

## **Fishing Report for week of 09-16 September, 2005**

**Guests:** Giuseppe Nova, Giuliana Rezzonico, Hannes Kratzmair

**Weather:** Hi 20C; Lo 5C. Some beautiful sunny days and moderate rain mid week.

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

We welcomed a delightful couple from Italy to start our 2005 season. We were joined mid week by Hannes, an experienced fisherman originally from Bavaria now residing in Calgary. Water conditions on the Bell Irving were marginal as the warmer summer weather increased glacial melt. The river was fishable but we would need to concentrate our efforts to the numerous creeks supplying fresh, cleaner water. We caught Coho salmon, rainbow and bull trout but the steelhead proved elusive on the Bell Irving this week.

As the rain started to fall we headed for more stable water conditions in the form of the Meziadin River. This large lake fed system is only a one hour drive from our resort and provides good fishing for numerous species. We caught Coho and Chinook Salmon, Rainbow trout by the dozen and yes some steelhead on the Mezi this week

We fished the Damdochax River with moderate success landing steelhead, bull trout and more Coho's. It was apparent that the steelhead numbers were lower than usual for this time of the year.

The last day of the week was spent exploring the lower Nass tributaries near the Cranberry / Nass confluence. The Coho fishing was excellent as we hooked up big silver fish during a memorable sunny afternoon. Giuseppe was into fish every few minutes and Giuliana found a sandy beach to read her book and take in the scenery of the majestic Nass Canyons on the lower river.