



Weekly Fishing Report for 29-Sep to 06-Oct, 2002

Guests: Paul Morrissey and Bob Schultz

The Bell Irving river clears up very fast at this time of the year. The second week of the season brought us cooler temperatures and clear skies. Perfect fall weather for enjoying the fresh air and hooking up many of the fresh, bright steelhead that came in due the higher water levels from the week earlier. Both of my clients had a wealth of fly fishing experience. Paul was a professional fly tier that spent over 5 months chasing Atlantic salmon, steelhead and trout all over North America. Bob was a newspaper man from the Pittsburgh area that had a soft spot for steelhead and wanted to learn to cast a double handed rod. Well we were able to accomplish all of our goals in this super week of fishing.

We were able to fish all days on the Bell Irving. The fish were hot and plentiful. We fished floating lines with weighted flies or dry flies all week long. We hooked and landed fish everyday including one 17-18 lb buck that Bob took on one of his first ever spey casts. After 2 days of casting the single hander, Bob welcomed the spey rod as it gave him a break in casting styles and upper body movement. He also found it to be quite an effective tool for steelheading allowing him to cast further and more frequently than the single handed casting method. We were able to hook over 20 steelhead in 5 days of fishing. We also landed rainbow and bull trout and several coho salmon.

We also had 5 others clients in at the lodge fishing with Rivers Edge guide service. All clients, many returning, that fished with Ken Moreau and Wally Faetz this week enjoyed similar success. It was a week when you were truly thrilled that you could spent it on one of BC's world class steelhead rivers.