



# Eagle Pointe Lodge

fishing retreat



***Rafi Tahmazian and daughter India share a special moment playing a fly-caught Coho.***

The summer of 2015 has come to a close once again up at Eagle Pointe Lodge. The staff have gone back to their off-season homes and are adjusting to life back in civilization. The caretakers are settled in for the winter and life goes on until we all get the chance to be back on beautiful Wales Island.

Regardless if you work at the lodge all summer or are a guest for three or five days, the anticipation of the following season burns within us all. The winter may drag along at some points, but special things are happening in the ocean during these times.

The herring are having their annual spawn which creates a future lifeline for pretty much all creatures in the ocean.

Just about every specimen likes to eat the pacific herring and rely on this small fish as their primary diet.

Nothing can beat a cut-plug herring being trolled right off the kelp first thing in the morning. The anticipation of the first tap on the end of the rod has kept many of us sleepless on several occasions.



***Girl power on the halibut grounds.***

The halibut are also heading into the deep waters during the cold winter months to lay their eggs. They head into the dark waters to give their offspring a chance at survival. Predation is not quite as extreme down there, and as long-time fishermen and halibut fish and chip fans, we appreciate their winter routine.

The populations of halibut are extremely strong, and we had another fantastic fishery for them this summer. It did not seem to matter where you dropped your anchor and set some bait on the bottom for the flat ones. They were more than willing to bite, and the average size of the halibut this summer was very liberal.



***Doug McWilliams with his top 80-lb halibut of the season.***

Keeping within the size limits set by Fisheries was not an issue as at 133 centimetres (70 lbs) a halibut of that size has a nice yield and still excellent quality meat. Any larger than that and the meat gets a little tough. Also, all of these halibut are females, so quick releases off the circle hook is perfect.

Many fish were released that definitely surpassed the 100-pound mark. Knowing that these fish will make it back down to the bottom unharmed and have the opportunity to spawn puts a smile on everyone's face.

As winter slows down and the warmth of spring starts, a special moment in time is happening within the rivers. The offspring of all the salmon that we were targeting all summer will be working their way out of the gravel.



***P.K. Naidoo with one of the season's largest halibut.***

The juvenile salmon will be skirting the edges of the rivers looking for nutrients from the running water. They will be gaining strength and size for the big swim out into the ocean.

The cycle continues and with a little help from a few fish hatcheries, but primarily Mother Nature, we are set for another summer.



***It does not get much fresher than that.***



The salmon fishing was strong this summer with plenty of fish for everyone's enjoyment.



*All in a day's work at Eagle Pointe.*

There was not as many large Chinook caught as we have seen in the past, but as long as there are decent numbers of fish, that is all we can hope for.

Coho were predictably strong again once they hit Dixon Entrance. They show up in large schools and are willing biters as they gorge themselves on herring.



*Chinook, Coho and nice halibut. Job well done!*

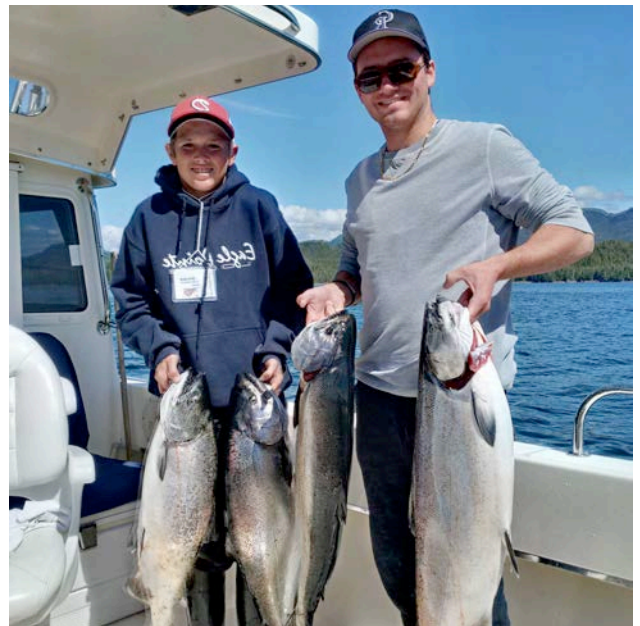
The fishing really kicked into high gear once June rolled around. Our local hot spots were the places to be once again in the early part of June, and limits were obtained by many of our guests. Amongst all the salmon, there was an average of two to three tyees mixed in each trip to earn the coveted tye pin for those lucky anglers.

Halibut fishing really turned on extremely well and nice fish in the 30-70 lb range seemed to be the norm. If the weather allowed a trip to the reef for bottom fish, it was sure to be an action-packed outing, but the channel and other calm spots were also fantastic. The season totals of halibut that are obtained by our guests are at an all-time high even with the release of the large ones.



