



The photo of the week shows Rob Vodola posing Henry Waszczuk's Coho. I was with my friends Henry Waszczuk, his wife Mary and Rob Vodola on the Kalum River on September 29th. We were targeting Coho and we found them. It's been about 15 years since I have fished with Henry. We have done many professional TV fishing shows together in the past and it was an honour to fish with him again. I shot a couple of video clips (details below). Check out Henry's websites www.fishingtheflats.com and www.gofinsandskins.com Rob and I would like to thank Dustin Kovacvich of **Nicholas Dean Lodge** for letting us use two classified rod-day licenses for Henry and Mary.

"What a treat to come back and fish northern BC, see some good old friends like Noel and Rob. And what can I say about Dr Howard Mills and his wife Ruth at **Minette Bay Lodge** – no question, amazing gem of the Kitimat/Terrace region. Unbelievable service, accommodations and food were all second to none; great guiding service and relations in the fishing industry as well. This fantastic operation will definitely be in my new book, **Canada's Top 100 Fishing Lodges.**"

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henry Waszczuk". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a line of equals signs.

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**Noel Gyger - WEEKLY FISHING REPORT dated September 28 – October 5, 2008
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Dear Fishing Friends:

SUMMARY: Weather has been good during the week and the river heights are normal plus in good fishable shape. Near perfect I would say. And the fall colours are absolutely beautiful. The big Skeena River is a bit slow for Steelhead and Coho as most of the runs are now into their home tributary rivers. The Kalum is consistent for Steelhead fishing with some guided guests hooking and landing two Steelhead per day on the fly rod. Spin guys have been doing a little better. Coho fishing is average so far for this year. The big northernns should be coming in now. The Kasiks and Exchamsiks are about average for Coho fishing with 5 to 12 hook-ups on the fly rods. The Zymoetz (Copper) River is a little unpredictable as conditions seem to change from day to day, sometimes in shape, sometime not. When in shape the guided guests, on average, have been catching two Steelhead per day. The Kitimat River Coho fishing is peaking. Please check out the Ron Wakita detailed report below.



Top left is Mary's Coho [Video Clip 0011](#) (Mary Waszczuk Skeena trib Coho) **New** Oct 3/08
Top right is Henry's Coho [Video Clip 0010](#) (Henry Waszczuk Skeena trib Coho) **New** Sept 30/08

LIST OF "New" ITEMS POSTED ON THE WEBSITE THIS WEEK:

- **September 30/08** one video clip posted on "Video Clips" <http://www.noelgyger.ca/video-clips-web.htm>
- **October 3/08** one video clip posted on "Video Clips" <http://www.noelgyger.ca/video-clips-web.htm>
- **October 4/08** one item posted on "Conservation" <http://www.noelgyger.ca/conservation.htm>

NOW BOOKING FOR 2008 Let me know if I can be of service to book you with the "best" fishing guide and/or fishing lodges for both river and ocean. **There are NO extra charges to book through me**, just a lot of free information and advice from a person with years and years of fishing and fish guiding experience. **It is like hiring two guides for the price of one.** I will promptly answer your questions and concerns. Cast here <http://noelgyger.ca/special-guided.htm> to read more of what I have to offer.

Don't be disappointed - BOOK your preferred dates for fall Steelhead and Coho now.

Many people book three trips per year to our area; one trip in the spring (March-April-May), one trip in the summer (June-July-August) and one trip in the fall (September-October-November). They love having the same guide but fishing for different fish in different areas.

Be sure to check out my website at www.noelgyger.ca for news bulletins, mid week fishing updates, conservation, my history, quality waters strategy, special guided fishing trips, video clips, scenic river photos, wildlife photos and others, comments from past guests, informational articles, archived fishing reports from 1996 through 2002 and a

sportfishing market place. I hope it meets with your entire satisfaction.

FISHING GUIDE REPORTS FOR THIS WEEK ARE FROM:

Ron Wakita

CURRENT REPORT and summary for Skeena and Tributaries:

TYPE OF FISH CAUGHT: Sockeye, Chum, Pink, Steelhead and Trout for river. Coho, Halibut, Bottom Fish and Dungeness Crab for ocean.

Thank you for using barbless hooks.

FISHING THIS WEEK:

POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
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LARGEST FISH OF THE WEEK: Specie: 20-pound Coho. Angler: Jeff Bright. Where: Skeena Tributary.

WEATHER: Cloudy with 40 percent chance of showers this morning. A few showers beginning early this afternoon. Becoming windy this afternoon. High 9. Region normal: Max. Temp. 13 degrees C. Min. Temp. 5 degrees C. Sunrise 7:45 AM Sunset 7:01 PM

WEATHER REPORTS VIA TELEPHONE: Environment Canada taped messages constantly updated, giving current conditions and three-day forecasts. Terrace 250-635-4192 Kitimat 250-632-7864 Prince Rupert 250-627-1155 Smithers 250-847-1958.

For current Terrace weather information please cast on:

<http://www.theweathernetwork.com/weather/cities/can/pages/CABC0292.htm?ref=wxbtnold>

WATER CONDITIONS: Skeena is in good shape. The Zymoetz (Copper) River is in good shape. The Kalum, Kitimat and smaller coastal streams are also in good shape.

