



Weekly Fishing Report for 13-20 October, 2002

Guests: John & Alexander Salkeld / Hugh & Isabel Murray

With the steelhead season in full swing it was great to welcome a returning group of anglers, John Salkeld and Hugh Murray back to Bell II Lodge. After their first wonderful experience fly fishing for steelhead last year on the Bell, they returned this year with John's son Alex and Hugh's wife Isabel. The river was completely "dropped in" and after a week of warm weather with no rain or snow, the water level and conditions were perfect for big steelhead. The fishing had been consistent with fresh fish still showing up everyday. This was confirmed after both John and Alex landed steelhead on the first afternoon of fishing.

The week was started right. Hugh Murray landed the largest fish of the season on his first full day of fishing. A 39" steelhead buck, estimated at 22 lbs. Hugh's largest fly caught fish. Way to go Hugh! All other anglers had equal success that week hooking up over 50 steelies. On her first day of fishing in BC, Isabel landed her first steelhead and caught the FEVER and was nailing her double spey by weeks end. John was the reigning big fish man from last year and had a few 3 fish days this fall to prove it.

It was a week of great food, warm weather, wilderness, good friends and steelhead. Many of Alexander's pictures can be found below and in the gallery.