

## Skeena Paradise

The photo of the week shows fishing guide Mike Holland with a beautiful, fresh Kitimat River Chinook (King) Salmon. Photo courtesy of Tracey Hittel of Steelhead Heaven & Noel Gyger – Guided Fishing Adventures and Weekly Fishing Report 4012 Best Street, Terrace BC V8G 5R8, Canada Tel/Fax: (250) 635-2568 Cell: (250) 631-2678 E-mail: noel@noelgyger.ca Home Page: [www.noelgyger.ca](http://www.noelgyger.ca) Fishing Reports: [www.noelgyger.ca/past-fishing-reports.htm](http://www.noelgyger.ca/past-fishing-reports.htm) RECORD SALMON & STEELHEAD Spin or fly-fishing RIVER, LAKE, STREAM or OCEAN!!! & Home Page: [www.noelgyger.ca](http://www.noelgyger.ca) Noel Gyger - WEEKLY FISHING REPORT dated May 25 – June 1, 2008

(Number 73) Dear Fishing Friends: SUMMARY: The weather has been good all week. The water is high but has started to drop. Dropping and cleaning is the best fishing conditions you can get. The lower Kalum has fresh Chinook (King) Salmon moving in and the knowledgeable guides know where to go and how to catch them. Fishing at the mouths of rivers where tributaries enter side channels of the Skeena River is also a good bet at this time i.e. the Exstew, Kasiks and Exchamsiks Rivers. The Zymoetz (Copper) River is still dirty. The Kitimat River has cleaned up starting to turn on with Chinook. Check out the Ron Wakita report below. Re: Conservation, Please take a minute out of your busy day and cast to: <http://www.noelgyger.ca/conservation.htm> May 31st Conservation item and follow the links for directions how to send an instant fax right away. The more people from around the world getting involved the better. A wild Salmon will thank you for it. LIST OF "New" ITEMS POSTED ON THE WEBSITE THIS WEEK: - May 27/08 one item posted on "Special Guided Fishing Trips" <http://www.noelgyger.ca/special-guided.htm> - May 31/08 on item posted on "Conservation" <http://www.noelgyger.ca/conservation.htm> NOW BOOKING FOR 2008 Let me know if I can be of service to book you with the "best" fishing guide and/or fishing lodges. 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. Cast here <http://noelgyger.ca/special-guided.htm> to read more of what I have to offer. Many people book three trips per year to our area; one trip in the spring (March-April-May), one trip in the summer (June-July-August) and one trip in the fall (September-October-November). They love having the same guide but fishing for different fish in different areas. Be sure to check out my website at [www.noelgyger.ca](http://www.noelgyger.ca) for news bulletins, mid week fishing updates, conservation, my history, quality waters strategy, special guided fishing trips, video clips, scenic river photos, wildlife photos and others, comments from past guests, informational articles, archived fishing reports from 1996 through 2002 and a sportfishing market place. I hope it meets with your entire satisfaction. CURRENT REPORT and summary for Skeena and Tributaries: Type of fish caught: Steelhead, Chinook and Trout & Thank you for using barbless hooks. FISHING THIS WEEK: FAIR LARGEST FISH OF THE WEEK: Specie: 35-pound Chinook Where: Skeena trib Angler: Randy Marshall Weather: A mix of sun and cloud. High 18. UV index 6 or high. Region normal: Max. Temp. 19 degrees C. Min. Temp. 7 degrees C. Sunrise 5:06 AM Sunset 9:59 PM WEATHER REPORTS VIA TELEPHONE: Environment Canada taped messages constantly updated, giving current conditions and three-day forecasts. Terrace 250-635-4192 Kitimat 250-632-7864 Prince Rupert 250-627-1155 Smithers 250-847-1958. For current Terrace weather information please cast on: <http://www.theweathernetwork.com/weather/cities/can/pages/CABC0292.htm?ref=wxbtnold> WATER CONDITIONS: The Skeena River is very high and not fishable. The lower Kalum River is very high but fishable. Kitimat River is dropping and is fishable. Zymoetz (Copper) River is dirty. Most small coastal streams are in good shape. current water heights FOR: sKEENA rIVER: <http://scitech.pyr.ec.gc.ca/waterweb/fullgraph.asp?stnid=08EF001> KITIMAT RIVER: <http://scitech.pyr.ec.gc.ca/waterweb/fullgraph.asp?stnid=08FF002> Skeena River: The water is very high and not fishable but it has started to drop. Yahoo! This is what is needed to bring in the Chinook (King) Salmon runs. Kalum River: The water in the low end is very high but still fishable. This is a Classified River year round and can be guided from March 15 through October 15 only. The Steelhead record is 32-pounds. To see a photo of this fish cast to: <http://noelgyger.ca/records/Record003.jpg> The angler is Dennis Therrien. Kasiks River: It is now possible to fish for Chinook at the mouth, in the clean seam, where it joins the Skeena. Sometimes the Chinook come out of the Skeena and into the clean water in search of scent of their home river. EXCHAMSIKS RIVER: Same as above, it is now possible to fish for Chinook in the clean seam. EXSTEW RIVER: Same as above, it is now possible to fish for Chinook in the clean seam. Note: the above three rivers are closed to angling for Chinook except at the very low end. Please check 2005 – 2007 BC Freshwater Salmon Supplement (fancy name for regulations) at: [www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/recfish](http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/recfish) for details. Zymoetz (Copper) River: The water is high and dirty now. Area River Records: Chinook Salmon: Skeena River, 92.5-pounds; Kalum River, 85-pounds; Kitimat River, 74-pounds; Steelhead: Skeena River, 45-pounds; Coho Salmon: Skeena River, 27-pounds. Fishing Report from: Nicholas Dean Lodge for the Week of May 20 to May 26/08 Hello Anglers, During Trophy Chinook season, large chrome fish ascend the Skeena River and will test every ounce of your gear and stamina. Here, a Nicholas

