

## Skeena River 31-Jul-08

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Skeena River Report BC The Biologists were wrong! 1.2 Million Sockeye, and still running, arrives unpredicted, with Chinooks in large numbers and I mean large, Steelhead very promising for the 2008 summer run. How we wonder as Mother Nature turns our predictions into rainbows. The Skeena DFO have some of the best in the field monitoring the cycles of our fishery and scratching their heads as another tidal wave of Salmon enter Skeena country. Today we fished for thousands of Sockeye on the fly as other guests watched in amazement as Chinook Salmon of 50lbs or better break the surface of the water, with a pull like a CN locomotive tailing 100 cars of coal destined for Prince Rupert. This is a small fish, as local tackle shops display pics of 65-73lb Salmon and not just one! As we pulled off the river, I chatted with two fellas from Oregon who had a slab 60lbs, the second fish of the day well over 60, tipping the scales at 72lbs. For strangers as we were, we all had the same desire, and a high five was in order as we parted our ways for the evening. Attached are some of our clients fishing the Skeena region, the mountain views in the background and a tight line say it all, as the past week has been incredible and water levels are prime. Tony Clements fished a Grand Slam with all 5 Salmon Species landed as well Steelhead on the fly, ya Tony! Guests arriving this week are from Germany, Spain, Italy, Japan, Alberta, BC, Ontario, Switzerland, wow what a week!

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