential **Buyer to have a turn-key business** see **Market Place** section.

**Observe, Record, Report** fisheries and wildlife violations 1-800-465-4336

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### **Recent and This months most current updates below:**

#### **Recent updates:**

**Update:** Tracey Hittel of [Kitimat Lodge](#) sent an eight minute Video collage created with some amazing fishing picture, see [Kitimat Lodge](#) section for the link. **Update:** To watch a short **YouTube Video** "Releasing Salmon in a river" see **How to Release Fish** webpage: <http://www.noelgyger.ca/how-to-release-fish.htm> **Update:** Little bit of history; I did a TV Fishing Show in 1991 with **Larry Schoenborn FISHING THE WEST**, see the **YouTube** link in the **Kalum River** section. **Update:** Call **Jim Teeny** 1-800-501-6602 and order his book, see **Market Place** section. **Update:** the **2018 Tyee Test Fishery Charts** have moved to [News Bulletin](#) webpage; all past years can be read here also. **Update:** as of January 8, 2018 [noelgyger.ca](#) fishing video clips on **YouTube** have received 910,639 views, see **Noel Gyger has 96 fishing video clips on YouTube** section. **Update:** We have a **NEW** sponsor for this fishing report and it's [Teeny Fly Lines](#).

#### **This month most current updates:**

**Update:** We would like to **Welcome** [Eco Tours](#) of Terrace BC as **NEW** sponsor, see **Eco Tours** section. **Update:** **FOR SALE** Saltwater Lodge ~ info updated August 24, 2018 and the **price lowered from \$999,000 to \$650,000**; certainly a real positive for any potential **Buyer to have a turn-key business** see **Market Place** section. **Update:** **Al Erricson** types out a glowing review of the [Kitimat Lodge](#), see [Kitimat Lodge](#) section. **Update:** Last year log jams on the upper **Kitimat River** are still **dangerous today**, see [Kitimat River](#) section for map. **Update:** **Stuart Horner** of [Mightyweb](#) designed my website; he did a fantastic job! **WOW!** AND I must thank Stuart for archiving many past years; to look at these go to **My History** section. **Update:** **Amber Serbin** made her "first" post with us. **Welcome** to the team **Amber**, see [Amber Serbin](#) section just below all the rivers. **Update:** **For your safety** cautionary signs are placed all around the **Kitimat River**, see [Kitimat River](#) section. **Update:** **Noel Gyger** posted **Skeena Watershed Conservation Coalition** next **BIG** program and it deserves a **WOW**, see **Conservation** section. **Update:** **Noel** posted "Summary of Pacific salmon outlook units for 2019", see **Fishery Notices and News** section just below. **Update:** **Noel** posted "Video" by **Greg Knox** of **SkeenaWild Conservation Trust** re run size estimates of Salmon and Steelhead on the **Skeena River** in 2019, see **Fishery Notices and News** section just below. **Update:** [Amber Serbin](#) has found a way to get you all a **Special Price** for an **All INCLUSIVE** guided fishing trip for Chinook, Coho and Steelhead this year, see [Amber Serbin](#) section...or click on her name link. **Update:** **Skeena River Tyee Test Fishery** figures are now posted, see section just below [Skeena River](#). **Update:** **Tracey John Hittel** of [Kitimat Lodge](#) posted report and 3 pics for Coho, see [Douglas Channel](#) section. **Update:** **Tracey John Hittel** of [Kitimat Lodge](#) posted report and 3 pics of Chinook caught over the last few days, see [Skeena River](#) section. **Update:** **Tracey John Hittel** of [Kitimat Lodge](#)



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[noel@noelgyger.ca](mailto:noel@noelgyger.ca)

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## **Fishery Notices and News:**

**Thu October 31/19 5:31am**

**Good news!** DFO has decided to open Coho and Pink Salmon fishing on the Skeena Watershed. Please see latest **DFO Notice** [here](#). Remember to check DFO's website before going fishing. Rules and regulations can change anytime. At the present moment the limited for Coho Salmon is 1 fish over 50cm per day. The limit for Pinks is 2 per day. Chinook fishing is closed. Sockeye fishing on the Skeena and Babine is also closed.

**Summary of Pacific salmon outlook units for 2019**



**[Cast on this link](#)** to read the **Pacific Salmon Outlook**



[Cast on this link](#) to watch the video as **Greg Knox** of **SkeenaWild Conservation Trust** explains Salmon/Steelhead return estimates on the Skeena River for 2019

- [Cast here](#) to read latest DFO Fishery Notices for **Skeena Watershed**
  - [Cast here](#) to read latest DFO Fishery Notices for **Nass Watershed**
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[Cast on this link](#) for **Current Highway Conditions**

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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.

**Thu October 31/19 5:30am**

Water in good shape despite the rain. If you need a fishing guide please [contact me](#) anytime. Hardly any snow left in the mountains so if we are lucky and don't get too much rain the river should stay in good shape all summer. **WOW** that will be **GREAT !! ♥**

**Featured Article:** The mist rises from the Skeena - by Tracey John Hittel  
[http://www.noelgyger.ca/articles/The\\_mist\\_rises\\_from\\_the\\_Skeena.PDF](http://www.noelgyger.ca/articles/The_mist_rises_from_the_Skeena.PDF)

**REPORT - September 24, 2019** from Tracey John Hittel of [Kitimat Lodge](#).

**Skeena River Steelhead and Coho on the same day.**







Skeena River **Steelhead** available on the main stem and a few "prime" tribs. These are all "wild" fish. Skeena River **Coho** available on many, many rivers both inland and even in Coastal streams. **WOW** lots of choices. If you are interested, lets say, to hook both Steelhead and Coho on the same day just contact me **Noel Gyger** [noel@noelgyger.ca](mailto:noel@noelgyger.ca). I look forward to hearing from you soon. Book before end of October 2019....or next year :-)?

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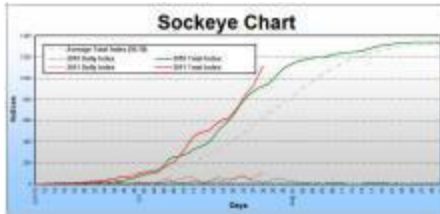
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## **Skeena River Tyee Test Fishery**

**Thu October 31/19** 5:28am

**Skeena River Tyee Test Fishery for 2019:**

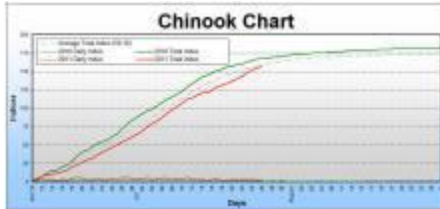
Sockeye Charts



- [Current, Average and Previous Year](#)
- [Cumulative Index 1956-2018](#)
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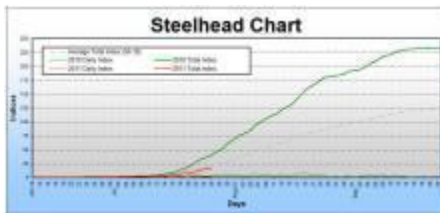
### Chinook Charts



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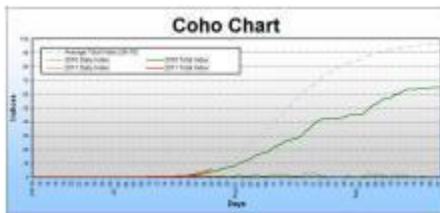
### Steelhead Charts



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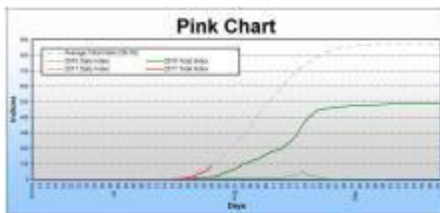
### Coho Charts



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- [Cumulative Index 1956-2018](#)
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### Pink Charts

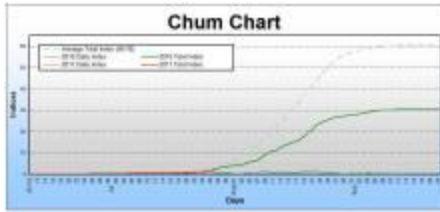


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- [Cumulative Index 1956-2018](#)
- [Average Daily Index 1956-2018](#)

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### Chum Charts





- [Current, Average and Previous Year](#)
- [Cumulative Index 1956-2018](#)
- [Average Daily Index 1956-2018](#)

To read the **2018 charts** and **ALL** previous years cast on this link:  
<http://www.noelgyger.ca/news-bulletin.htm>

## **FISHING Video's from our area:**

**Thu October 31/19** 5:26am



**UPDATE:** Italo Labignan of [Canadian Sportfishing](#) were here from August 16 to 19, 2019 to shoot more shows with Tracey John Hittel of [Kitimat Lodge](#). **AND** all 12 anglers were fishing with the [BER Float Fishing Reel](#) Top Centre Pin Reels. They fished multi rivers and ocean. All in all had a wonderful trip and talk of coming back next year with even more BER fishermen. **WOW**. As soon as I know the show dates I will give em to you, stay tuned...

Hi Noel, This is the video Italo of [Canadian Sportfishing](#) shot of my reel when we were in BC last fall. Feel free to share this link: <http://berfloatreels.com/river-passion-jordan-feliz/> or Italo Labignan **YouTube** channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ItaloLabignan> there are more viewing options using Italo's channel :-). The title is "**The River - The Passion - YouTube 4K**" Enjoy !!



Sincerely,

**Ben Reubeni**

**BER Float Reels**

905.660.4144

Please take a minute to view our new web site [www.berfloatreels.com](http://www.berfloatreels.com)

Hi Ben, I am honoured to share this beautiful 3 min Steelhead and Coho fishing clip of your fabulous fishing reels. I see **Tracey Hittel** of [Kitimat Lodge](#) doing an excellent job with the net:-) Oh did I say the music is outstanding? Well done my friend!

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### Page Views

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Please feel free to contact me [Noel Gyger](#) anytime and I will be happy to send you the latest statistics for our website via e-mail PDF attachment. Thank you for your interest.

