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Roger's Reel Talk

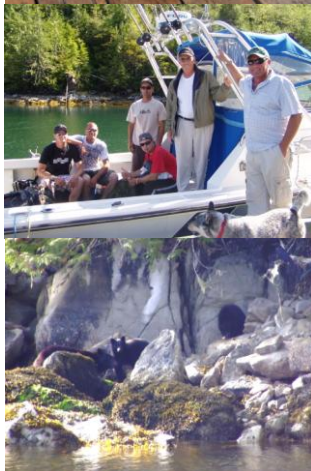
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It is always good to reflect back on the season from the slower pace of the fall and recall the many new memories we have created with friends, old and new. Many more reasons to do what we do!!!

Fishing was consistent throughout the summer despite some forecasts of a slower year. Coho in particular proved a pleasant surprise in numbers beyond what was expected and above normal size average!!!!

Congratulations to Rowdy and Cap Glass on their 20lb Coho which was a derby winner this year!!!

For the third year in a row, Chinook arrived earlier than normal and gave us good fishing from early June. There is great opportunity for the early bird who books a trip for June or early July. You can expect not only catches of all types of salmon and ground fish but also plenty of "elbow room" at your favourite location. It's a good time for prawning too.

Those who have discovered just how great early season is keep quiet about their good fortune – who can blame them!!!

Cut plug was still the favoured method and we had the most success with the larger herring although the die hard anchovy argument continues!!!

Congratulation to Nolan Schwab who reeled in the lodge's biggest fish this year!!! Not only did he take away his charter groups derby top \$\$\$ prize, to the chagrin of the experienced fishermen in the group but he will also receive the Newton Cove Lodge package as well!!!! The teenager wrestled his first Tye weighing in at 43 lbs!! Good going Nolan!!!



The new catch regulations for Chinook and Coho caused a little confusion and some of you expressed your disappointment in not being able to retain large Chinook inside of the surf line. Some others wrote letters to our fisheries Minister and you can see one of those letters at the end of this newsletter as well as information as to where you can email if you wish to write as well.

As ardent, diligent stewards, avid anglers as well as business people we too have mixed feelings about these regulations. While we want to see the best decisions made to conserve and preserve fishing stock for the future we simply cannot support this one, especially in light of the unexpected large Chinook returns that we all witnessed that surely exceeded forecasts.

We will continue to lobby the regulation and question the justification for it. We understand we are not alone in our feelings and hopefully there will be reconsideration prior to next season. We will keep you informed of proposed changes, keeping in mind that maps and regulations were not provided until the beginning of July this year.

On the positive, fishing was very strong close to the lodge and opportunities in the open Inlet were also excellent.

There were several of you this year who chose to enjoy your fishing experience the "traditional" way without the use of downriggers and using only mooching weights.

This method can be the most effective, especially with the big Chinook. This is probably due to the slow rolling movement of the cut plug that the big Chinook cannot seem to resist.

This method proved highly effective both in shore and offshore. The Middler group can attest to this with the beautiful catches they made including the big ones that got away and the spectacular 42 lber that became the runner up for the largest catch and stands alone in the mooching category!!!!

CONGRATULATIONS!!

We welcomed more families and more people looking for wildlife viewing and day excursions.

We encourage people to explore the many activities that our area offers, including spectacular kayaking and diving opportunities.

We have recently and finally launched our new Photo Gallery and we are asking guests to submit their favourite photo's to the GUEST GALLERY where in a future newsletter we will launch a contest to judge the best one for Great Prizes!!!

Go to <http://www.newtoncovelodge.com/gallery.htm>

Submit photos to

photo@newtoncovelodge.com

We also had the addition of twin cubs this season at the lodge and Mom and cubs presented hours of endless entertainment to guests as they emerged out of the den as little fur balls and quickly grew .

It was amazing to watch Mom fish for them and eventually watch them venture off a little on their own. We will have their company for the next two years as that is how long they will stay and learn with Mom.

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Four married guys go fishing. After an hour, the following conversation took place:

First guy: "You have no idea what I had to do to be able to come out fishing this weekend. I had to promise my wife that I will paint every room in the house next weekend.

"Second guy: "That is nothing, I had to promise my wife that I will build her a new deck for the pool.

Third guy: "Man, you both have it easy! I had to promise my wife that I will remodel the kitchen for her."

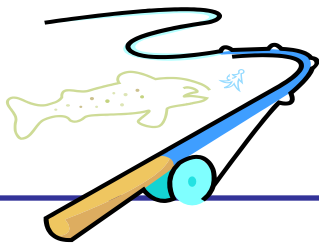
They continue to fish when they realized that the fourth guy has not said a word. So they asked him. "You haven't said anything about what you had to do to be able to come fishing this weekend. What's the deal?"

"Fourth guy: "I just set my alarm for 5:30 am. When it went off, I shut off my alarm, gave the wife a nudge and said, "Fishing or Sex" and she said, Wear sun-block."

Letter to the Minister from one of our guests
Mr. Roy Allen..THANKS ROY!!!!

Loyola

What does a fellow from Newfie know about fishing conditions on the west coast of Vancouver Island? Obviously not much. Recently on an expensive fishing trip on the Nootka Sound we experienced some regulations that defy rationality. Why do men go fishing ? To catch fish and for bragging rights to catch the biggest fish. Well the weather off-shore was too tough so we had to fish in-shore (Area 25) The regulation here banned the retention of Chinook salmon over 30.5 inches long so anything longer had to be released. Our guide figured that many of these fish would die in any case. Then to top it all off on August 2nd Fisheries opened the 100 (125) areas to commercial fishing for Chinooks for an allotment catch of 10,000 fish. We have heard that for every \$1.00 the commercial fishery contributes to the economy that sports fishing contributes \$7.00 and at the same time does not contribute to the decline in fish stocks. It is very difficult to grasp the thinking behind these regulations and we strongly suspect that someone in your department has his or her head where the sun never shines.



ROGER'S REEL TIP

I highly suggest downrigger cable replaced with the new braided lines offered by Scotty. Not only is there less drag surface it also doesn't kink or tangle like wire. It avoids electrical charge down the cable eliminating the need for a black box.

Our Fishing Advisory Board meetings are scheduled for the middle of Nov. so if any of you could have your letters copied to us by then we will also bring them forward. THANK YOU.

Contact info for the Minister and as we said we will ensure our local reps get copies too!!

New Minister Honourable Gail Shea:
Email: Min@df-mpo.gc.ca

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