



*Wishing you were here fishing report*

*October 28th 2005*





*This is a report on the season as well as a season ender and it was long over due so here it is !*

**Hello Hello, this season has been a good one! The Ocean fishing proved to be a great back up to the rivers when they were high and muddy. We landed huge Chinook salmon in June up to 60lbs and went on to catch Coho/Silvers on the fly! In the salt you say?? You bet.**

**As well as healthy halibut until your arms were sore, never mind the fact that we all like to eat a little Halibut!!**

**We are well into our Coho season, they started out a little slow. I was beginning to think it might be a repeat of last year but they are coming in strong now and we are catching 20 to 30 per day with an average size around 15 pounds, not to shabby!!!**

***The pink salmon run was out of control !!***

***Sockeye were not so hot and very sporadic. There seemed to be a lot of fish show up late, we were still seeing fresh sockeye showing up the first week in October.***

***Chum salmon showed up in good numbers however they were being commercially harvested this year so we did not see the numbers we are used to! HHMMMM, what's with that?***

***The Chinook salmon run was strong however the water was a little up and down we still managed to land a few 60lb monsters !***



**Austen and Dad with his first Ocean caught Coho on the Fly!**

**Captain Fred below having a nice chat with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police!**

**Nice SMILE FRED!!!**



If you know this man he is wanted for catching too many Steelhead in one day!!  
The charge was fish molestation as well as groping himself in a beautiful place.

### Steelhead Fishing

*Steelhead boot camp is what I like to call it!*

These fish are the most sought after by fly anglers as well as spin fishermen. With there average size being 15 to 20 pounds.

The hunt for these wild fish will always be my personal favorite.

Our fishery starts in April and ends in October

Steelhead prime times are April 1<sup>st</sup> to May 10<sup>th</sup> --- August 10<sup>th</sup> to October 30<sup>th</sup>



Paul Kranhold and myself with a very nice spring Steelhead on the fly !

The season is now over... we ended it with a Bang! The Steelhead showed up in huge numbers a little late, but better late than never. The last two groups of the season experienced some of the finest Steelheading they will ever see. Now I am not a numbers guy and this may sound a little crazy but the group I will remember for a long time was The Harry Sillin party, I believe his words to describe the steelhead fishing the three of them had was "obscene" and compared it to Coho fishing in Alaska !! Not to mention in the same one week trip they hooked up to 30 Coho per day !

Now some of this fishing was done on what I am calling our double platinum water and the only way there is by helicopter. I am very excited to tell you we will have a steelhead tent camp next season starting Sept 1<sup>st</sup> to October 30<sup>th</sup> I will be offering packages with helicopter flight included with a minimum of 2 guests maximum of 4 per week (6 nights 5 days arriving) for \$6,500 Canadian per person.



**This river and the experience is truly special. It is an exclusive fishery with next to no outside pressure, hence the half hour helicopter flight into paradise. No roads, no trails, just virgin forests and giant Steelhead for a week if you think you can handle it! Contact us as soon as possible for more details as well as your itinerary.**





*Photos from left to right top group !!*

1. Pierre and his father Walter with one of their many steelhead for the day !
2. Guide Gordon McKean holding a 25 pound plus Steelhead his guest landed.
3. Pierre with another steelhead and a big smile.
4. Photo of the second double header steelhead of the day landed by Bruno and Bob from Toronto Good job guys!

1. Walter and his son with another one.

*Bottom group left to right.*

1. Frank Halverson with a brand new steely on the lower Skeena.
2. Gord and his guest with another bright Skeena steely.
3. Bruno with his largest steelhead ever!! And buddy Bob was very happy for him!!
4. Bruno with another large Steelhead, Bob did not want to be in the photo.
5. Telesat Clan.

## **SHOW SEASON**

Just so everyone is aware our rates will be changing a little next year (we have not raised our prices in 4 years- however the cost of fuel has skyrocketed as you all know), but we are honoring 2005 pricing to anyone who books their trip before Jan 1,2006. After that we are off to the shows and dates are first come first serve.

Shows we are attending this year are:

ISE in San Mateo, California January 12-15 Booth# 1401C (Same as last year!)

**Safari Club in Reno, Nevada January 18-21 Booth # 2651 & 2653**

**O'Laughlin in Puyallup, Washington Jan 25-29 Booth # 744**

**For all our overseas guests in the United Kingdom we do apologize, we will not be making it out your way this year as a slight emergency has come up and we had to cancel our space in the show. However we are booking for next year and we will see you then, if you don't come see us first!**

**Please keep your eyes open for the latest Western Outdoor magazine there is a great write up on our Spring Steelhead fishery by JD Richey as well as Captain Fred V Contaoi.**

**Thank you to all for making this season another one to remember we look forward to seeing you all again!**

**Gill & Tanya and staff at The Desiderata Lodge**



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