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## **Guest Photo and Captions:**



Send your photos to: Noel Gyger [noel@noelgyger.ca](mailto:noel@noelgyger.ca)

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### **Skeena River stories:**

Skeena River - Four Seasons of Angling Paradise - by Noel Gyger

<http://www.noelgyger.ca/articles/skeena-river-four-seasons-of-angling-paradise.doc>

Golden Opportunities From Skeena Country - by John Beath

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### **Skeena River videos:**

Skeena River Sockeye Fly Fishing-1

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Skeena River Sockeye Fly Fishing-2

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Skeena Water heights below:



Cast on link for current Skeena River water heights

[https://wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/report/real\\_time\\_e.html?stn=08EF001](https://wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/report/real_time_e.html?stn=08EF001)

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### **Eco Tours:**



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*Terrace, B.C. Canada V8G 4W9*

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*Fax: (250) 635-4681*

*Toll Free: 1-800-485-7696*

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## Kitimat Lodge

**18** private  
all-inclusive suites



- walking distance to Kitimat River
- located mouth of Douglas Channel

**Kitimat** *lodge*

Salmon, Steelhead  
and Halibut guiding



**Thu October 31/19** 5:22am



**Italo Labignan**, host [Canadian Sportfishing](#) TV series takes you tributary Steelhead and Salmon fishing in the coastal rivers of northern BC. It's actually the Kalum River in late August 2016. The **YouTube** video plays for 23:19 minutes. Italo and friends fished mostly with [BER float reels](#). They are simply the best. Italo was guided by **Tracey John Hittel** (interviewed 12:18) of [Kitimat Lodge](#). I even made an appearance (interviewed 16:36) Hope you enjoy the show, **you will learn allot**. If interested to book with the BEST fishing guides please contact me **Noel Gyger** [noel@noelgyger.ca](mailto:noel@noelgyger.ca) anytime. **To watch the video cast on this link:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HgGFZA8dwM&feature=youtu.be&t=1>

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**Sun August 25/19 5:13am**

**Italo Labignan of [Canadian Sportfishing](#) sent 2 pics and wrote a few words of his recent trip to Kitimat Lodge August 9 to August 13, 2019:**







*"Our whole **BER** Owners Group had an amazing 3-days fishing out of Kitimat Lodge, BC. For most of our group it was their first trip to the Kitimat/Terrace, BC region and right off the bat they were captivated by the scenery. When they hit the rivers and ocean they were blown-away. From the drift-boat and jet-boat adventure to get to remote fishing spots to hooking and battling 3-species of salmon and steelhead. **We're already looking at best dates to head back in 2020!**"*

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**NEW ocean boat for Kitimat Lodge**





Get your group together and lets go fishing. [Contact me](#) anytime and I will send you all the information.

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**AI Erricson** ▶ Kitimat Lodge

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This is the first post I have ever made to acknowledge the good works of people who make our lives that much more special. What a great day we had with a Kitimat Lodge Charter. It started by meeting Donny our guide for the day. He was awesome and did everything possible to make our day one to remember. Our outing started as a boat ride to the hot springs and became a trip of breathtaking moments. We all agreed that watching whales frolic on the water was the highlight of the day but a hot spring soak and Donny's masterful way of sharing his love for nature, fishing and his job were close seconds. Tracy and Kitimat Lodge come with the highest recommendation. Donny you are awesome and made our day trip one which will last a lifetime, we are thankful to have spent time on the water with you.

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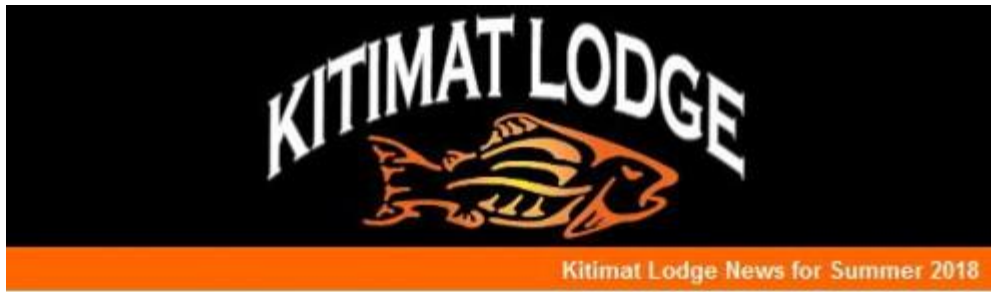
**Tracey Hittel** Thanks AI for the comments

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**Ron Hittel** Great comments for a great operation **congrats.**

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## The weeks have been flying by

2018 Summer Saltwater Salmon Fishing Trips: [Book Now](#)

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Fall Skeena system Steelhead spaces still available on classified waters.



Kitimat Lodge caters to any group request with pro service, quality equipment & guides.



Netting the catch is all part of the excitement.





More fabulous catches!







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**Jet boat trips for Salmon Fishing**

**2019 Summer Saltwater Salmon Fishing Trips: [BOOK NOW](#)**

Some great shots of our Douglas Channel Saltwater fishing and jet boat trip!



The Chinook don't get any fresher than this ♥♥♥



This jet boat salmon fishing trip produced excellent catch and lots of fun.





Nothing like an impressive halibut catch!



The shrimp and crab-feast will be memorable.

**Note:** see crab pic in the next section below :

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### **MORE NEWS for 2019**

The Salmon season is now in full swing, Chinook Salmon are running the river and all chrome bright fish. Saltwater fishing is also productive as the Halibut are biting quite nicely as well the Prawns and Crab are filling the pots.

A full line-up of guests will be flooding the area for the massive runs of migrating Pacific Salmon, so stay tuned for more awesome pics.

I also had to attach a pic of the Disney cruise ship we saw while fishing near Hartley Bay, tight lines.

Tracey John Hittel [Kitimat Lodge](#)







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<https://www.linkedin.com/company/steelhead-fishing-in-british-columbia>

[Steelhead Dreaming - Fly Fishing The Skeena](#)

**BOOK Heli-Fishing Trips now:**



The Black family booked a chopper, Skeena and saltwater tour while at the **Kitimat Lodge** this week. The wives pictured with a pair of Skeena Chinook and young Jamieson with a Dungeness Crab.

<http://kitimatlodge.com/skeena-and-saltwater-heli-fishing-tour/>

Be sure to check out the *outstanding action photo* of Jamie Black from Copper Line Excavating releasing a monster Chinook!

### **Guided Fishing Trips in British Columbia, Canada**

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**Kitimat Lodge** is quietly nestled among the cliffs of the Kitimat River Valley - strategically located near the Kitimat River and quick access to the Douglas Channel.

All suites are fully equipped with wireless Internet and flat screen televisions, including full kitchenette with fridge, stove and coffee maker.

### **Guided Fishing Trips in Kitimat, BC, Canada**

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### **The Seasons:**

#### **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 for 2019** - don't be disappointed:

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## **Kitimat Lodge Videos:**

**REPORT - Jan 24, 2019** from Tracey John Hittel of [Kitimat Lodge](#).

**Fishing BC presents another quality video:**





While you wait to find out what our next **FABULOUS** offer is, watch to find out what makes Kitimat magical. The fishing is spectacular and the scenery is incredible. We are talking here of both ocean (Douglas Channel) and all of the many, many rivers in northwest BC.

**Cast on this [Facebook link](#)** to watch this beautiful 4 minutes video.



**Want to watch** another video from [Kitimat Lodge](#) ? It plays for 4:01 minutes. Guided Fishing River and Ocean – **Book NOW** for a spring trip. Don't miss out. Cast on the link to watch the **YouTube** video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hEHExfiHScA>



**Want to watch** another video from [Kitimat Lodge](#) ? It plays for 7:43 minutes.  
**FISHING at its VERY BEST** ♥♥♥ Guided Fishing BC 2014 Season with Kitimat Lodge Fishing Tours & Adventures – **Book NOW** for a spring trip. Cast on the link to watch the **YouTube** video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mJUkg-94u88>



**Want to watch** another video from [Kitimat Lodge](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kf43ouvAP7U) ? It plays for 2:08 minutes. **FISHING at its VERY BEST** ♥♥♥ Fishing in BC With Our Best Steelhead Spey Guides - Kitimat Lodge Fishing Tours & Adventures – **Book NOW for a spring trip.** Cast on the link to watch the **YouTube** video:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kf43ouvAP7U>



**Want to watch** another video from [Kitimat Lodge](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iFay8GCJVN8) ? It plays for 1:49 minutes. **FISHING at its VERY BEST** ♥♥♥ Halibut Fishing BC with Kitimat Lodge Fishing Tours & Adventures. It is a **YouTube** video and here is the direct link to it:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iFay8GCJVN8>



**Want to watch** another video from [Kitimat Lodge](#) this one from their April 2016 season? It plays for 2:39 minutes. **SPRING FISHING at its VERY BEST** ♥♥♥ It is a **Vimeo** video and here is the direct link to it: <https://vimeo.com/167005258>



**To watch the video cast on photo or link below:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h5Yt098ntQE&feature=youtu.be>



Want to watch a short video from [Kitimat Lodge](https://www.kitimatlodge.com) with a surprise ending? It is a **Vimeo** video and here is the direct link to it: <https://vimeo.com/229471850>



Want to watch another video from [Kitimat Lodge](https://www.kitimatlodge.com) from their 2015 season? It plays for 7:17 minutes. It is a **Vimeo** video and here is the direct link to it: <https://vimeo.com/151589262>

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## **Kalum River:**

**Thu October 31/19 5:20am**

The Kalum River is **NOW open** to Coho and Pink fishing: One can catch both Steelhead and Coho on the same day! **WOW !!**

**REPORT - May 14, 2019** from Tracey John Hittel of [Kitimat Lodge](https://www.kitimatlodge.com),  
**It does not get much better than this!**





It does not get any better this ♥ It is **NOT** too late to book a guided fishing trip on this beautiful river.  
[Contact me](#) anytime if you are interested.

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We called this boat our "**Super Boat**" it was a 19 foot fibreglass drift boat with wooden frame completely covered in plastic. We had a propane heater, kept us toasty warm and we kept Steelheading all winter no matter what the weather. Sorry this pic does not show much of it. I thought I had better pics, I searched my files today but could not find them. The angler above is Terry Munday; I think the temperature outside was -12C. I took this pic from the **Podcast**:

<http://www.noelgyger.ca/Podcast/podcast0006.mov>

The **Podcast** was all about the members of the **Kalum Drifting Club** and all the fun we had :-)

To watch ALL the **Podcasts** cast on this link: <http://www.noelgyger.ca/podcast.htm>

**Note:** in those days we didn't take many pics using the current "*Keep `em Wet*", but we did care and tried to keep the Steelhead out of the water for no more than a couple of seconds if at all. *Long live our wild Steelhead...*



In May of 1991 I did a TV fishing show on the Kalum River with **Larry Schoenborn FISHING THE WEST** fame! Wow, that was 26 years ago and my beard is not full gray and look at those neoprene waders:-) Our plan was to catch both Chinook and Steelhead on the same day and I must say "*we did it*" !

