



# Monthly Newsletter

*We're so glad you could join us at EPL!*



We are pleased to say that August has been a spectacular month here at Eagle Pointe Lodge. Sunny days which also bring foggy mornings to beautiful sunsets in the evening are generally standard this month. Whales have been abundant, and the occasional bear sighting keeps all the guests in awe of what this area of the B.C. coast has to offer.

We have been blessed to be involved in a banner coho run this year. The coho make their way through our waters and ferociously attack bait balls and trying to put as much weight on them as possible before their spawning ritual at their native river. We luckily intercepted them on the water and put some bends into the fishing rods. A combo of coho and late-season chinook that are filtering through on their way down south make for happy guests and full fish boxes.

## Halibut report

Halibut fishing is at its prime in August. The ocean is full of life and in turn, the halibut are active. Lots of halibut are plentiful at certain locations and take no time to find what you are looking for.

On the other hand, occasionally if you put the time in and it all comes together, larger halibut can be found. We have had several that taped out right at the maximum of 126 cm and weighed in the lower 60lb class.



## 2025 Season

We are booking for 2025 and would love to show you everything that the lodge has to offer. Eagle Pointe Lodge offers a small 12-person intimate experience. We have been pleased to host a variety of groups for their corporate trips, groups of friends' fishing adventures, and fun-filled family getaways.

## Thank you

We would also like to acknowledge everyone who spent time with us this summer. Our loyal customer base along with the new individuals we met are truly what make a successful season. A big thank you from everyone here at the lodge.

Tight lines, Jonathan



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July has lived up to its reputation as per usual up on the North coast with fantastic fishing. The chinook closure has been in effect for the first half of the month but that did not dampen any spirits. There was plenty of catch and release for the chinook while we targeted the cohos. With these measures in place, they will have a fighting chance to get back to their native streams to spawn and improve their numbers.

Coho fishing has been nothing short of spectacular. Once the schools have been found, they have been eager to bite the gear. Limits of these beauties along with a few halibut, most are taking home a great box of fish.



July 18th marked the day that chinooks opened back up for retention. One a day and two in possession are the limits set until the early portion of August.

There has been a solid number of chinooks available, and most guests have been able to retain a couple.



At the lodge, after a busy day on the water, our guests are welcome to enjoy the hot tub or sauna that is available. It is a perfect way to unwind and relax before appetizers and dinner are plated.

Our head chef Sage takes her passion for cooking and exemplifies it in each meal that is served. In a long-standing tradition at EPL, fish and chips are served on departure day. Guests have commented that this is the perfect meal to end their trip and they look forward to it year after year.

## Halibut report

The halibut fishing has been fantastic this month with not one area better than the next.

The steady influx of pink salmon swimming by allows the halibut to really spread out and anticipate the opportunity at a free meal.

Massive balls of herring that cruise by also provide ample food for bottom fish of all varieties.



August is right around the corner and fishing will continue to be great. The cohos are putting on weight everyday and the ocean is alive with activity. If you happen to be coming up to the lodge, we cannot wait to see you and get to share what this beautiful area has to offer. If you are thinking about exploring the area, please reach out and let us help make your trip as seamless as possible.

## Wildlife Alert...

We have been fortunate to encounter loads of humpback whales as of late. These massive creatures are nonstop hunting bait fish to feed on. The process the whales use to stun or confuse massive quantities of bait fish is called bubble feeding and it creates a magical show for everyone to witness.

They will be around for the rest of the season consuming as much fish as they can while the opportunity is present.

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June has been proven to be a steady producer for the Chinook salmon with the average size increasing. Some lucky guests have been fortunate enough to be able to bring back some Tyees to the dock.

On June 23rd, the Chinook closure came into effect, and we have switched our focus to Coho fishing. Fortunately, our guides have been able to locate where the Cohos are hanging out which enabled the guests to take home fresh salmon. The average size is 6-9lbs at this time of the year but it doesn't take long to fill a box up as the limit is 8 per person/trip.

We continue to practice safe handling where Chinooks have been caught and released as we look for the Cohos.



## Halibut report

Halibut fishing have been strong in the local water surrounding the lodge but offshore has been great.

The size limit of 126cms generally means that a halibut will be in the 55lb range. As smaller salmon enter the waters, halibut fishing will continue to improve.



## Wildlife Alert...

### AN UNUSUAL SIGHT TO SEE

Wildlife has been abundant with orcas, humpbacks, sea lions and bears on the shorelines. The orca whales will remain in the area primarily for the next couple of weeks until they move on, following the chinook salmon down south. The humpbacks on the other hand will be in the Dixon Entrance area for the rest of the summer feeding on the abundant supply of bait fish.



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## The season kicks off...

It is with excitement that we can report the season has officially kicked off at Eagle Pointe Lodge. All our staff arrived in late April to begin preparing the lodge after a long winter away from the beautiful North Coast. After a mild winter, the lodge remains in good shape and we made a few upgrades to the main lodge this spring with new furnitures, lighting and accessories in the bedrooms.

### 40 LB CHINOOK SALMON CAUGHT MAY 15

Fishing started off a bit slow compared to what we have seen in the past for the early season. That being said, there was a beautiful 40 lb. chinook caught on the first trip by one lucky angler. As we progressed toward the end of May, consistant daily results were evident on the dock with plenty of springs averaging 15-20 lbs. Most of the salmon fishing takes place close to the lodge at this time of year.



## Halibut report

The reef has been producing lots of halibut already when the boats were out there on the calmer days. If the weather is rough, there are plenty of local spots that our guides know to anchor up for some early season halibut.



## NEW LIMITS SET BY FISHERIES

The halibut size limits are set to one a day, either 1 under 85 cms (up to 2 per trip) or 1 over 85 cms up to 126 cms for trip limit.

## Fishing picks up .....

As we roll further into the season, the salmon fishing will continue to pick up steam as the main runs of chinook will be feeding in our waters on their way back to their native streams.

We are looking forward to greeting each and every guest. The experience starts with the Helijet ride into the lodge, then days on the water and finishing up with 5-star meals is all part of our inclusive package. We hope to see you soon.

Tight lines,  
Jonathan Beaty

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