

Fishing Report for week of 06-13 September, 2007

Guests: Ken & Joyce Lind, Skip and Mary Harutun

Weather: Hi 21C; Lo 0C. Some beautiful sunny days with cool night time temperatures. Some unsettled weather early in the week.

We started our fall season early to accommodate 2 delightful couples on an “eco-adventure” that included heli-hiking, rafting, fishing and cultural activities in the Nass Valley. We partnered with Skeena Valley Expeditions and The Damdochax River Lodge to offer the first commercial rafting trip on the upper Nass River ever !! And what a trip it was....

The first two days of the; week provided just enough good weather to allow us to sneak into the alpine for incredible views and challenging hiking. Lead by our guiding team of Franz Fux and JC Trepanier, our hikers saw mountain goats, eagles, ptarmigan, and bears. The alpine meadows were still green and filled with late summer flowers. They walked many miles and came home wet and happy.

The rafting was good....very very good. The Nass is one of the most remote rivers in BC surrounded by huge tracts of untouched forest and mountains. No roads penetrate this pristine wilderness and that is the most attractive part of the experience....and the class 3 and 4 whitewater.

Guides Jupiter, Shane and JC navigated a 70 km section of the river that included at least 20 class 3 rapids and a number of class 4 drops. Wolves, moose and bears roamed the river banks. Nights were spent in relative comfort at the tent camp on the Damdochax River.

We journeyed into the heart of Nisgaa traditional lands for some culture and activity during the last two days. The Pine Mushroom is a staple commodity due to the high resale value to the Asian culture. We boarded a boat on the Nass River to roam the traditional Nisgaa picking grounds with guide Gerald Robinson. We were entertained by the Lava Dancers with brightly colored dress and enchanting rhythm. We hiked an ancient volcano that is responsible for a large lava flow through the Nisgaa village 250 years ago (not that long really). We toured the shops of carvers and artists specializing in Native arts and crafts.

We will be offering a similar experience including rafting, hiking and cultural activities in 2008.