*Nice haul guys!*

Traditionally, late June through the first couple weeks of July is often when the large Chinook seem to cruise past our waters.



*The young guns showing everyone how it's done.*



Right on schedule, the first 40-plus pounder of the season bit onto JP Gladu's line and the fight was on. An epic battle ensued and half an hour later the net was slipped under a 45.5 lb beast.



***JP Gladu and his prize.***

It was Nora Libin up next to land one of the season's largest Springs. Every year the Libin sisters come up to the lodge with their family, and one of them always seems to land a real monster. This year was no different and a healthy 40-pounder was the winner for their trip. Amongst all the Coho bites, you have to be on your game as Chinook are still down there in mid to late July.



***The Libin sisters had a fantastic day slamming tyees.***

Jennifer Batista was poised and ready for the next bite which turned out to be the top fish of the season. After a lengthy encounter and perfect rod control, Jennifer guided the 46-lb tyee toward the boat and the title was hers.



***Jennifer Batista and the largest Chinook for the season – a 46-pounder.***



***Clark Sazwan along with guide Stefan Bajo and a 35-lb Chinook.***



July and August continued with incredible action for salmon and halibut. The Coho were plentiful and with some Springs mixed in to test your skills with the single-action Islander reels, everyone stayed busy. Complete limits of salmon and halibut are definitely on the agenda for everyone at this glorious time of the summer.



*Humpback in full breach.*

We were fortunate to see many pods of whales this summer which makes for a great Kodak moment. The humpbacks breaching out of the water or bubble feeding is always a treat to see. These humpbacks are eating as many bait fish as possible during the summer to build up the reserves for their long trip to Hawaii or Mexico for the winter.



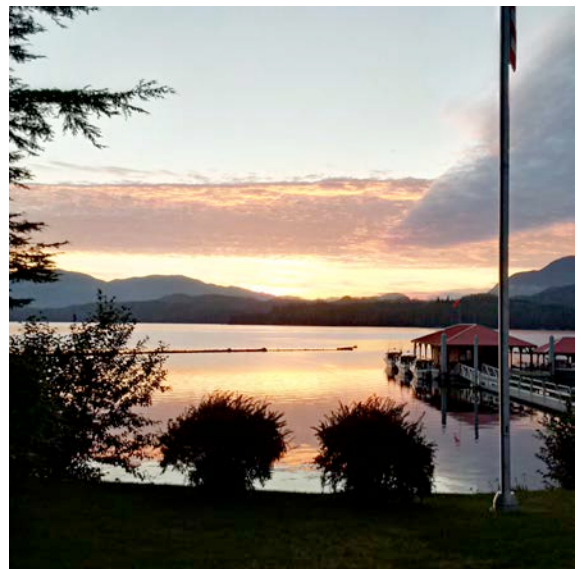
*All smiles with this late season Spring.*



*Humpbacks bubble feeding.*



*Fishing was great, despite the weather.*



*Beautiful sunset at a beautiful location.*



*August is the time for beautiful Cohos.*

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of our guests whom we had the pleasure to host this summer. Eagle Pointe would not exist if it was not for each and every one of you making the adventure to the lodge. We are fortunate to have many long-standing guests, and it is refreshing to see familiar faces year after year.

Each year we try to continue with improvements around the lodge, and this year is no different. We are improving the exterior deck and entranceway into the lodge with new cedar decking. The staff eating area/kitchen receiving area is being expanded and completely renovated. There will also be a new concrete float plane dock in place for the start of next season.

LEADER BOARD SUMMARY					
Top Salmon of 2015			Top Halibut of 2015 (maximum length of 133 cm)		
1	Jennifer Batista	46 lbs	1	Doug McWilliams	80 lbs
2	JP Gladu	45.5 lbs	2	Greg Treffry	79 lbs
3	Nora Libin	40 lbs	3	Kevin Constantine	78 lbs
4	Mark Leslie	39.5 lbs	4	P.K. Naidoo	75 lbs
5	Louis Libin	37.6 lbs	5	Greg Baun	75 lbs
6	Mayrene Buxton	36.7 lbs			
7	John Malyk	36.8 lbs			
8	Clark Sazwan	35.9 lbs			
9	Alexander Nelson	35 lbs			
10	Murray Stevenson	35 lbs			

On behalf of the ownership and the staff of the lodge, we thank you for your continued support. We look forward to building and sharing great memories with all of you next season. For booking information, please call toll-free Denise Isaman 1-888-988-8388 or look us up on the web @ [www.eaglepointelodge.com](http://www.eaglepointelodge.com)



Tight lines,

**Jonathan Beaty, Manager**