Dean guest and Dustin pose with a bright fish prior to its release. Jim Stephenson Photo The past week in the Skeena region has, for the most part, been a little on the slow side when it comes to fishing. The Skeena River has swelled from bank to bank, and its high, roily flows make fishing in some areas a difficult pursuit. Still, with knowledge of how fish behave in high water, combined with seasons of experience, our guides know some great places to fish, even given more difficult conditions. And presently, my prediction is that conditions look favourable for the remainder of the season. During the last few weeks, the snowpack has melted substantially, and it's easy to see the differences in colour on the mountains around Terrace as they turn from white to dark green. Perhaps most importantly, this should mean that water levels in June through August should resemble more typical annual flows, which is in stark contrast to last year. As many anglers are aware, last year featured record snowpack conditions, and the ensuing snowmelt elevated rivers to such an extent that many homes were flooded in Terrace, and the meltwaters still had influence on fishing until mid August. With lower flows in June, July and August, fishing conditions for Trophy Chinook Salmon should be quite good in 2008, and I for one look forward to setting out on my first foray for the Skeena's fabled Chinook! On this note, it is worth mentioning that we still have several spaces available here at the lodge in late June through the first few weeks of July. In this time period, the Chinook run is well underway and, in a week of fishing, guests can expect to fish the upper and lower drifts on the Kitimat River, the Kitimat estuary if conditions are favourable, as well as the main channel Skeena. I can still fondly remember two days of great fishing last year on the upper drift of the Kitimat while fishing with Sky Richard. Dustin had suggested Sky give me some pointers on the basics of rowing a drift boat, and to get a little more experience on the oars. It just so happened that we were in the middle of the prime Chinook run, and we intercepted several fish between 15 and 30 lbs. If that's what you want to call it, I'll gladly "learn" anytime! Though we sometimes pulled plugs through deeper pockets and along current seams, the majority of the fishing we did (and my personal preference) was casting heavy Gibbs spoons tight to logjams and near side channels. For me, it was one of my first experiences in seeing just how aggressive these fish can be. On many other rivers, my experience has been that your fly or lure has to be down deep, at the fish' level, on a dead drift. On the Kitimat, however, I had good success casting downstream and actually retrieving my spoon up current seams. It is experiences like these on the water - the behaviour of fish, and how each fish seems to have its own individual qualities at times - that really intrigue me. More often than not, you can always come away from a river having learned a lesson if you pay close enough attention... As for the Skeena, you also have several different options for fishing. One of the most popular ways to angle for Chinook in the big river is to plunk on the bank (also called "bar fishing") or out of an anchored boat. Back trolling with planers is also an incredibly effective presentation, as is back bouncing. Also, for the upcoming season, we intend on setting out with Spey rods in tow to swing large, bright flies on heavy sink tips and stout tippets to see if we can't entice a "King" to the fly. We'll be sure to let you know how it goes. Or, why don't you give it a try yourself? Along with prime dates being available, we are also offering a 5% discount off selected week packages. So, if you've ever wanted to try fishing for these impressive game fish, there isn't a better time. Contact Noel anytime for more details... Until next week, tight lines and screaming reels... &nbsp; Chad Black Operations manager Nicholas Dean Lodge...where every cast is an adventure! &nbsp; [CURRENT REPORT](#) and summary for Northern Coastal Rivers: &nbsp; Fishing Report from:&nbsp; Ron Wakita of Reliable Guide and Charters &nbsp; KITIMAT RIVER:&nbsp; &nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;The Kitimat River is in great shape right now.&nbsp; She was high and murky earlier in the week but has dropped all week and has cleared up nicely. &nbsp; Typically the odd Chinook will be caught at the beginning of June and now with better water clarity we should start to see some Chinook caught this weekend.&nbsp; There was a 20lb Chinook lost at the Pump House pool last night. &nbsp; I have two of my associate guides, Mike and Pat drifting the Kitimat this weekend.&nbsp; They are doing what I call "homework drifts" in preparation for clients who are booked later this month. &nbsp; DOUGLAS CHANNEL:&nbsp; &nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp; Cosby Smith of Cosby Smith Charters boated a 25lb Chinook in the Kitimat Harbour on Wednesday.&nbsp; Sammy Robinson also reported catching Chinook this week in the Kitimat Harbour. &nbsp; Ron Macsh reports catching two nice halibut down the Douglas as well as a pretty good bunch of Dungeness Crab.&nbsp; Ron also reports that he has boated five halibut to date this season.&nbsp; Congrats Ron to a great start to your fishing season. &nbsp; Cast to this link for Kitimat tide tables <http://www.waterlevels.gc.ca/cgi-bin/tide-shc.cgi?queryType=showRegion&language=english&region=1> &nbsp; [CURRENT REPORT](#) and summary for Central Coast/North Van Island Wilderness Rivers: &nbsp; Fishing Report from:&nbsp; Nimmo Bay Resort &nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp; How does it get any better!!!&nbsp; For the female in your life bring her to Nimmo Bay where the fishing and the pampering are one in the same.