Here is the **You Tube** video link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tdeEtWMi5Bs&feature=youtu.be>

**Enjoy !!**

### **Kalum River stories:**

Sweetheart Steelheading on the Kalum River - by Noel Gyger

<http://www.noelgyger.ca/articles/sweetheart-steelheading-on-the-kalum-river.doc>

North Country Spring Time Steelhead - by Dave Vedder

<http://www.noelgyger.ca/articles/Articles-3--Vedder-2-Northcounty-Spring-Time-Steelhead-long.doc>

Big River Mixed Bag - West Coast Bounty - by Italo Labignan

<http://www.noelgyger.ca/articles/Articles-7-BIG-RIVER-MIXED-BAG-by-Italo-Labignan.doc>

[May 2nd on the Kalum – by Noel Gyger](#)

[North Country Spring Time Steelhead \(Short\) – by Dave Vedder](#)

[20- Pound Steelhead – Making the Dream Come True – by Dave Vedder](#)

For more stories cast here: <http://www.noelgyger.ca/info-articles.htm>

### **Kalum River videos:**



This is how it looks when you are trying to drink your coffee and you are blasting up the lower Kalum River at 48 MPH.

**TITLE of this video:** **Rocket Boat Steelheading** - play time 5:48 minutes.

**TO WATCH VIDEO** cast here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8QPTv4kOZd8>

**VIDEO INFO:** I had the pleasure of fishing with Calvin Higano, Ron Wakita and Glen Kilcup on the Kalum River on Tuesday morning, April 20, 2010 for about four hours. Glen invited us on this trip with his Jet boat crack of dawn. We hooked 4 Steelhead and landed 2 plus a bunch of Trout. We landed one Steelhead using a silver **BC Steel** spoon with 3 OTT **Gamagatsu** <http://rapala.ca> Siwash hook rigged up on a 7' **Trophy XL** rod <http://redlsports.com> and an **Abu Cardinal** 704 <http://www.purefishing.com> Spinning reel spooled up with 30lb **Tuff line Duracast** <http://www.tuff-line.com> This rod and reel Combo handled this Kalum River Steelhead very nicely and was caught and released using **Gibbs Catch and Release Net** <http://www.gibbsfishing.com> The **Gibbs C & R Net** has a very soft mesh which allows anglers to net Steelhead and release them unharmed back into the river. Calvin landed the other Steelhead using a **Sage 2106** rod and a **Shimano Calcutta 250TE** reel <http://fish.shimano.com> Calvin was the "Hot Rod" on this trip! Calvin landed one and had another 2 Steelhead on which released themselves (AKA long-line-release) after a bit of a tussle. Calvin is a very gifted angler who has brought some very effective Steelheading techniques to the North West. One of his techniques Calvin calls "Dredging" and another would be the method which he cures his bait. Calvin uses **Pautzke's Pink Fire Cure** on both his Chinook roe and on his Prawn bait. As most Steelheaders already know the quality of the bait is critical to Angler success. A huge **THANK YOU** to Glen for an awesome morning fishing trip on the Kalum!

**Here is some info on Glens custom Rocket Jet Boat:** This boat has a top speed 48 MPH with 450 HP pushing water through a **Hamilton Jet** with a 10 inch impeller. When this thing takes-off, hold your hat and hang on! The **Teflon** bolted to the bottom of the boat allowed us to skim over the shallowest of water.

If you wish to learn more about fishing in my area **SUBSCRIBE** to my **WEEKLY THURSDAY NEWSLETTER** via e-mail. **SIGN UP** on my webpage: [http://noelgyger.ca/subscribers\\_form](http://noelgyger.ca/subscribers_form)  
Just fill in the "Subscribers form" and hit submit.

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I also book guided fishing trips for whom I think are the very best fishing guides in British Columbia. I know all of them very well. They do a fabulous job and pride themselves on service and professionalism.

**IF YOU ARE EVER INTERESTED TO BOOK A TRIP WITH ONE OF THEM PLEASE CONTACT ME ANYTIME.** My contact info is: Phone 250-635-2568 E-mail: [noel@noelgyger.ca](mailto:noel@noelgyger.ca)  
Website: <http://www.noelgyger.ca>

#### **More videos below:**

Kalum River Coho  
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Cast on link below to watch more videos:  
<http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/video-clips-web.htm>

#### **Kalum River Podcasts:**

Dustin Kovacvich & Noel Gyger "test fish" for Kalum River Chinook  
<http://www.noelgyger.ca/Podcast/podcast0016.mp4>

**Please note:** it may take awhile for the podcasts to load.

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<http://www.noelgyger.ca/podcast.htm>

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

**Thu October 31/19** 5:19am

Water in fishable shape despite the rain. Most of the rain stayed in the mountains as snow. **NOTE: No Fishing** upstream of the sign at the transmission line crossing (downstream of Zymoetz Canyon) Jan 1 - June 15. Steelhead fishing below this closure is still permitted. Need a fishing guide [contact me](#) anytime.

### **Copper River stories:**

Copper River Steelhead - by Jim & Carolyn Z. Shelton

[http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/copper-river-steelhead-nov-29\\_2014.doc](http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/copper-river-steelhead-nov-29_2014.doc)

For more stories cast here: <http://www.noelgyger.ca/info-articles.htm>

### **Copper River videos:**

<http://www.noelgyger.ca/video-clips/Steelhead-0010.wmv>

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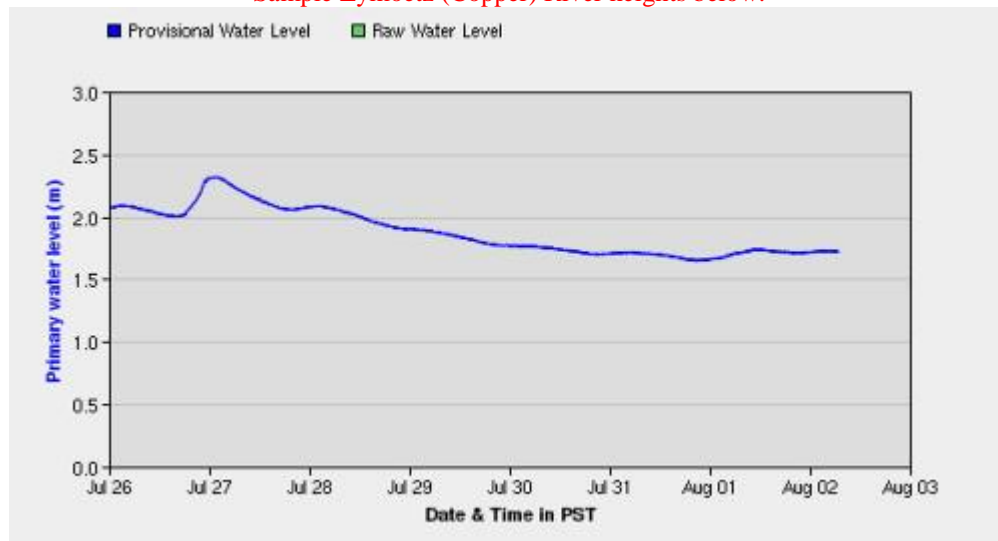
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**Enjoy!!**

Sample Zymoetz (Copper) River heights below:



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

[https://wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/report/real\\_time\\_e.html?stn=08EF005](https://wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/report/real_time_e.html?stn=08EF005)

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## **Kitimat Ocean (Douglas Channel):**

**Thu October 31/19** 5:18am

**REPORT - September 27, 2019** from Tracey John Hittel of [Kitimat Lodge](#),  
**Coho on Scotty downriggers**



### **Scotty Downriggers for BC Cohos.**

Besides fishing rivers for steelhead and salmon during our Kitimat Lodge, BC trip, we also had a chance to troll for Coho salmon in Douglas Channel. This weeks feature image is of Ben Reubeni holding up a nice BC saltwater Coho . . .

[READ MORE:](#)

Cast on pic or PDF link below to **READ MORE:**

[http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/coho-on-scotty-downriggers-oct-5\\_2019.PDF](http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/coho-on-scotty-downriggers-oct-5_2019.PDF)

**REPORT - September 24, 2019** from Tracey John Hittel of [Kitimat Lodge](#),  
**Lots of Bottom fish and Dungeness Crab**





REPORT - September 19, 2019 from Tracey John Hittel of [Kitimat Lodge](#).

**Lots of Halibut and Crab for group of seniors**



**GREAT, GREAT** ocean fishing going on now in the **Kitimat Douglas Channel**. Here are guests of [Kitimat Lodge](#). The guests are really enjoying it. If you are interested to book your group for some fabulous ocean fishing for Salmon, Halibut, all the bottom fish and of course set your traps for Alaska King and Dungeness Crab [contact me](#) anytime. Too much fun, we love it ♥

### **Kitimat River:**

**Thu October 31/19 5:17am**

**Kitimat River** in fair shape despite all the rain we are having.. Good run of Coho this year. Lots of Chum too. All fish are bright and silver. Need to book a very experienced fishing guide fly, spin or conventional [contact me](#) anytime and I will set it up for you. **WOW** good times are here again ♥ Did I tell you, I posted videos, a couple of my guests (years ago) hooked into more than a dozen.

Check em out on **YouTube** <https://www.youtube.com/user/noelgyger>



A second permanent sign up at the highway bridge.



REPORT - September 23, 2019 from Tracey John Hittel of [Kitimat Lodge](#).

**Kitimat River producing lots of Coho on spin and fly**





**Notes from Tracey:** A fine group of guests the past week, clients from Banff, England, and our Kitimat Senior group have made allot of memories for us all.

- a few of our best shots of what we offer for our guests (soon to be posted)
- Always fresh Dungeness Crab and Ling Cod for the evening meals.
- 2020 is already booking up most of the weeks.
- **We still have space for 2019 last minute booking for 3-4 rods, October 26-31 for Steelhead and Coho.**

Tracey John Hittel

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**REPORT - September 2, 2019** from Tracey John Hittel of [Kitimat Lodge](http://www.kitimatlodge.com).

### **Kitimat River producing Chum and Coho**

**Note:** Not sure if All the 3 pics below are from the Kitimat River only, might have come from other coastal rivers.











There seems to be a good run of Coho and Chum this year. If you are interest to book a guided fishing trip to the Kitimat or any other northwest rivers including the Nass please contact Noel Gyger [noel@noelgyger.ca](mailto:noel@noelgyger.ca) anytime. He will set it up for you

Radley Park 54°3.5'N, 128°40.7'W

## ATTENTION BOATERS

The Kitimat River is a  
fast-flowing dangerous stream.  
Logjams and fallen trees  
are common.

Water levels often change  
drastically in only hours.  
New hazards can appear  
overnight. Plan ahead  
and scout the river  
before you put in.

***ALWAYS WEAR YOUR  
LIFE JACKET!***

THESE signs are placed all around the Kitimat River. Please heed them and stay alive!



The location of the two logjams. (Google image)

**Deadly logjam still poses a threat to boaters, anglers BEWARE !!!**

*"It's no fun pulling bodies out of the river."* - Manny Arruda

[Gerry Leibel](#)

Apr. 26, 2019 1:30 a.m.

