

Fishing Report for week of 16-26 September, 2005

Guests: David Pennock, Nico Rogerson, Alan Elliot, David Curling, and Mac Mather

Weather: Hi 16; Lo -2C. Cold nights and clear days with rain later in the week.

Rivers fished: Bell Irving, Meziadin, Nass, Damdochax, Cranberry, Kiteen, Craig

We had a mixed group of guests this week and entertained anglers from the UK, Colorado and Texas. Overall a good week as the steelhead started showing up and plenty of hookups were in the cards for most guests. We had guests on our combination package with the Damdochax River Lodge and our Helifishing program.

We again fished the Meziadin River early in the week. We landed Steelhead and Coho each day we fished this special river. With the colder weather at night the Bell Irving was in a dropping and clearing trend. From the 21-Sep onwards regular success for steelhead started in earnest on the Bell. Guests were now hooking 1-5 fish each day and most fish were fresh and clean. Although the average size was smaller than usual they were a feisty bunch. We had fish on dry flies and were able to use floating lines for much of the week.

The Nass was now reaching a good fishing height and although catch numbers were below average, we hooked up and landed steelhead each day we fished this river. With the recent high water, the Damdochax received a good bump of fish and we took advantage of a 12 hookup day (3 rods) and a couple of bucks that went close to 20 pounds on riffle hitched wet flies. Fresh aggressive fish were nice to see. The week finished with some exploration on the Kiteen and Cranberry rivers rewarding us with 5 steelhead hooked one afternoon on these lower Nass Tribs.

We hooked 42 steelhead this week for 25 rod days. Almost 2 fish per day per rod. Top rod was four time guest Nico Rogerson with 10 steelhead landed in 6.5 days. Having the flexibility to fish a variety of rivers allowed our guest to hook and land fish everyday this week regardless of weather conditions.