

# NICHOLAS DEAN LODGE

## SPRING STEELHEAD & CHINOOK



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### Package Overview

The scenery is breathtaking; snow-capped mountains and towering conifers dominate the landscape. Fishing conditions are prime; the rivers are running low in a seductive shade of light green. Alders are budding red and ruffed grouse are drumming in the thickets; the land is coming to life after a long winter. **It's Spring Steelhead season in beautiful Northwestern British Columbia**, a wonderful time of renewal — and a wonderful opportunity to hook the fish of a lifetime!

From July to May Steelhead enter the Skeena system. In spring, the culmination of the year's run will be holding in tributaries such as the Kalum and Copper. These fish are the large, wild Steelhead for which British Columbia is world famous. They average 8 to 15 pounds, but a few leviathans pushing the 30-pound mark may very well be lurking within casting range. In this season, you'll find chrome-bright fish only days from the sea, fish with prominent red stripes and fish of every coloration in between. This is Spring Steelheading at its finest.

Around the third week of April, super-aggressive "Springer" Chinook begin to arrive. These chrome-fresh Salmon average 15 to 40 pounds — but can exceed 80! Known for their savage takes and powerful fight, Springer Chinook are world-class fly rod gamefish.

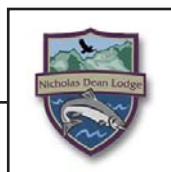
Our Spring Steelhead and Chinook packages are among the best values we offer — and among the best to be found in guided angling for trophy Steelhead and Salmon.

### Warming Weather



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As it is everywhere, spring in Northwestern British Columbia is a season of change. Mornings can be cool and precipitation is a given. But the general trend is for warming weather; soft morning showers can yield to sunshine in the afternoon. In which case, be ready. The fish will be on the bite! Average morning temperatures are 35 to 45 degrees and afternoon temperatures typically reach 50 and may climb to 65 degrees.



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### A Typical Week of Spring Steelhead & Chinook 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.

#### Day 1

#### Upper/Lower Kalum River

Wet Fly Fishing

The Kalum is a remarkable Spring Steelhead fishery with excellent opportunities for Springer Chinook after mid-April. It is a medium-sized river with numerous productive runs and pools and is renowned as a producer of large fish. We access the Kalum by jet boat and drift boat, depending on water conditions.

#### Day 2

#### Middle Skeena River (Skeena 2)

Wet Fly Fishing

The middle Skeena, especially at the tributary mouths, is an excellent spring fishery for Steelhead, Trout and Char. After mid-April, bright, Springer Chinook are also available. The Skeena is a large, broad-flowing river with exceptional scenery and long gravel bars and runs. We access the Skeena by jet boat.

#### Day 3

#### Upper/Lower Kitimat River

Wet Fly Fishing

The Kitimat fishes well during this season for Steelhead, Cutthroat and the occasional Chinook. It is a mid-sized river with a variety of water types from riffles and long gravel-and-boulder runs to pools and pocket water. The Kitimat is accessed best by drift boat and raft.

#### Day 4

#### Lower Nass River Tributaries

Wet Fly Fishing

The Lower Nass tributaries are small to mid-sized streams with rich Steelhead, Trout and Char populations. These special, remote rivers have an appealing mixture of boulder-studded runs and cobble-bottom pools in a spectacular coastal rainforest setting. Access is by raft, jet boat, walk-ins and helicopter.

#### Day 5

#### Lower Copper River

Wet Fly Fishing

In spring, the Lower Copper fishes well for Steelhead and Bull Trout. A joy to fish, it is a classic Steelhead stream with large boulder-strewn runs that start and end with whitewater chutes and riffles. We access this "fly fisher's favorite" by raft and walk-ins.

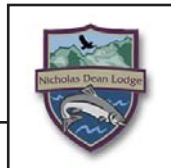
#### Day of Departure

#### 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 streams other than the ones mentioned above including remote, coastal helicopter-access streams.



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### 2009 Spring Steelhead & Chinook Package Dates

Mar 22 to Mar 28	Steelhead	5 days guided fishing, 6 nights, 7 days
Mar 29 to Apr 4	Steelhead	5 days guided fishing, 6 nights, 7 days
Apr 5 to Apr 11	Steelhead	5 days guided fishing, 6 nights, 7 days
Apr 12 to Apr 18	Steelhead/Chinook	5 days guided fishing, 6 nights, 7 days
Apr 19 to Apr 25	Steelhead/Chinook	5 days guided fishing, 6 nights, 7 days
Apr 26 to May 2	Steelhead/Chinook	5 days guided fishing, 6 nights, 7 days
May 3 to May 9	Chinook/Steelhead	5 days guided fishing, 6 nights, 7 days
May 10 to May 16	Chinook/Steelhead	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

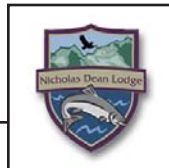
**RESERVATION & DEPOSITS:** RESERVE EARLY TO **GUARANTEE YOUR TRIP IN THE PREFERRED SEASON!** A deposit of 50% must be received by the lodge within 7 business days of contact to hold your reservation. Deposits are valid only for the calendar year in which your trip is booked, and are refunded only as 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.