[Local News](#)  
[News](#)

Rescuers are warning boaters and anglers that the log jam that claimed the life of a boater in July last year is still very much a threat. Kitimat Search and Rescue's Manny Arruda said the log jam, located on the Kitimat River downstream from the Red Bridge, or 18 Mile Bridge, is unavoidable for anyone launching a boat upstream. "It goes right across the whole river. It's totally unsafe for anybody to be launching from the bridge," said Arruda. "There's no way of getting around the log jam – you come around the corner and it's right there."

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**District of Kitimat Council** voted Monday September 18 five to two to create a "working group" of "concerned citizens and community groups" to consider the future of riverbank camping along the Kitimat river. The working group will consider issues such as access to the river, pollution and how to control extended camping along the river. [Cast here](#) for more information.

**Testimonial**

**My Number one "recommendation" for World Class Steelhead and Salmon Fly Fishing**





Hi Folks, early on in my now 25 year fly fishing career I went on a lot of expensively disappointing fishing trips. Then in 2006 I discovered **Tracey** and his **Steelhead Heaven** outfit in beautiful British Columbia and have been going back ever since. The main rivers he fishes, the Kitimat, the majestic Skeena, and the Kalum are beautiful and abundant. Tracey and his guides are knowledgeable and well equipped and I advise you to listen to what they tell you (although many guests don't). You can fish single or double hand but there's no double that a Switch or Spey rod is more effective and energy efficient. Tracey's mission is to get you into the best fishing runs - then it's up to you! I also recommend staying at the Tracey's [Kitimat Lodge](#) where there's often same day caught crab on the evening menu. **CU in 2019! Best...**

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**Would you like** to read "*many*" more **Testimonials** from guests around the world who experienced the **BEST** guided fishing they have ever had? If **YES** cast on this link below:

<http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/Kitimat-Lodge-Testimonials.PDF>

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### **Kitimat River stories:**

12 Seasons of Kitimat River - by Noel Gyger

[http://www.noelgyger.ca/articles/kitimat-river-nov-29\\_2014.doc](http://www.noelgyger.ca/articles/kitimat-river-nov-29_2014.doc)

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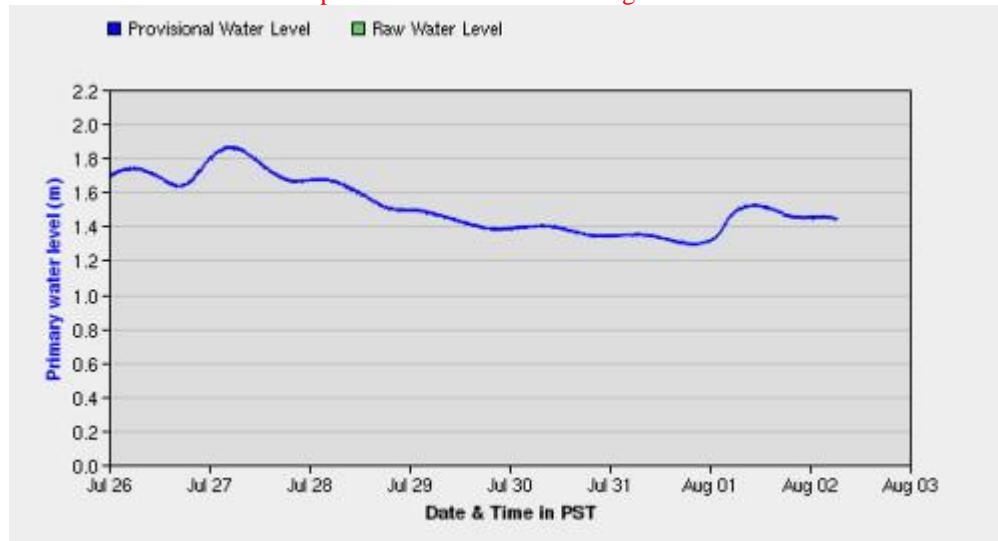
### **Kitimat River videos:**

<http://www.noelgyger.ca/video-clips/Jerry%20and%20Kevin%20Kitimat%20drift.wmv>

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

<http://www.noelgyger.ca/video-clips/Coho-0006.wmv>

Sample Kitimat River waters heights below:



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### Kasiks River:

Skeena trib **non-classified** approx 70km West of Terrace BC with a maintained public boat launch (west side of river). If you drove another few KM and look to your left on the Skeena you would see anglers and maybe their camper trailers, this is locally known as **China Bar**. One of the BEST spots I have ever fished this time of year for Steelhead and Coho. One can camp at **Snow Bound Creek** and launch their boat; located left off Hwy 16 just past China Bar. The launch is a little rough so be careful watch out for all the rocks that can hang up or damage your boat trailer; this is tidal water, so don't leave your boat in water overnight, it may be high and dry up the bank in the morning. Nice place to camp; room for 4-5 camper trailers. It's this time of year when the Coho (Silver) Salmon start to enter the Kasiks river. For the most success start fishing the lower end along the deep cut banks, cliffs and trees that are jammed in the river. The Coho like to hold in these places and wait for a bump in water height to move upstream. Normally this is a pretty rainy time and when it rains heavy it will colour up the river and when it just starts to clean that's the best time to get fishing and try your luck. A guiding guest of mine, many years ago now, told me this was the most beautiful river he has ever seen...and I totally agree. **Caution:** don't travel up this river in low water, you will get hung up or worse crash; wait until you are sure there is enough water! **Be safe, not sorry...**

### Exchamsiks River:

Skeena trib **non-classified** approx 49km West of Terrace BC with a maintained public boat launch (Westside of river). **Provincial Park** open most of the summer season, nice place to camp, cliff and waterfall views are outstanding. It's that time of year again when the Coho (Silver) Salmon start to enter this river. For the most success start fishing the lower end along the deep cut banks, cliffs and trees that are jammed in the river. The Coho like to hold in these places and wait for a bump in water height to move upstream. Normally this is a pretty rainy time and when it rains heavy it will colour up the river and when it just starts to clean that's the best time to get fishing and try your luck.

### Exstew River:

Skeena trib **non-classified** approx 30km West of Terrace BC with a maintained public boat launch (west side of river just past the bridge). It's that time of year again when the Coho (Silver) Salmon start to enter

this river. For the most success start fishing the lower end along the deep cut banks, cliffs and trees that are laying in the river. The Coho like to hold in these places and wait for a bump in water height to move up stream. Normally this is a pretty rainy time and when it rain heavy it will colour up the river and when it just starts to clean that's the best time to get fishing and try your luck.

### **Zymacord** renamed **Zymagotitz:**

Skeena trib **non-classified** approx 3km West of Terrace river right, boat launch near the mouth not maintained. This is a very good Coho river in the fall and a very good Steelhead river in the spring. For Coho fish the mouth where it dumps into the Skeena, the later in fall go upstream, especially around the old ski hill area. Lovely area to walk and wade.

### **Shames River:**

Skeena trib **non-classified** approx 30km West of Terrace river right. This is a very small running river, should really be called a creek, not much Salmon fishing above Highway 16 but fishing the mouth for Coho, Pink and Trout usually pretty good in the summer and fall.

### **Ecstall River:**

Skeena trib **Class 2 water all year** 30 km East of Prince Rupert, Steelhead Stamp not required unless angling for Steelhead. Absolutely "prime-time" now to fish for Coho. BEST to hire a guide, which are very limited, as it is a long jet boat right up to the fishing grounds. Once there you are in paradise. Helicopter can bring you up to the guide camp quickly (used to be tent camp). Very beautiful area. Lots of late run Chinook in the river now but you must let them go, "*keep-em-wet*", just do your best, don't target them.

**Harold Kossler** of **Komaham Lodge** had the best camp ever, but Harold has retired now. If you need a guide **contact me** anytime. If you want to do it yourself you can launch your jet boat just below the **Tyee Test Fishery**. I have lots of memories fishing this river, this time of year, with my friend **Rick Wallace** local angler from Terrace BC.

### **Gitnadoix River:**

Skeena trib **Class 1 water** Provincial Park approx 31km West of Terrace river left. Launch your jet boat at the Exchamsiks boat ramp. This ramp is maintained. You can also launch off Hwy 16 "left side" at around 28km which is a Skeena side channel that flows to mainstem. This is a very, very good Coho river in the fall and a very, very good Steelhead river in the spring. **PLEASE note** this is a very rough, turbulent river that changes channels with just about every high water; so please use extreme caution when running jet boat, Just when you thought you had the route figured out - it changes. Many jet boat have crashed. **This is not a river for novice jet boaters. Take Care - Be Safe! ♥ ♥ ♥**

### **Kleanza Creek:**

Skeena trib **non-classified** Provincial Park (picnic and camp) approx 18km East of Terrace river left. No fishing for Steelhead or Salmon (some Trout and Dolly Varden available) within the creek but a good spot to fish is right at the mouth where it dumps into the Skeena. If Skeena is dirty fish the clean seam from the Creek. No place to launch a boat. **Note:** up creek there is a road leads to the "famous" **Kleanza Creek**

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### **Bulkley River**

**Wed October 9 /19** Ground Hog Day! I apologize for the short fishing report but there is really nothing much to report besides that the rivers are in awesome shape at the moment..... Fishing has been tough (who said it could not get worse???). Colder temperatures = locked jaws for the fish. It will take a little bit for the fish to adjust to the colder water temperatures. Fishing in a tee-shirt is most likely over for this season.

Less fish equals less fishing pressure. If you have a trip planned to our area come on up! Fall is a spectacular time to be in Steelhead Paradise. Go fish.

**Wed October 2 /19** The Bulkley is in prime shape. Very few people around. Fishing has been better as of late. Reports of some bigger fish hooked. Remember that steelhead fishing is always a challenge... be it water conditions, weather conditions, number of fish.... Fish for the right reasons and good things will happen!

**Wed September 16/19** report courtesy [Oscars Fly & Tackle Shop](#) in Smithers, BC: Wow. If we had the water conditions of this year and the fish of last year... It would be a dream season! But it's not. Fishing is tough but there are fish around. Put in your time. Use smaller flies. Longer leaders. Pink bugs have been popular as of late..... Let's hope for a few more fish to arrive. Fewer fish = fewer people.... Better odds..... To quote a guide friend: "Fishing for Steelhead is kindalike playing the lottery. But your chances are much better...."

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## **Kispiox River**

**Wed October 2/19** The Kispiox is at 1.06m as of this afternoon. Absolutely fabulous shape. Most pinks are gone. Few people on the river. Fishing has been Ok :-)

**Wed September 16/19** report courtesy [Oscars Fly & Tackle Shop](#) in Smithers, BC: Nice shape again. It was low but it bumped a bit. Sometimes using a dry line produces more fish than a sink tip..... Grizzly bear at the Rodeo Ground.