It's time to take the one you love to the very best place for her to embrace angling as you have.&nbsp; We have seen it happen many times and now perhaps it's your turn. &nbsp; Contact Noel anytime with questions and book your trip now!

Craig Murray, Owner Nimmo Bay Resort (Est. 1980) To Fly is Human ...To Hover, Divine &nbsp; Note from Noel:&nbsp; This year in 2007, out of 10 Heli fishing and tour resorts and lodges from around the world, Nimmo Bay Resort was voted number one by the prestigious, New York based Forbes Traveler magazine.&nbsp; Congratulations Craig, Deborah and staff. &nbsp; Fishing Regulation Websites: &nbsp; 2007-2009 BC tidal waters and freshwater Salmon fishing information: [www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/recfish](http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/recfish) Effective April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2009 &nbsp; 2008-2009 Freshwater Fishing Regulations Synopsis: [www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish) Effective April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009 &nbsp; Note: For In-season Regulation Changes posted on the web check the above URL's &nbsp; GUEST FISHING PHOTOS: &nbsp; \*\*\* If any of you have special fishing photos, scenic river photos, wildlife photos or articles I would love to see them.&nbsp; &nbsp; Catch & Release formula:&nbsp; Chinook: &nbsp;girth squared x length x 1.54 divided by 1000 (inches) Steelhead: girth squared x length x 1.33 divided by 1000 (inches) &nbsp; [MARKETPLACE](#)&nbsp;&nbsp; (Sportfishing related items only please) Contact me anytime to list your items Buy, sell, trade or swap your item or

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