

Fishing Report for week of 16th to 23rd October, 2009

Guests: Joe Macy, Gordon and Marty Steele

Weather: Hi 8C; Lo -2C. Perfect. Overcast and above freezing.

Joe Macy was back for trip number 8!! We have been delighted to host Joe for 8 years in a row after he pioneered our helifishing program back in 2002. Joe has pretty much seen it all at Bell 2 from high water and warm temps to freezing and low fish numbers. He likes to say that his annual steelhead pilgrimage to the Nass isn't about catching fish but rather about being in one of the most beautiful and remote places in the world. But even after 8 years the fishing keeps getting better. 2009 was Joes' best trip.

Marty and Gordon Steele joined us as first time steelheaders. Boy did these guys time it right. The weather had warmed up considerably from the week before and the fish were aggressive. Fresh fish were still pumping into the Nass and Bell and the rivers had risen a few inches with the thaw.

We knew it would be a special week when Marty and Gord landed 7 on the first day on the Bell. The next day on the Nass was starting to get kinda silly as the big steelhead could not resist a swinging fly. We hooked 18 steelhead on this day. Most were hot fresh fish running into the backing and jumping several times. Real asskickers. The introduction to steelheading that these guys received was special.

Joe Macy was as consistent as could be in 2009 landing a few fish each day. He had one memorable afternoon in a new run we called "Sea of Japan" on the lower Nass where he landed 5 in a span of 1 hour just before evening. Joe finished the week with 20 steelhead landed and numerous lost. We hooked 57 steelhead for 13 rod days.