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## **Morice River**

**Wed October 2/19** Great water levels and conditions. Some fish caught.

**Wed September 16/19** report courtesy [Oscars Fly & Tackle Shop](#) in Smithers, BC: Same as the Bulkley. Maybe a few more fish than the Bulkley? And it is in nice shape

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## **Babine River**

**Wed September 16/19** report courtesy [Oscars Fly & Tackle Shop](#) in Smithers, BC: Sorry,,no report for this date.

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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.

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## **Amber Serbin:**



[Amber](#) is working to promote your product or business!

**Thu October 31/19 5:16am**

**REPORT - October 2, 2019** time to tell a story

## **A MUST READ: for old and new Steelheaders**



### **Addicted to Chrome**

"I'm craving steelhead!• " Is what I, an Albertan, said back in January when I felt the addictive rush of blood race through my veins followed by a jolting squeeze of muscles and goose-bumps scattering up my arms. It's a certain addiction that I'd say all steelhead fisherman endure, and its one that we are happy to say that the only rehab is to go steelheading itself. "Yes, It's time• ." And another trip to BC's northern coast was born.

Mid-April I arrived to my paradise within the Skeena Region of British Columbia. April is always an unpredictable time of year to fish. Some rivers are blown out from rain and glacial melts, some aren't holding fish, or you're too early or too late for the prime time of the runs. The temperature can vary from minus 5 to plus 15 and it can rain or snow for the entire trip, but it's a risk worth taking every time.

We set up camp along the river bank and got the rods and pontoons ready to be first on the water in the morning. The first two days fishing new water seem to always be the "learning days• ". Scoping out the holes, runs, and tail outs. A few challenging days of unsuccessful float-fishing went by and I realized a key detail. There was no way there wasn't steelhead scattered throughout this river system, I was definitely drifting my pontoon right over their heads and from then on I decided I had to fish everything! Sure the big hole looked promising, the swirls of a slick look intriguing, and the seam of a run seemed obvious, but I learnt to not underestimate a shallow ripple or a swift wide rapid and to be sure to fish the entire length of each spot. And from then on, I was on to them.

I'll never forget my first steelhead of the trip. I had one buddy fifty feet downstream and another buddy fifty feet upstream. I was drifting over some shallow, fast-moving water and I decided to anchor myself in the pontoon with my feet in thigh-deep water and toss a few floats out. Wham! My float submerged and I locked down on the centerpin and pulled the rod back. The steelhead darted down river, ripping line from my Islander. I gripped the rod high and it arched over my head while my palms and knuckles created the

perfect tension on the reel. I started hollering at my buddy up-river to come help while I slowly backed up against the river's current while trying not to lose the fish nor my pontoon that hooked around my waist. Together we landed a nice buck, snapped a few pictures and released it back in the river. My body vibrated with excitement and the steelhead cravings increase immensely-it was one of many to come.

The next few days we floated the same river, trialing different sections each time and drifting 10-hour days. Steelhead hit nearly at all the same holding spots as the previous day, and if there was one hit, it was likely you could get another.



To switch things up our crew headed to another river. This river was a few kilometers from the ocean and the steelhead were fast and ocean strong. We checked the tide charts and waited for the tides to roll in and the fish to race up. We walked and waded kilometers of water until our calves burned and thighs fatigued. Three of us fished this covert river for three days straight, hooking over seventy steelhead combined, and landing about a third of that. The fishing was surreal for an Albertan, content with hopefully landing a couple!

I will say though, we totally lucked out on weather! The water was clear on all the rivers, the mornings started off cool and warmed up to plus fifteen, and it didn't rain until the day we left. By the last day my body was spent. Every morning we were up at 4:00am, hauling pontoons and wading across currents. I would get back to camp each night thinking that I'd get to relax but then I got to gather wood, build a fire, cook dinner, then start another crazy adventure day.

I believe that's why a term "steelheading"• was created. You don't hear "trout"• or "piking"• or "perching"• in Alberta. It's more than just fishing for a specific species. It's its own kind of adventure. It's the research, the hunt, the perseverance, the adrenaline, and the reward that all play together to make this

crazy addiction one that you wouldn't want to live without, and that being said, I cannot wait for my next dose of "steelheading•".

*Amber Serbin*

**REPORT - July 4, 2019** and deal from Amber

**Book now - ENJOY- and save**

**New! SPECIAL OFFER** this season for an ALL inclusive deluxe guided fishing trip to beautiful Northwest BC on multi rivers for Chinook, Coho and Steelhead. Package includes 7 day/6 night/5 days guided fishing for \$3500 CDN per person. Contact [Amber Serbin](#) for more info... Limited spots... Book your dates soon :-)

**Spring fever is here and the Sturgeon Bite is ON!**

The North Saskatchewan River is one of the TOP 10 longest rivers in Canada, originating from the Canadian Rocky Mountains and emptying into the Hudson Bay. It is one of the most diverse rivers in the country and is home to multiple species of fish! Here in Alberta we are fortunate to be able to catch, tag, and protect our residentary **Lake Sturgeon** and they are definitely one of my favs! The patience needed to sit and wait for that one bite from these "dinos" makes the waiting game worth it!

Here in Alberta we are passionate about our Sturgeon and we as anglers, all work together to protect the "threatened" species. Check out <https://mywildalberta.ca/fishing/safety-procedures/fish-handling/sturgeon-handling-practices.aspx> for information on safe handling of our Alberta Lake Sturgeon.





Last weekend I hooked into this **Sturgeon** from the banks of the North Saskatchewan River! My line hit the water at 5:00pm, hoping to be lucky enough to get that bite before the sun was to set. Suckers began taking the bait, building up my confidence that I had found a good spot but it wasn't until I was packing up my gear and accepting my defeat that my rod bent right over. I pulled back hard on the rod setting the hook and I knew exactly what was on the other end of my line! My sturgeon setup has remained the same for the last 6 years of sturgeon fishing and it has yet to lose me a fish! I've been using my 8'6 **Fenwick HMX** paired up with the classic **Abu Garcia Ambassadeur C4** spooled with 25lb **Fireline** and

tipped with the new **Berkley Fusion19 Octopus Hooks** (pinched barbs for easy release!).



If you are interested in catching a Sturgeon for yourself or any of the other North Saskatchewan fish such as walleye, northern pike, burbot, goldeye, mooneye, mountain whitefish, and a variety of suckers then check out **Lunkers Fishing Adventures** at [www.lunkers.ca](http://www.lunkers.ca) right here in Alberta!







And don't forget to check out the "Serben Farms" [www.serbenfarms.com](http://www.serbenfarms.com) on your way out! After a wicked weekend of fishing I like to make a pit stop at my cousin's family store located off Hwy 28 by Smoky Lake, AB for organic fruits and vegetables, eggs, meats, and lots of Ukrainian treats!

Tight Lines Everyone!

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**All Northwest BC river height info:**



Water is important for a number of natural resource industries and water data is not always either shared or accessible. This portal is like a clearing house for water data from a variety of sources.

One feature of the portal that may interest you is the real time and historic stream flow information for some of the rivers we fish and report on.

Cast on this link to enter the portal: <http://waterportal.geoweb.bcogc.ca/>

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### **Recent Top Photos:**



**October 1, 2019** Chelsea from Banff Alberta with a Northern Coho fishing coastal rivers from the Kitimat Lodge. Caption by Tracey John Hittel of [Kitimat Lodge](#). It's been a GREAT year for Coho on many rivers and even the ocean. If interested to book with the **BEST** fishing guides please contact me Noel Gyger [noel@noelgyger.ca](mailto:noel@noelgyger.ca) anytime.



**September 15, 2019** Tracey John Hittel of [Kitimat Lodge](#) helps Mippy pose her fish. She is the famous Japanese lady angler with a fresh Coho Salmon. This was her first trip to beautiful BC and will return for the Chinook season. If interested to book with the **BEST** fishing guides please contact me **Noel Gyger** [noel@noelgyger.ca](mailto:noel@noelgyger.ca) anytime.



**September 1, 2019** Italo Labignan, host [Canadian Sportfishing](#) TV series takes you tributary Steelhead and Salmon fishing in the coastal rivers of northern BC. It's actually the Kalum River in late August 2016. The **YouTube** video plays for 23:19 minutes. Italo and friends fished mostly with [BER float reels](#). They are simply the best. Italo was guided by **Tracey John Hittel** (interviewed 12:18) of [Kitimat Lodge](#). I even made an appearance (interviewed 16:36) Hope you enjoy the show, **you will learn allot**. If interested to book with the BEST fishing guides please contact me **Noel Gyger** [noel@noelgyger.ca](mailto:noel@noelgyger.ca) anytime.

**To watch the video cast on this link:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HgGFZA8dwM&feature=youtu.be&t=1>





**August 15, 2019** Joe from Ontario Canada with a oversized Chum Salmon, Fishing a **BER** centre pin reel <https://berfloatreels.com/>, finely machined precision, this beast pushing 25-pounds and full of energy, coastal sportfishing Kitimat BC is where it's at. Caption by **Tracey John Hittel** of **Kitimat Lodge** <http://kitimatlodge.com/>. Nothing but the best equipment and tackle are used to get guests into Chinook (King) Salmon, Chum and Pink. They incorporate all the best methods, conventional, spin and fly-fishing regular or Spey now we should add BER. Tracey and his crew of AAG (Assistant Angling Guides) get guests into all 5 species of Pacific Salmon (Chinook, Coho, Sockeye, Pink and Chum) in multiple rivers inland **PLUS** all coastal river of northwest British Columbia and **PLUS** Nass River and tribs. **PLUS** ocean fishing out of the Douglas Channel for Salmon, Halibut and all other Bottom fish **PLUS** drop traps for Dungeness and Alaska King Crab. Oh, and **PLUS** they get you into wild Steelhead too **PLUS** local Cutthroat Trout and Dolly Varden Char. **WOW, so many plusses; they have it all.** I love it ♥ and you will too. You don't want to miss out. Come join them sometime. I could write a book! Might do that someday? I will need some help...can you help...contact me anytime via my e-mail: [noel@noelgyger.ca](mailto:noel@noelgyger.ca). Back to business; thinking of booking a guided fishing trip now? Just contact **Tracey John Hittel** [Tjhittel@telus.net](mailto:Tjhittel@telus.net) with any questions. You can also reach him on his **Cell Phone: 250-639-4277**





**Top Photo: August 1, 2019** Nothing but the best equipment and tackle are used to get guests of **Tracey John Hittel** [Kitimat Lodge](http://www.kitimatlodge.com) into Chinook (King) Salmon. They incorporate all the best methods, conventional, spin and fly-fishing. Tracey and his crew of AAG (Assistant Angling Guides) get guests into all 5 species of Pacific Salmon (Chinook, Coho, Sockeye, Pink and Chum) in multiple rivers inland and coastal of northwest British Columbia. PLUS ocean fishing out of the Douglas Channel for Salmon, Halibut and all other Bottom fish plus drop traps for Dungeness and Alaska King Crab. **WOW they have it**

**all.** Come join them sometime. Thinking of booking a trip now? Please contact **Tracey John Hittel** [Tjhittel@telus.net](mailto:Tjhittel@telus.net) with any questions. You can also reach him on his **Cell Phone: 250-639-4277**.