CURRENT WATER HEIGHTS FOR:

SKEENA RIVER:

<http://scitech.pyr.ec.gc.ca/waterweb/fullgraph.asp?stnid=08EF001>

KITIMAT RIVER:

<http://scitech.pyr.ec.gc.ca/waterweb/fullgraph.asp?stnid=08FF002>

Note: It is always a good idea to check for "IN SEASON" changes to fishing regulations. http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/recfish/Freshwater/region6_e.htm

SKEENA RIVER: is normal height and in good shape. Fishing for Steelhead remains only "fair" as most of the summer-run fish have already gone through. The fall Steelhead will be coming next most of them heading for the Kalum River. Coho fishing is slow at times as most of the fish are already in their tributary rivers.

KALUM RIVER: The water is normal height and in good shape. Good numbers of Steelhead and Coho (Silver) Salmon are coming in now. Some Coho have already moved through the river and Mud Lake and are staging in the Kalum Lake waiting for higher water to head up into their tributary rivers. A good portion of the run will stay back and spawn in the main stem river. These tend to be the larger fish we locals call the "Northerns". A Coho weighing over 20-pounds is not uncommon. Fishing for Coho closes October 31.

This is a Classified River year round and can be guided from March 15 through October 15 only. The Steelhead record is 32-pounds. To see a photo of this fish cast to: <http://noelgyger.ca/records/Record003.jpg> The angler is Dennis Therrien.

KASIKS RIVER: Lots of Coho are in now. Water heights have been good just about all week.

EXCHAMSIKS RIVER: Lots of Coho are in now.

EXSTEW RIVER: The water is normal height but a little clouded up at times. Sometimes this is a big advantage as the Coho do not spook when the water is this way.

ZYMOETZ (COPPER) RIVER: When the water is in shape lots of Steelhead are being caught with both the fly and spin rod.



I was fishing with Chad Black for a couple of hours yesterday and we both managed to hook a Steelhead. Chad lost his and I landed mine. We may have had a couple of more bites.

AREA RIVER RECORDS: Chinook Salmon: Skeena River, 92.5-pounds; Kalum River, 85-pounds; Kitimat River, 74-pounds; Steelhead: Skeena River, 45-pounds; Coho Salmon: Skeena River, 27-pounds.

CURRENT REPORT and summary for Northern Coastal Rivers:

Fishing Report from: Ron Wakita of Reliable Guide and Charters

KITIMAT RIVER: With the signs of Autumn and the leaves on the trees changing colours as are the Coho in the Kitimat changing to their spawning colours. Although there are still some fresh Coho migrating into the Kitimat River more are colored than bright. Even some of the fish that have sea lice on them have a hint of red. Some connoisseurs of smoking salmon prefer salmon that are a bit turned in colour as they say that the turned fish have less fat and they are better to smoke.



September 28. Steve and Ted

The weather and river conditions for the majority of the week have been excellent and the Coho are stacked in specific holes. Two anglers were in our tackle store on Thursday reported landing seven Coho. They said, "between Sawmill and Powerlines". In the Tackle business you must learn to respect the angler's wish for privacy of their fishing holes but appreciate the catch results that they do share.

There have been reports of some nice Trout being caught. The majority of the Trout that have been caught are

Dolly Varden and Sea Run Cutthroat trout. Small spinners and bait have been the tackle of choice this week. The weather has been great and the good fishing has been a bonus commented one angler.

DOUGLAS CHANNEL: The weather mid week has been exceptional and the Douglas Channel has been sunny and flat calm. The scenery on the Douglas can be breathtaking on these clear, sunny fall days. The trees are in their autumn colours and some of the mountains are white tipped with early snow. It is sure nice to take a moment to marvel at the beauty of nature. John from **Blue Heron Charters** reports that ``Winter Springs have arrived in Sue Channel. During a charter on Saturday we picked up a few along with some Crab and a 60 pound Halibut. It was an excellent trip. Congratulations to John and his clients.

The Douglas Channel offers plenty of good fishing through the fall months. Bottom fishing and Crabbing are always options and as are Winter Springs as John and his clients enjoyed last weekend. There are also charters available throughout the winter months. Any interested parties please contact Noel.

Tight Lines
Ron Wakita

Cast to this link for Kitimat tide tables <http://www.waterlevels.gc.ca/cgi-bin/tide-shc.cgi?queryType=showRegion&language=english®ion=1>

FISHING REGULATION WEBSITES:

2007-2009 BC tidal waters and freshwater Salmon fishing information:

www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/recfish

Effective April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2009

2008-2009 Freshwater Fishing Regulations Synopsis:

www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish

Effective April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009

NOTE: For In-season Regulation Changes posted on the web check the above URL's

GUEST FISHING PHOTOS:

***** If any of you have special fishing photos, testimonials, scenic river photos, wildlife photos or articles I would love to see them.**

CATCH & RELEASE FORMULA:

- **Chinook:** girth squared x length x 1.54 divided by 1000 (inches)
- **Steelhead:** girth squared x length x 1.33 divided by 1000 (inches)

New! PARTNERS IN CHANGE [SkeenaWild Conservation Trust](#) has been working on a certification mark program designed to encourage selective commercial fisheries in the watershed, which release unharmed steelhead and non-target salmon such as chinook and coho. By purchasing SkeenaWild Salmon's selectively harvested Skeena River sockeye you are partnering with Gitksan and the [North Coast Steelhead Alliance](#) to help transform the Skeena River salmon fishery. **Order your [SkeenaWild Certified hot-smoked sockeye fillets](#) NOW!** They will ship directly to your home.

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GOOD LUCK and GOOD FISHING!

Yours sincerely,

Noel F. Gyger

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