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Fishing Report

Hello all... the last two months have been a blur, it seems summer is over and fall has got its grasp. We had some of the finest fishing in years for sockeye and chum salmon as well as trout on the fly and spinning gear. The Steelhead and Coho are just starting to show up in good numbers. We have had a few late commercial openings for sockeye thus impacting the steelhead returns however it still looks great for the September/ October season.

Season Highlights:

We had Mike Van Bachum (pictured below) with this fine Chum salmon caught on the Spey in the Skeena River. Now you may say it's just another chum, but the Skeena run is endangered and he caught this one on the fly! Good job and what a scrapper! And of course he was released unharmed. We also had a few steelhead on this day as well but not to hand.



We had a special return group from the UK this summer, Mr. Craig Bottomley and his party landed many many fish on the fly in their 12 days on the water. There was lost fly lines, broken rods, as well as some flies stolen from Craig's fly box by "Scottish" Ken... he knows who he is! I, myself had a blast watching all this happen, along with seeing some new chaps in the party land some very fine salmon. These guys went home with bruises on the body and sore arms but had BIG Smiles and huge stories to tell. I look forward to having you all back next season.



And more highlights...sorry just can't stop!!! We had some new guests this season from the UK as well... Mr. David Bakin and Steve Sykes fished with us for 7 days. Lets just say they are changed men! Steve upon his arrival had never fished but a couple times for trout, but after day one he had a grin that would not leave his face! David was blown away and was so happy that he had not led his friend astray on this trip. I think I will let the photos tell the rest of the story!!!!



Not to mention the sun tan they left with. I will have to charge extra next year for that!!!

These guys were a lot of fun as well as true gents I hope to see them again soon!

Name the New Lodge Contest!



OK I would also like to tell you about the new lodge!! We have officially moved in! It is everything I have been waiting for but I do not have a name for it yet. So here's what I have proposed. I want to let my guests and followers name it for me! I am going to give a 4 night 3 day all inclusive trip (non-transferable – no cash value) away to the person that comes up with the name that I use. I look forward to hearing from all of you and may the best Name win!!

I would also like to say for those that did not make the highlight reel you were all highlights and I appreciate your support, loyalty and patience with us over the last two years of change. We will always provide you with the truth and the best fishing experience Terrace has to offer. I look forward to seeing you soon and into the future,

Tight Lines,
Owner and Head Guide Gill McKean



Your Future Guide Austen McKean