

Roger's Reel Talk

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Now that we have winter behind us we can make our fishing plans for the bright, warm days ahead.

This years' fishing forecasts are excellent. Chinook (Kings) are expected to be in better numbers and Coho will be up substantially from last year's great showing.

Don't forget to pack along light tackle and fly gear in your arsenal as there will be some excellent Coho fishing along the kelp beds this summer.

People who have been here before don't need to be reminded of all the benefits of fishing Esperanza and out of our Lodge but one of the questions we get asked from people who have never been here before is why come to Newton Cove Lodge? Why not other areas south or north? The simple and best

answer is: Newton Cove is situated right in the middle of the best salmon fishing on the West Coast of Vancouver Island.

What makes our fishing so good is:

- the abundance of bait fish;
- easy access to the many "highways" that the salmon follow and
- the natural features: kelp beds, sand bars and reefs that the fish use to feed and rest up around prior to continuing their migrations.

One of the other most frequently asked questions is

When is the best time to come?

First off migration between fresh and salt water happens during every season of the year depending on various factors. In our area you can fish

for salmon all year round. The one thing that a lot of you like to wait for is the timing of the arrival of the Chinook (Kings). There is a great deal of speculation as to when this is precisely and several factors influence the timing of the runs. However; that being said for the lucky people who know this area and have regularly come here in early June through July they know that we catch beautiful big Chinook from mid June on.

Don't ask us; ask a halibut there are many of us early fishers who have caught beautiful good eating "chickens" trolling for salmon, late spring/early summer, right around the corner from the lodge.



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Just to show you how good it can be we have pre July 15TH price offers that are just the best!!!!

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After all studies confirm that eating fish three times a week (just not farmed please!!) is great for your overall health & fishing is one of the best stress-busters there is.

We are committed to ensuring great fishing, great service, great amenities and great affordable prices for everyone this year.

We have always given the most competitive prices and the best value for the money but in these difficult times we have designed specials that meet corporate budgets and the budget of those who just love to come fishing as many times as they can.

We have so many exciting things happening at the lodge this season that one newsletter won't do it so expect the newsletters monthly along with the daily TWITTER updates. Get the fishing/lodge updates by TWITTER on your phone as well as catch of the day photos..

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Make no mistake about it. There is a great recreational fishery here. We can catch Coho within minutes of the lodge all season. This feisty fighter can offer the fly fisherman "heart stopping" action!! This salmonid will round up the baitfish into a ball and explode through it, grabbing as many as they can right to the surface. So you get the picture, flies, lures, or bait, they are aggressive during this feeding frenzy.

Despite ongoing conservation measures to protect the Chinook, science continues to dictate that returns to the rivers decline. In face of this evidence, restrictions for 2009 stay in place to protect the maturing female. The majority of our anglers will not be impacted as they have habitually targeted their big Chinooks on their way back in from halibut fishing. With an aggregate possession of all salmon species of 8 per person, opportunities are excellent for a great take home.!!!

After all conservation measures are met the new Pacific Salmon Treaty, in effect until 2018, will allow for additional opportunities for the sports sector.

Inshore and offshore opportunities for big Chinook will be maximized inshore June to mid July and then offshore from mid July to mid September.

One man's hobby was fishing. He spent all his weekends near the river or by the lake, paying no attention to weather. One Sunday, early in the morning, he went to the river as usual. It was cold and raining, so he decided to return back to his house.

The man came in, went to his bedroom, undressed and lay near his wife. The lights were off and he snuggled up behind her. She didn't even turn around.

"What terrible weather today, Honey," he said to her.

"Yes, she answered. "And my idiot husband went fishing."

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<http://newtoncovelodge.com/links.htm>

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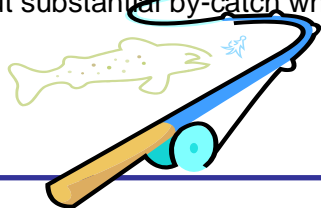
With the ongoing halibut allocation debates, recent earth day television specials and another summer of regulations to contend with, we are reminded of the conservation efforts required to maintain our fisheries and while we wholeheartedly support good stewardship at all levels we also think that our recreational fishery needs to unite with a much louder voice.

There are many factors that influence a fishery but they do not sit on the shoulders of the recreational fishery alone and we should not be coerced into believing they do. We should not be asked to give up our inherent "right" to fish nor should the sport fishing industry which contributes more dollars to the economy all the way round be asked to continuously bear the burden.

Some things to think on and to write to your politicians/fishery managers, both in Canada and the US about:

1. By its nature the licensed recreational fishery and the methods employed to fish **do not** have the capacity to overfish the resource. Our methods require little mechanical intervention and represent only subsistence economies for many who are still hanging in hoping to recover long term investments.

2. Commercially employed methods using all forms of nets are not only targeting one species but substantial by-catch which is an



ROGER'S REEL TIP

FISH WITH THE TIDE FLOW

Concentrate on fishing hard one hour before and until one hour after a tide change. Also with the effect of strong summer light concentrate on the early morning hours and evening when the light rays are weaker.

ongoing issue. Fisheries management is quick to respond to their internal "science" and employ it to the recreational fisheries but appear very slow to apply the same science or any external science/ environmental concerns to the commercial sectors until crisis forces it.

3. Governments permit activities that threaten and devastate natural habitats with no regulations or follow up leaving a trail of destroyed lakes and streams.

Combine decades of fisheries mismanagement with "bad application and control of knowledge" and misapplication of the science, not to mention all the natural factors and you have a recipe for disaster. Let's not take this one on the chin.

Fight for our grandchildren to have the opportunity to fish tomorrow.

ON SUCH A POSITIVE NOTE: Our heartfelt thanks to the all the keepers of the streams out there and also the uplifting Amazing Program: CHECK IT OUT!!

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