

# NICHOLAS DEAN LODGE

## EARLY WINTER STEELHEAD



### Package Overview

Early winter in Northwestern British Columbia can be one of the most productive and memorable times of the year for the Steelhead angler to explore Lower Skeena rivers — for three significant reasons:

- **Pools stacked with fish.** Starting in late July and running through August, September and October, Steelhead have been pouring in from the ocean; the pools are stacked — and fresh fish are still arriving.
- **Favorable river conditions.** Typically cold evenings keep the glacial melt and run-off to a minimum and the rivers running low and clear — or in that enticing shade of “Steelhead Green.”
- **Light angling pressure.** The bustle of summer and fall are over and the majority of anglers are gone, leaving the rivers very lightly fished. What’s a little chilly air when each cast promises a chance to hook a Trophy Steelhead?

### An Inspiring Backdrop

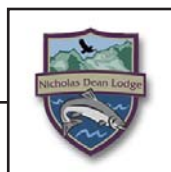


Snow-capped mountains and a landscape sparkling with morning frost set the scene as you cast and step through classic water; you’re in the heart of wild Skeena Country. For the dedicated Steelheader, who treasures solitude and doesn’t mind a little cool weather or the occasional iced guide, this is the perfect season.

### Invigorating Weather



The weather conditions are usually clear, clean and crisp with a chance of light snow in the mornings and the occasional light rain shower in the afternoons. Average morning temperatures are 25 to 40 degrees and afternoon temperatures reach 35 to 50 degrees.



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### A Typical Week of Early Winter Steelhead Fishing in the Skeena Region

#### Day of Arrival

#### Flight Arrival

Details need to be confirmed

This includes pick up from the airport, lodging, accommodations and appetizers and/or dinner, depending on arrival time.

#### Option 1

#### Lower Copper River

Wet Fly Fishing, Spoon Fishing and Float Fishing

The Lower Copper is a world-class Early Winter Steelhead fishery, famous for a large run of highly-aggressive fish. Access is by raft and walk-in. Bull Trout are also available.

#### Option 2

#### Skeena River

#### (Lower or Mid Sections)

Wet Fly Fishing, Plunking and Bottom Bouncing

On the Skeena in November you can expect to catch chrome-bright Steelhead and large "Northern" Coho Salmon fresh from the sea. We fish long, broad runs with lots of room and scenic views of snow-capped mountains. Access on the Lower Skeena is by jet boat.

#### Option 3

#### Upper Copper River

Wet Fly Fishing, Spoon Fishing and Float Fishing

Note: Helicopter cost is additional and can be split between two anglers.

The Upper Copper is a smaller, more intimate version of the Lower Copper. Here it's possible to sight fish for large Steelhead — see them rise off the bottom, track your offering and inhale! Access is by helicopter/raft combination trips, or by hike-in for the physically fit.

#### Option 4

#### Clore River

Wet Fly Fishing, Spoon Fishing and Float Fishing

The Clore River is the main tributary to the Copper and hosts an abundant run of Steelhead and the largest Bull Trout in the Copper drainage. It has many beautiful boulder filled pools and long deep canyon pools that hold good numbers of fish. Access is by raft.

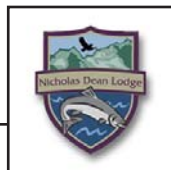
#### Day of Departure

#### Flight Departure

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This includes lodging, accommodations, full breakfast and transportation to the airport.

Plans may change due to water conditions and fish availability. We also guide on other streams than the ones mentioned above.



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### 2009 Early Winter Steelhead Package Dates

**November 1 to 7**

5 days guided fishing, 6 nights, 7 days

**November 8 to 14**

5 days guided fishing, 6 nights, 7 days

**November 15 to 21**

5 days guided fishing, 6 nights, 7 days

Package rate: \$3695 CDN double room, \$3875 single room

Includes guided fishing, a reasonable amount of tackle, meals, lodging, transportation between lodge and Terrace Airport

Customized packages to suit your time schedule are available and quoted upon request

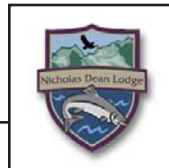
**RESERVATION & DEPOSITS:** RESERVE EARLY TO **GUARANTEE YOUR TRIP IN THE PREFERRED SEASON!** A deposit of 50% must be received by the lodge within 7 business days of contact to hold your reservation. Deposits are valid only for the calendar year in which your trip is booked, and are refunded only as set out below. The final payment of 50% is due 90 days (3 months) before the scheduled trip and is non-refundable.

Deposits will be refunded less a \$300.00 CDN cancellation fee if written notice of cancellation is received by Nicholas Dean Lodge management 180 days (6 months) before the scheduled trip. No penalty will be assessed if the client has an immediate replacement at the time of cancellation. If written notice of cancellation is received less than 180 days (6 months) before the scheduled trip, the

deposit will not be refunded, but if space is available your booking may be transferred to another later date in the same season less a \$300.00 CDN rebooking fee. All deposits and final payments are only valid for the calendar year (March 15 to November 15), after which all deposits and final payments are forfeit.

Nicholas Dean Lodge is a small company and cancellations are very costly. In order to protect trip payments, it is highly recommended that cancellation insurance be purchased. Cancellation insurance is available at most travel agencies, and can be purchased locally in Terrace through Elan Travel at (250) 635-2281.

We accept VISA, MASTERCARD, and DEBIT CARD. PERSONAL CHECKS or CASH MAY BE ACCEPTED IN SPECIAL CASES.



### Additional Information

#### Package includes:

- 5% Canadian Federal Government Goods & Services Tax (GST)
- 8% Canadian Provincial Government Room Tax
- Transportation to and from Terrace Airport
- Accommodation
- Breakfast (7 AM or earlier), packed lunch and evening meal (7 PM)
- Jet-boat and/or drift-boat
- Transportation to and from river
- Approximately nine hours guided angling daily
- Care/preparation of your catch for return trip

#### Package does not include:

- Transportation from your place of residence to Terrace, BC Airport and return
- Items of a personal nature
- Gratuities
- Alcoholic beverages
- Fishing licenses
- Fish coolers

#### Gratuities:

- Suggested angling guide gratuity, for a job well done, \$40–\$60 per day per person
- Suggested lodge staff gratuity, for a job well done, \$25–\$35 per day per person

#### Fish Packaging (not applicable March – May and November)

■ We will gladly clean “in season” Salmon and Halibut, if you would like to take home some of your catch. Extra costs are incurred for coolers and dry ice (approximately \$35 per guest) and vacuum sealing (\$15 for fish under 30”, \$25 for fish over 30”). Guides will leave the river one hour early to process your Salmon. Please keep in mind the baggage limits for the airlines as extra baggage and/or weight can incur additional fees from the airlines.

#### Itinerary notes:

- On day of arrival you will be met at the airport and transported to the fishing lodge which takes about 20 minutes. You will be asked if you would like to make a purchase at the local liquor store. The liquor store does accept credit cards. Angling licenses will be sold to you at the lodge (4% extra if paid with credit card) and fishing plans for the next days will be discussed.
- On guided fishing days breakfast will be served at 7 AM or earlier. After breakfast your guide and boat (if needed) will be ready to take you fishing all day. Your packed lunch includes two sandwiches (varied each day), hot soup, sweet roll, fruit and/or vegetables, ice water, soft drinks plus your choice of hot drink. You will come off the river and return to the lodge between 5:30 and 6:30 PM where hors d’oeuvres will be served with dinner at 7 PM.
- On day of departure lodging, accommodations, full breakfast and transportation to the airport are included.