**Here is a short list of what we offer;** Full service private suites, All inclusive meal plan, Cabins with full kitchen, fridge and stoves, Laundromat, Secluded location, Picnic tables BBQ and Fire pits, Wireless internet, Open year round, Steelhead & Salmon fly fishing, Conventional and spin fishing Saltwater fishing Salmon Halibut and Crab (Dungeness and Alaska King), Jet boat tours Skeena Kalum, Kitimat River Drift Boat fishing full and half days, Coastal Rivers, Nass River and tribs. Transport Canada approved vessels, Helicopter fishing, Hot spring Tours. **See you soon...**



**July 15, 2019 Oh, what a variety we offer:** Drift boat, raft or jet boat. Why not book a Heli fishing trip to multi rivers. Or ALL the Pacific Salmon, Halibut, Bottom fish and/or Dungeness and Alaska King Crab in the Douglas Channel? **We have it all !!** Come join us sometime. Oh, how could be forget "the Steelhead are coming!" Thinking of booking a trip now? Please contact **Tracey John Hittel** [Tjhittel@telus.net](mailto:Tjhittel@telus.net) with any questions. You can also reach him on his **Cell Phone: 250-639-4277**. **Book soon; it is a very busy time...**



**July 1, 2019** Salmon fishing for “fresh” Chinook (King) Salmon. Local rivers are producing many aggressive fish for our guests, says **Tracey Hittel**. Pictured is **Fred Weisgerber** from Medicine Hat Alberta with a 3 fish 1/2 day. The fish is held up briefly by pro fishing guide **Tracey Hittel** of [Kitimat Lodge](#). We say “briefly” just look at the water dripping. Many more to come as our season progresses and signs of a massive Salmon return. Thinking of booking a trip; contact **Tracey** [Tjhittel@telus.net](mailto:Tjhittel@telus.net) with any questions. You can also reach him on his **Cell Phone: 250-639-4277**. **Book soon; it is a very busy time...**

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1. [Noel Gyger Home Family and Friends Page](#)
  2. [Terrace BC Fishing Guides](#)
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### **Conservation:**

**Thu October 31/19 5:15am**





For **ALL** the details [cast here](#)

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**Thu October 31/19 5:14am**

#### **Update Wild Salmon vs Farm virus**

Hello, I feel it is important to keep a record on the spread of a farm salmon virus onto this coast. I continue to try to stop this, but the resistance within the Canadian government is strong, consistent and, so far, impossible to reason with.

They now still refuse to screen for the virus, but DFO also says they will now allow fish they know are infected with PRV to be transferred. This is a complete disregard for the three rulings by the Federal Court of Canada and the law. The only glimmer of hope is that this reckless decision was made during a caretaker government. It only benefits the three companies farming Atlantic salmon in BC.

Perhaps our new government will reassess this ASAP as the 2019 wild salmon return is the lowest on record in the history of this country, exposing their offspring to PRV as they try to migrate to sea puts them at risk of extinction. More on this later.

If you want to help, please contact your MP and ask that the decision to allow PRV-infected farm salmon into BC waters needs to be changed to align with the laws of Canada.

For the record: <https://alexandramorton.typepad.com>

Thank you, **Alexandra Morton**

Sat October 5/19 5:09am

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Thu October 31/19 5:14am

Alexandra Morton still fighting to **save** wild Salmon:



Hello, Over the past few weeks I have sat across from DFO's senior Aquaculture and Science managers repeatedly in advance of DFO's 3rd attempt to decide what to do about all the PRV virus in farm salmon. DFO has thus far avoided responding to the court on this since 2016. I believe we have a Minister who might be willing to face this decision, but who is informing him on what occurred at these meetings?

Alexandra blog - [From the Front lines](#)

My over-arching concern is that the same group that caused the problem are the only DFO group at the table. How can they reverse their own history of decisions to respond appropriately to scientists and the court? Where are the wild salmon managers in DFO, shouldn't they be part of this decision?

Because so few witnessed what I saw, I wanted to create a record of it. I get that governments should avoid causing shock to industrial operators and I understand that wild salmon face many challenges, but I don't see why the decision to protect wild salmon has fallen into the hands of DFO's Aquaculture Division and I have real concerns about DFO Science manager's willingness to properly evaluate the science on the threat of PRV to wild salmon.

DFO management has destroyed any chance that the BC salmon farming industry had of developing into a blue ribbon industry and wild salmon are collateral damage.

We don't have the luxury of getting this wrong as the stunning failure of this year's salmon returns settles over us like ashes. I have tried to be gentle here, because I watched the DFO reps struggle, caught between policy and reality - mission impossible. But I have no tolerance for this situation. As a biologist I take very seriously my role in preventing avoidable destruction of one of earth's most generous and beneficial creations - salmon.

DFO has so much potential, but there is going to have to be an internal regime shift. The level of denial I witnessed has no place in a world facing a scenario so frightening most of us don't want to look at it.

Thank you, **Alexandra Morton**

**Thu October 31/19 5:14am**





Quinn Barabash says he's been fishing all his life, and watched as declining salmon stock populations created a ripple effect in the region. (Captain Quinn and the Adventurers photo)

## Terrace fisherman awarded \$50K for Skeena salmon documentary

The film will explore the past, present and future conditions of salmon fishing in northwest B.C.

BRITTANY GERVAIS / Aug. 2, 2019 1:30 p.m. / LOCAL NEWS / NEWS

[Cast on this link](#) for all the details:

**Tue July 16/19 5:10am**

**Skeena Watershed Conservation Coalition**





### It's YOW + WOW time!

It's river season, time to send in your application for Youth on Water and Women on Water! There are a few openings left on some of our programs!

[Cast on this link](#) to learn the full story. You will be glad you did!

**Fri August 16/19 5:09am**

DFO has created a regulatory system that allows salmon farmers to get away with killing wild salmon with sea lice. Here are their own words.



ALEXANDRAMORTON.TYPEPAD.COM

## Sea lice Control - Built to Fail

I recently received 1,200 pages of internal DFO communication on the...

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

Wed July 24/19 5:09am



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Fri August 16/19 5:09am

Morton wins case against DFO on fish farms





If the mere presence of PRV in farmed Atlantic salmon smolts is sufficient to prevent licences from being issued, that could be devastating for the fish farm industry <https://bit.ly/2HVD9d2> "They basically don't have fish if they can't use PRV-infected fish" said [Alexandra Morton](#)

**Fri December 7/18 4:03am**



The **Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC)** protects areas of natural diversity for their intrinsic value and for the benefit of our children and grandchildren. Join and offer your support: <http://www.natureconservancy.ca/en/>

**Thu October 31/19 5:14am**

<https://watershedwatch.ca>





We welcome your donations to support our work advocating for B.C.'s wild salmon. Donate today!

**PLEASE** cast on this link to donate:

<https://watershedwatch.ca/donate-now/>

A "wild" Salmon will thank you for it :-)

[Cast on this link](#) to read a summary of NEWS items up October 30, 2019

### **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.terracestandard.com/>



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

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

**Cast on link to read article:**

**Thu October 31/19 5:14am**

**Rob Brown** latest story **October 24, 2019** titled:

**The Zymosedge**

can be viewed by [casting on this link](#) on page 23 in **Terrace Standard** e-edition

**Fri October 25/19 5:14am**

**Rob Brown** latest story **October 18, 2019** titled:

**Wader woes solved**

can be viewed by [casting on this link](#) on page 23 in **Terrace Standard** e-edition

**Fri October 18/19 5:14am**

**Rob Brown** latest story **October 10, 2019** titled:

**Crows smarter than you think**

can be viewed by [casting on this link](#) on page 26-27 in **Terrace Standard** e-edition

**Fri October 11/19 5:14am**

**Rob Brown** latest story **October 3, 2019** titled:

**In the pink: Part 2**

can be viewed by [casting on this link](#) on page 19 in **Terrace Standard** e-edition

**Fri October 4/19 5:06am**

**Rob Brown** latest story **September 18, 2019** titled:

**In the pink**

can be viewed by [casting on this link](#) on page 29 in **Terrace Standard** e-edition

**Thu October 3/19 5:06am**

**Rob Brown** latest story **September 19, 2019** titled:

**Probing the Kitwanga: Part 2**

can be viewed by [casting on this link](#) on page 23 in **Terrace Standard** e-edition

**Fri September 20/19 5:09am**

**Rob Brown** latest story **September 12, 2019** titled:

**Probing the Kitwanga**

can be viewed by [casting on this link](#) on page 19 in **Terrace Standard** e-edition

**Fri September 13/19 5:09am**

**Rob Brown** latest story **September 5, 2019** titled:

**Kitlope Part 13**

can be viewed by [casting on this link](#) on page 19 in **Terrace Standard** e-edition

**Fri September 6/19 5:09am**

**Rob Brown** latest story **August 28, 2019** titled:

**Kitlope Part 12**

can be viewed by [casting on this link](#) on page 25 in **Terrace Standard** e-edition

**Fri August 30/19 5:09am**

**Rob Brown** latest story **August 21, 2019** titled:

**Kitlope Part 11**

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**Fri August 23/19 5:09am**

**Rob Brown** latest story **August 16, 2019** titled:

**Kitlope Part 10**

can be viewed by [casting on this link](#) on page 22 in **Terrace Standard** e-edition

**Fri August 16/19 5:09am**

**Rob Brown** latest story **August 8, 2019** titled:

**Kitlope Part 9**

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**Fri August 9/19 5:09am**

**Rob Brown** latest story **August 1, 2019** titled:

**Kitlope Part 8**

can be viewed by [casting on this link](#) on page 18 in **Terrace Standard** e-edition

**Fri August 2/19 5:09am**

**Rob Brown** latest story **July 11, 2019** titled:

**Kitlope Part 8**

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## **(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](http://www.steelheadsociety.org/sites/default/files/June_2013.pdf)

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**Thu October 31/19 5:13am**

## **Noel Gyger YouTube Videos:**

On April 2<sup>nd</sup> I went over to **YouTube** to have a look around and look what I found out; of **10 videos** **YouTube recommends**, guess what? My videos got 5 spots! WOW that is all I got to say 😊😊😊😊😊

## Recommended



### HOT - Coho Fishing - Kitimat River!

Noel Gyger  
18,503 views • 7 years ago



### Fall COHO Skeena Tributary

Noel Gyger  
1,621 views • 9 years ago



### 5 Biggest Tsunami Caught On Camera

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### Chad Black Spey Fly Fishing Tip #1

Noel Gyger  
44,773 views • 9 years ago



### Close to 50-pounder

Noel Gyger  
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11,781,425 views • 1 month ago



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### Dr. Botha 1st Kalum River Steelhead

Noel Gyger  
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### Skeena Bar Fishing 2015

Shane Moscrip  
4,685 views • 2 years ago

**Noel Gyger has 96 fishing video clips on YouTube:**

<https://www.youtube.com/user/noelgyger?feature=watch>

Total Uploaded Views as of September 16, 2019 were: **924,259**

**BIG PARTY** when we hit one million views !!

**PLUS** Noel has another 50 or so posted on his webpage:

<http://www.noelgyger.ca/images/video-clips-web.htm>



Kind of like: **Fishing videos until you drop!**

#### Dungeness Crab Feast



■ This one is titled Dungeness Crab Feast. Now, when I say older this one is 27 years old...but beauty I think, starring my two **BEST** friends and fishing buddies the late **Ed Schulmeister** and the late **Lester Bryant**.

