

## Fishing Report for week of 07 to 14 October, 2005



**Guests:** Julian Smith, James & Michael Morland, Mike Clark, David Brazier, Max Mitchell

**Weather:** Hi 7; Lo -2C. Cool wet weather. Rain and snow. Freezing level to valley bottom.

**Rivers fished:** Bell Irving, Nass, Damdochax, Meziadin

A group from the UK along with a couple of anglers from the United States were in to do battle with the Nass Steelhead this week. Julian Smith was back for the third consecutive year and James Morland for his second trip to Bell 2 Lodge. All anglers were booked on the heli-fishing program which includes 3 fly out days to the Upper Nass.

The water conditions fluctuated throughout the week as rain kept the mainstem Nass higher than we would have liked. The cold weather in the higher ranges surrounding the Bell Irving River kept the water fishable but high. A nice combination and this paid off for the guests in this week. This week is typically regarded as prime time for Nass fish and 2005 once again proved to be a winner. The weather was downright miserable some days but the fishing was consistent.

The Bell produced some nice fresh fish in the 16-18 pound range and a bunch of hot chromer hens around 8-9 pounds. Average on the Bell was at least 2 hook ups per day per rod and many of the more experienced anglers were having 4-6 hookups each day. The fish were spread out throughout the river and all 30 kms of river we fish was productive.

We fished the Damdochax twice this week having the chance to experience this remote river by raft. We find this is the most productive way to fish as it allows you access to all the holding water and stopping for a few casts here and there makes the difference between a one fish day or multiple hookups.

We hooked 61 steelhead with 38 rod days on 4 different rivers. Michael Morland, Mike Clark and David Brazier all landed their first ever steelhead – if only they could keep them on the line!!! James Morland will forever be known as Mr. 20%. Top rod was Julian Smith who was 19 for 23 in 8 days of fishing. Nice job Julian !!

