



Weekly Fishing Report for October 5-12, 2003

Weather: Hi 12C / Lo 0C. Rain and overcast

Guests: Rupert & James Beaumont, Michael Scott, Don Caffal and Fred Yamagata

By the second week of October the fishing is usually at it's peak. The fish are arriving in the Bell Irving daily and historically, the water conditions have been very good. Unfortunately we had heavy rain for two days to start the week and water conditions were less than ideal. The fish were around and we managed to hook fish on each day but didn't have any multiple fish days until later in the week. It is always disappointing when mother nature doesn't allow us to have the trip we had expected. One of the risks inherent in the game of steelheading is water conditions, but even for the most experienced angler it is tough to accept high water during your trip. We did not have the luxury of using the helicopter this week to access more fishable locations. All fishing was on the Bell Irving River.

We are lucky enough at Bell II Lodge to have a facility that allows our guests to be very comfortable when not on the river. Big rooms and nearby sauna and Jacuzzi facilities are always welcome after a long, cold and sometimes wet day on the river. A lounge with pool table, dart board, lots of games and satellite TV are available.

Highlight of the week was James Beaumont's fish landed on his personally tied fly - the "Streetwalker". Suitably the streetwalker would undress a little more on each subsequent cast. This particular steelhead waited until he had seen the whole show and the streetwalker had become completely "undressed" before hitting. All anglers landed fish this week and many fish were lost. Actual catch rates for this week are available by contacting us directly by phone.