Here is the direct link to the under 2 minute video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qRciNnrApyc&t=22s>

Hope you enjoy. I could do it all over again if I could and I did my **BEST** to help other fishing guides in the business. I was their chairman from 1996 to 2006. We were called **SAGA** (Skeena Angling Guides Association).

■ Noel Gyger posted another video on his **YouTube Channel**; the video is titled "*Record Coho mid Oct 95 Kasiks - Kitimat rivers*", see **Noel Gyger YouTube Videos**, here is the direct link to the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YFlmyONgWjc&t=113s>

**FISHING TEL YOU DROP... ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ !!!**

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#### **Advertise:**

Want rates for sponsorship? Just click here <http://www.noelgyger.ca/advertise.htm>

It is a "good" idea to **advertise online** because Canadians spend more time on their computers than watching television. They spend 18.1 hours per week online compared with 16.9 hours watching television. [Click here to read the survey](#)

**My GOAL is to increase TOURISM**

**You do not have to be a fishing guide to benefit from advertising on Noel Gyger's website.**

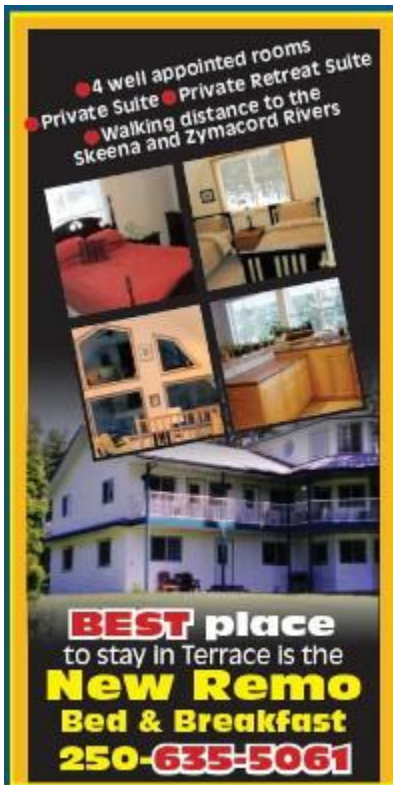
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- over 25 years promoting tourism and fish guiding experience
- join your consumers on an angling journey of a lifetime
- communicate your unique brand awareness to new and existing consumers
- **noelgyger.ca** provides you with this opportunity with a limited time website advertising offer at reasonable prices
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**Current Fishing Report** webpage <http://www.noelgyger.ca/current-fishing-reports.htm>  
\$50/week, \$150/month or \$1500/year for your Ad to be displayed at the top of the report.  
**Only one top (front page) spot available.**

**EXCLUSIVE TO ONE COMPANY - currently [Tenny Fly Lines](#)**

To have your Ad posted in the [Current Fishing Report](#) in another location besides the very top is available for \$100/month. The maximum size should be 450 x 400 pixels and can be made up with your Logo, two pics and text. [Contact Noel Gyger](#) for more info.



Your **Ad** will be created by a professional graphic artist (*see example above*) for no extra charge. You will be sent multiple variations to choose from. Your final choice and edits will be to your entire satisfaction before posting, **guaranteed**.

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### **Highway webcam:**

<http://images.drivebc.ca/bchighwaycam/pub/html/www/111.html> to view road conditions. This one is near Terrace BC and is located at the junction of Highway 16 and Highway 37, looking east on Highway 16. The image will update every 15 to 30 minutes

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### **Fishing Regulations:**

**BC Non tidal waters**

[Cast on this link for the details](#)

Effective April 1, 2019

**BC Freshwater (Provincial)** Fishing Regulations Synopsis:

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

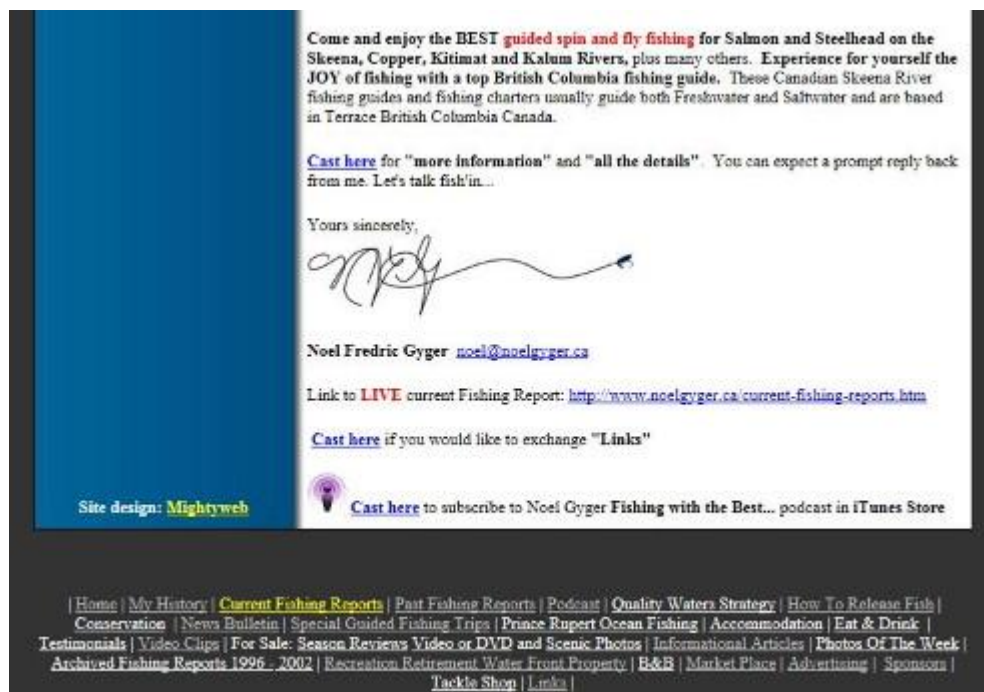
Effective April 1, 2019

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## **My History:**

**Thu October 31/19** 5:12am

Take a look at my websites of the past - by Noel Fredric Gyger



Stuart Horner of [Mightyweb](#) designed my website; he did a fantastic job! **WOW!** AND I must thank Stuart for archiving many past years. To look at these cast on this link:

<https://web.archive.org/web/20141218020310/http://noelgyger.ca/>

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**Thu October 31/19** 5:10am

My honour to work with April Vokey - by Noel Fredric Gyger



**April Vokey** visits **Noel Gyger** in his office in Terrace BC and explains to him how she would fly fish "his" rivers. Noel listened to every word. He knows April is the very BEST. Noel knows every inch of every river in northwest BC but is always willing to learn more how to fish them.



**Cast on the pic above** to watch the 38 second **VIDEO** and meet the **TV Film Crew** with **April**

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**My honour to meet Jim Teeny** - by Noel Fredric Gyger





I first met the legend **Jim Teeny** in the early 90s when he came out with the late **Larry Schoenborn** to shoot a fly fishing Steelhead TV show on the Kispiox River. Larry had asked me if I could supply two drift boats, I said sure, no problem. It was an honour to be asked. One boat for Jim and Larry and one for the TV crew. I rowed one boat and my dear friend, the late **Ed Schulmeister**, rowed the other. My boat took Jim and Larry and Ed took the camera crew.

The regulation on the Kispiox is power boat ban and you cannot fish from the boat, the boats can be used for transport only. We launched above the **Sportsmen's Lodge** for a drift of about 6 miles. We covered a lot of water and fished many tail-outs and pools. Unfortunately we did not have any luck higher up. It wasn't until we got to our take-out where we found the Steelhead and Larry's camera crew shot a wonderful show.

**Larry Schoenborn** produced "**Fishing the West**" TV show and "**Larry's Travel Agency**" out of Portland Oregon, USA.. Ed and I were not paid but all our expenses were covered by Larry. I can honestly and proudly say Ed and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Jim had fished the river a few years back and knew a few of the runs, but at that time did not have a boat therefore his fishing was limited.

When the shoot was over and we were back in Terrace I invited Jim and Larry to fish on a few of our local rivers. We fished on the **Zymoetz (Copper) River** and a small tributary called the **Clore**. On the Clore, Jim landed a beauty. Larry could not fish as he had injured his right hand. We also fished the **Lakelse River** which at the time was crowded with anglers fishing for Coho. Jim blew away anglers with his casting skills by using his world famous "Teeny" lines and an assortment of "Teeny" flies. He could cast from one side of the river to the other with no effort. WOW did this look good.

From this trip we gained a lot of guiding business for my lodge. Jim knew many people. Many of them from Hollywood, such as movie star agent **Skip Brittenham**. Jim came back the next year with his wife

Donna and Skip and his wife actresses **Heather Thomas**. **Henry Winkler** (the Fonz of "**Happy Days**" TV show) was supposed to be along but had to cancel last minute.



I fished with Jim and Donna on the **Kitimat River** in May of 1991 and landed a very nice Steelhead with one of Jim's flies, it was a **Black #2 Teeny Nymph** and a **T-300 Teeny line**. Before Jim's group left for home I bought a Jim Teeny Fly Vest for myself and a bunch of Teeny Nymph flies to sell at my lodge **Tackle Shop**.

