

## Fall 2019 NEWSLETTER



*A beautiful view of Eagle Pointe Lodge.*

Well, another exciting year has come and gone up at Eagle Pointe Lodge. It was an extremely wonderful year to be fishing on the north coast of British Columbia this season.



*Happy times when the fish are willing to bite.*

The returns of Chinook to the Skeena River in the summer of 2018 were at a satisfactory level

for DFO to allow regular limits of two and four possession for Chinook this season.

The Nass River also had good returns which was great for us as most fish we get close to the lodge are these fish.

Once we make our way over to Dundas Island, that is where a large majority of the Skeena fish are intercepted.



*Does not get much better than a day like this up at EPL.*

The overall size and numbers of Chinook was up from the past couple years. We were fortunate enough to retain more tyee-sized Chinook this year than the last two years combined.



*One of the many tyees to hit the dock.*

There may not be as many 50+ pounders as there used to be, but 25 to 40-pound fish are an incredible fighting fish and make the absolute best table fare.

There was a lot of controversy this past summer regarding the south coast of BC being shut down to zero retention of Chinook for half of the summer.

Fisheries decided to close all retention of Chinook to help with the preservation of several runs of Fraser River Chinook salmon. As it turns out, the fishing was very productive in southern BC, and a lot of people couldn't understand the rationale behind a full-out closure.

There is a fine line in protecting the resource and giving the salmon a chance at reproducing, but also protecting people and whole communities that rely on sportfishing to sustain themselves for another year.

As winter progresses and the return numbers for all salmon species from this past fall are collected, we will all wait coast-wide to see what lies ahead for 2020.



*A busy day on the water.*



*The smile says it all.*

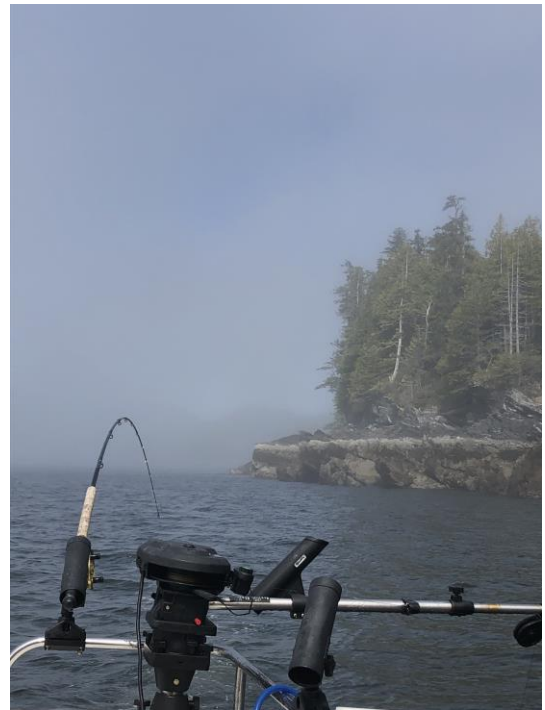




*A nice haul for early June.*

There is not enough that can be said regarding Dixon entrance and the bountiful halibut populations that live in this area. Dropping the anchor and setting up for a halibut session is a pretty great way to spend a portion of your fishing day.

Some days it is nice and relaxing and other days it is a solid workout bringing halibut up nonstop.



*Beautiful morning for a troll as the fog rolls in and out.*

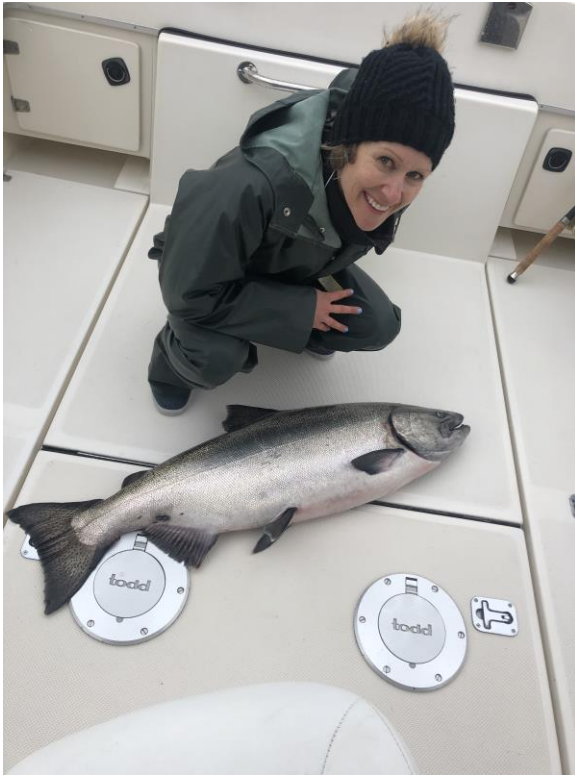
There are steady limits of halibut that leave the lodge all summer long.

