

NICHOLAS DEAN LODGE

TROPHY CHINOOK



Package Overview

Trophy Chinook season in Northwestern British Columbia is when we do battle with the giants of the Skeena. The rivers are full of massive Chinook (King) Salmon, which average an astounding 20 to 50 pounds. Fish over 70 pounds are caught every year and there is even a chance at a salmon over 100 pounds. These fish are fresh from the sea and in peak condition. They are chrome-bright and extremely powerful. The best time to target these great fish is July 1 to August 15. Expect sore arms and hot thumbs!

Sockeye (Red) Salmon



The Skeena's prolific runs of Sockeye Salmon provide a compliment to the incredible Chinook fishery. If you have never caught a fresh Sockeye, imagine a 5 to 10 pound chrome-silver torpedo that jumps and thrashes around with amazing speed and agility. Sockeye return to the Skeena system by the millions and are not only a treat to catch but are one of the finest eating fish to ever grace a table.

Chum (Dog) Salmon



In addition to the highly-productive Skeena system, the nearby Kitimat River offers exceptional fishing for Chum Salmon. This fishery is so productive anglers often request a break from catching fish to rest their aching arms! The Chum, one of the most underrated sportfish on the west coast, is responsible for many spooled reels and broken rods.

Our Finest Weather

The Skeena region sees its fairest days in July and August. Temperatures range from 70 to 85 degrees and bright, sunny days are plentiful. Of course, we can't guarantee blue skies — we suggest you pack rain gear and warm clothing just in case — but we can promise a scenic fishing adventure at the foot of glacier-capped mountains and amidst the beautiful, lush green of British Columbia's coastal temperate rainforest.



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A Typical Week of Trophy 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

Skeena River Around the Kalum River Confluence

Back Trolling, Back Bouncing, and Plunking

This is an incredibly productive piece of river producing huge Chinook Salmon averaging 35 to 60 pounds with fish over 80 pounds caught every year and a chance at one over 100 pounds. Access is by jet boat.

Day 2

Lower Skeena River

Plunking, Back Trolling and Bottom Bouncing

Enjoy a relaxing day on the banks of the mighty Skeena watching your rod for the savage strike of a giant Chinook. Some of the largest salmon of the year are caught this way. A hot shore lunch cooked over an open fire is provided. We use jet boats on the lower Skeena.

Day 3

Lower Kalum River

Back Trolling, Bottom Bouncing, Float Fishing, Spoon Fishing, and Back Bouncing

The Kalum River is home to the largest Chinook in the world. These kings average 30 to 50 pounds, fish over 80 pounds are caught every season and the mythical 100+ pounder is possible. The river is mid-sized and best fished from the boat in most areas due to lack of bank and heavy brush. We access the Kalum by jet boat.

Day 4

Kalum/Skeena Confluence (The Hog Line)

Back Bouncing, Back Trolling, and Plunking

The confluence of the Kalum and Skeena rivers is world renowned for giving up truly massive Chinook Salmon. These fish stage at the mouth of the Kalum awaiting their cue to enter the Kalum and spawn. We access this area by jet boat.

Day 5

Copper River

Spoon Fishing, Bottom Bouncing, and Float Fishing

The Copper is a rapid-flowing, pool and riffle river offering the opportunity to fish for Chinooks averaging 20 to 40 pounds and reaching 80. As a bonus, early-run summer Steelhead may also be present. When conditions are right, the Copper offers exciting sight-fishing in miles of fish-filled pools. Access is by raft and walk-in.

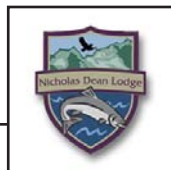
Day of Departure

Flight Departure

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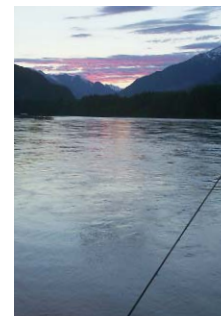
This includes lodging, accommodations, full breakfast and transportation to the airport.

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 Trophy Chinook Package Dates

July 5 to 11

5 days guided fishing, 6 nights, 7 days

July 12 to 18

5 days guided fishing, 6 nights, 7 days

July 19 to 25

5 days guided fishing, 6 nights, 7 days

July 26 to August 1

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

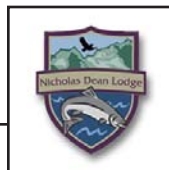
RESERVATION & DEPOSITS: RESERVE EARLY TO **GUARANTEE YOUR TRIP IN THE PREFERRED SEASON!** A deposit of 50% must be received by the lodge within 7 business days of contact to hold your reservation. Deposits are valid only for the calendar year in which your trip is booked, and are refunded only as set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