<http://www.jimteeny.com>

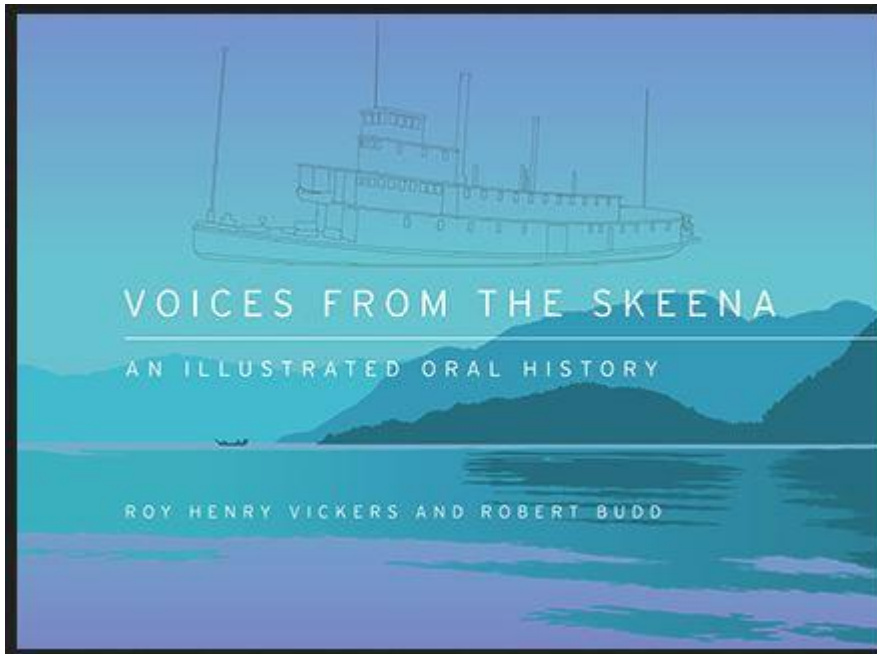
The rest is “history” as they say ☺

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## Market Place:

**Thu October 31/19** 5:08am

### Book For Sale



## Voices from the Skeena

An Illustrated Oral History

by [Robert Budd](#), illustrated by [Roy Henry Vickers](#)

In this collaboration with oral historian **Robert Budd**, celebrated artist **Roy Henry Vickers** is inspired by voices from the past to illustrate the rich history of the Skeena River.

### **Book Description**

The Skeena, second longest river in the province, remains an icon of British Columbia’s northwest. Called Xsien (“water of the clouds”) by the Tsimshian and Gitksan, it has always played a vital role in the lives of Indigenous people of the region. Since the 1800s, it has also become home to gold seekers, traders, salmon fishers and other settlers who were drawn by the area’s beauty and abundant natural resources.

*Voices from the Skeena* will take readers on a journey inspired directly by the people who lived there. Combining forty illustrations with text selected from the pioneer interviews CBC radio producer Imbert



Orchard recorded in the 1960s, the book follows the arrival of the Europeans and the introduction of the fur trade to the Omineca gold rush and the building of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway.

Open the pages to meet Robert Cunningham, a Anglican missionary who would later become the founder of the thriving Port Essington. Here too is a man called Cataline, a packer for whom no settlement was too remote to reach, and the indominable Sarah Glassey, the first woman to pre-empt land in British Columbia. At the heart of these stories is the river, weaving together a narrative of a people and their culture. Pairing the stories with Roy Henry Vickers's vibrant art creates a unique and captivating portrait of British Columbia that will appeal to art lovers and history readers alike.

**Order** through [Harbour Publishing](#) (Books of the Pacific Northwest)

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### **Book For Sale**

I would like to put this out there to anyone that might have interest in a hand tied Teeny Fly that I will personally tie in sizes #2, #4, #8 or #10. I will sign the back of a card with my name. \$12.00 for one fly of your choice of color and style, two flies for \$20.00 and or 3 flies for \$25.00. This will include shipping in the U.S. only. Our number is 1-800-501-6602. Office # is 503-667-6602. Your choice of color, style and size. Original Teeny Nymph, Teeny Egg Sucking Leech, Teeny Sparkle Nymph. Tight lines!



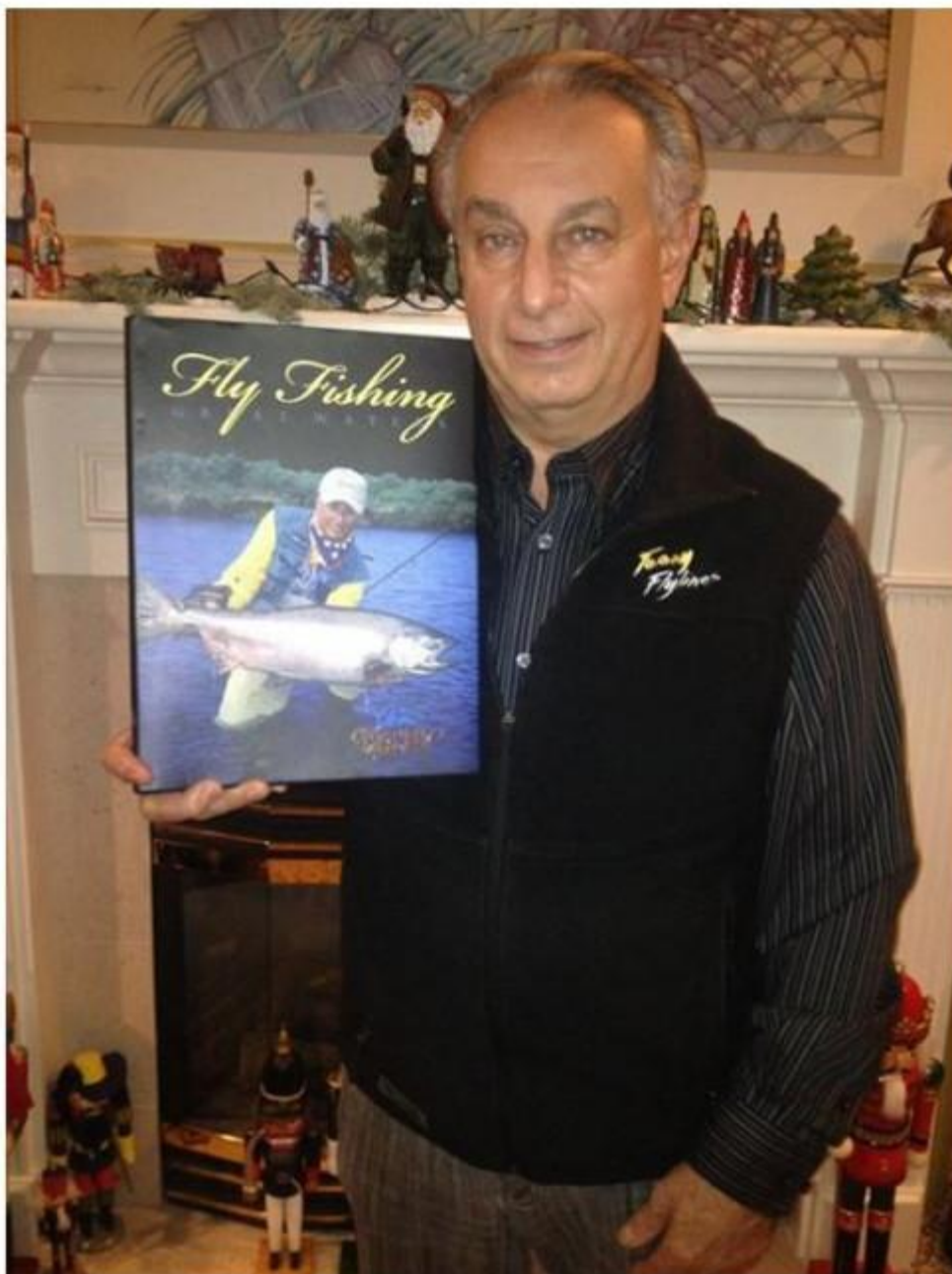


**Jim Teeny** added a new photo to the album: iOS Photos.

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It is getting close to that time of year again! My book originally sold for \$50.00. We are offering our first edition to anyone in the US for \$25.00 with free shipping. A great personal gift at a great price! 1-800-501-6602.



**Highly recommended** by Noel Gyger. Order now for yourself and your fishing partners. Call Jim at 1-800-501-6602.

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**For Sale**  
**SOLD**

Telkwa, BC  
**Bulkley Riverfront Home**



**Updated Bulkley Riverfront home** in Telkwa features 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, and a huge sundeck. Basement has been redone with concrete in-floor heat, large master bedroom, and a very modern bathroom. The bathroom has heated concrete floors, an open-room shower, and a beautiful pedestal bathtub. Main floor has original hardwood flooring, freestanding wood stove, and a large sunroom. Great river and Hudson Bay Mountain view, large treed lot and riverside firepit.

Great Steelhead fishing 40ft from the backdoor or long run 250 yards down, good spot to keep a jet or drift boat. Best time for Steelhead Aug 15 and it is fishable until Dec 31. Also there is Coho, Chinook, Pinks and Trout. **Could be yours for \$339,000**

Contact Noel Gyger [noel@noelgyger.ca](mailto:noel@noelgyger.ca) for more info

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**For Sale**

West Coast of Vancouver Islands, BC  
**Rogers Fishing Lodge**

**Thu October 31/19 5:06am**



**Rodgers 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 1200 guests a year. They also enjoy one of the longest seasons on the coast running from May 1 to September 30.

This will be their 33rd year in the Sport Fishing business and 25<sup>th</sup> year in Esperanza Inlet. Rodgers has shown a remarkable rate of growth over the past 4 years. Their gross revenue has more than doubled since 2010. 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.

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.

The owners love the business, but feel now is the time to turn the reins over to someone younger who shares the same passion for the outdoors and who is looking for a wonderful rewarding lifestyle.

Asking price \$999,000 **Price reduced to \$650,000**

Please [contact Noel Gyger](#) if you are interested.

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## **For Sale**

### **ECO Tour Tenure license for sale:**

It ranges from the Bulkley bridge just above the Suskwa down stream to Hazelton. Then down stream through Terrace to the salt water. Takes in the Bulkley down stream to Hazelton, Skeena, Zymoetz, Kalum, Lakelse, Kasiks, Exstew, Khyex. The Seven sisters hiking trails, Pretty much everything downstream of Hazelton. Great rafting, jet boat rivers, Bird and wildlife viewing, scenery. [Contact Noel Gyger](#) if you are interested.

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**RIVER FISHING** Lots of lodge or day bookings still available on classified or non-classified waters. Guiding fly or spin fishermen with raft, drift-boat or jet-boat. [Contact Noel](#) to book NOW!

**OCEAN FISHING** Chinook Salmon, Bottom Fish and Crab in Prince Rupert or Kitimat Douglas Channel has started. To book warm, covered charter boat please Contact Noel Gyger anytime. E-mail: [noel@noelgyger.ca](mailto:noel@noelgyger.ca)

**NOW BOOKING for 2019 and 2020:** Let me know if I can be of service to book you with the "best" fishing guide and/or fishing lodges for both river and ocean. **There are NO extra charges to book through me**, just a lot of free information and advice from a person with years and years of fishing and fish guiding experience. **It is like hiring two guides for the price of one.** I will promptly answer your questions and concerns. [Contact Noel Gyger](#) to book NOW

I hope this fishing report, *"meets with your entire satisfaction"*.

**Your Feedback to [noel@noelgyger.ca](mailto:noel@noelgyger.ca) is always welcome**  
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