The size of the halibut this year was one fish up to 126 cm or two under 90 cm for your trip. This was a new limit that was implemented for this season, and we believe it worked out well for everyone. It gave people the opportunity to retain a fish up to approximately 60 pounds or two up to 20 pounds depending on how fishing was for your trip.

Regardless of the size of halibut that ended up being your catch within these size restrictions, it is all extremely tasty meat.



*Nice limit of late season halibut.*



*When a fish is close to 40 lbs., a deck picture works just fine.*

The Coho started to show up quite early this year with the first fish being caught mid-June.



*Welcome to the 40+ club.*

As July set in, the runs kept getting stronger and stronger.

The Coho begins to be our main target in late July as Chinook are primarily done for the season. There is always a chance of running into a surprise Spring when out chasing Coho.

One of the 40-pound Chinook caught this season was on the last day of July which was an awesome surprise for everyone.



*July can be magical on the right day and with the right tide.*

August generally brings beautiful sunny days and steady action on the rods which in turn brings plenty of smiles and lasting memories for all.

The ownership and staff at Eagle Point Lodge cannot thank our guests enough for their continued support.

We would not be able to exercise our passion for the industry if every guest did not exercise their passion for the sport. It is greatly appreciated seeing so many familiar faces year after year.





*A happy angler.*



*The gazebo is a special spot to enjoy the evening.*



*Fresh appetizer ready to be served.*

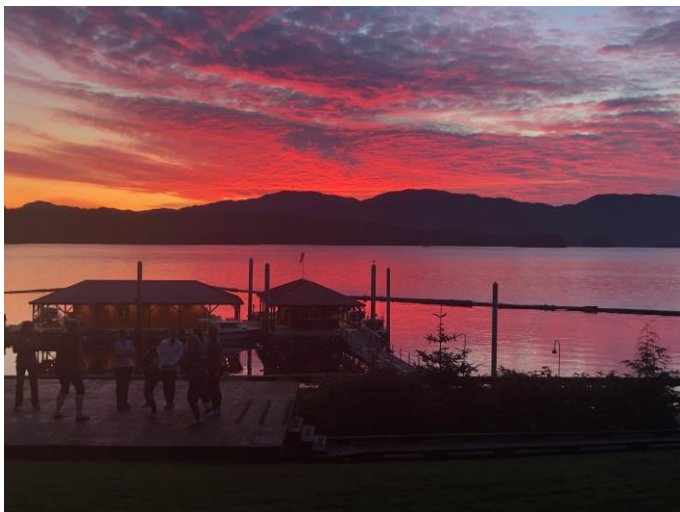


*Hard to resist a home-made dessert creation.*

Also, a big thank-you to all our Pointe Cabin guests that take advantage of our “do-it-yourself” fishing adventure.

The Pointe Cabin has steadily become extremely popular.

If you have your own boat and want to do your own trip but still take advantage of the Lodge amenities, this is the place to be.



*Spectacular August sunset.*



*Another scrumptious dinner prepared by Chef Nikki Andersen and her team.*

<b>Top 10 Salmon of 2019</b>		
1	Linda Thomas	41.44 lbs
2	Ahmed Karadaghi	41.11 lbs
3	Adam Newman	41.22 lbs
4	JR Shaw	40 lbs
5	Rob MacKenzie	39.26 lbs
6	Patrick Schweitzer	38.6 lbs
7	Karin Borgersen	38.5 lbs
8	Ayaz Kara	37.4 lbs
9	Caroos Quintero	37 lbs
10	Div Lavinga	36.6 lbs

<b>Top 5 Halibut of 2019</b>	
Corey Harnett	66 lbs
John Hinkle Jr	63 lbs
Trevor Anderson	59 lbs
Craig Bain	57 lbs
Tanya Zurawiecki	56.2 lbs



*A mouth-watering appetizer.*

We are looking forward to another successful year in 2020 and hope that you all will be part of the fun. Please contact Denise Isaman at 1-888-988-8388 (toll free) or [Denise.isaman@sjrb.ca](mailto:Denise.isaman@sjrb.ca) for booking information or look us up on the web at [www.eaglepointelodge.com](http://www.eaglepointelodge.com)



Tight lines,

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