



Fishing Report for week of 10 to 17 October, 2004

Guests: John Salkeld, Hugh Murray, Mark Coley, Hamish Watson, Joe Macy and Mike Schildt

Weather: Hi 15C; Lo -2C. Too much rain and cloud, sunny breaks mid week.

We had the opportunity to welcome back a number of 3 and 4 time repeat clients this week. We hoped that the weather would finally cooperate and we could enjoy a “normal” week of exploring, remote wilderness and of course landing a bunch of steelhead on what typically has been THE week to fish.

It rained hard to start the week. The rivers held on for a day or two and we were able to land fish on the Bell and mainstem Nass. Hamish enjoyed a three fish day to start the week and all guests had at least one fish after the first two days of tough fishing. Heavy rain fell and ended any chance we had of rivers clearing up quickly.

After spending a couple of days on the Meziadin and fishing some trout lakes it was time to get serious about steelhead again. We positioned our raft on the Damdochax River for the last two days of the week. Water conditions had improved and we landed steelhead each day. We were able to land a fish for everyone...almost...on the last half day on the Bell before the guys headed back to the USA and UK. 5 out of 6 wasn't too bad!!

This week in mid October has typically been the top week of the season. Although it was apparent that it was a strong run of fish this season the weather and water conditions did not allow us much opportunity to have high catch rates. One could say that the fish “were special” this season. We fished some new rivers and explored waters our guests had not experienced in the past. We landed a steelhead each day and hooked over 30 fish in very tough water conditions. I know we'll have better luck next year guys.