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The Balmy's

"Love the Ambiance of Telegraph Cove"

Andy and Adele began their pilgrimages to Telegraph Cove way back when the Cove was in its rough tough period, and that was the summer of 1980. Andy worked in the



Where will you find this beautiful salmon?
Can you discover the spot on the boardwalk that features this fanciful fish?

San Fransico Bay area in police investigations. His job brought him up the coast to the North Island that year; he was doing some investigative work with the RCMP, which dictated that he go to Campbell River, and he was heading further up the coast to Bella Coola after that. Andy was combining his work with a little bit of leisure time as well, Adele and their son Richard had come along on this trip with their boat and trailer. They were on a mission to find a nice spot to drop their boat in the water and try some local salmon fishing. The new north island

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Andy and Adele enjoying the Cove

highway had just opened and the RCMP detachment officers suggested that they try the Port McNeill area; they had heard that the fishing up there was very good. Upon arriving at Port McNeill, the family asked a local merchant where they would find a campground and boat ramp. The Timberland Sports storeowner was very helpful when he suggested they go to Telegraph Cove and that Gordie Graham and his family would make them very welcome.

Their first impression of Telegraph Cove was one of disbelief. Next to an old sawmill, which still was operating and looking like an industrial worksite, was the beginnings of a rustic campsite that was nothing more than a few openings under the forest canopy, outfitted with tables and firepits for the campers. The boat ramp was adequate for their needs and the Graham family was very cordial and pleasant to all the visiting campers and fishermen. At the end of each season you would always receive a personal invitation from the Graham family to return to Telegraph Cove the following year.

The Balmy's have made very good lifelong friends at Telegraph Cove, the closest and dearest ones are Mike and Peggy Prosoloski - (Mr. & Mrs. "P")

They have been witness to many changes to the Cove over the years including the renovation of the old heritage cabins and the immense expansion of the resort restaurant, pub and whalebone museum.

Adele and Andy fondly recall the good old nostalgic days in the early 1980's when Gordie, Marilyn, and their children along with Fay Graham, Babe Lutz and Peggy Prosoloski worked all summer long in a small office trailer next to the boardwalk. From here, they would welcome all comers to the Cove and provide a glorious holiday haven in the beautiful surroundings on Northern Vancouver Island. At that time, Gordie Graham still worked his

regular job as a faller on the west coast at Port Alice. He also kept apace with building an excellent fishing resort at Telegraph Cove. It was an amazing feat to behold and both Andy and Adele are happy to have been a part of the transformation over the many years.

Keeping busy and promoting Telegraph Cove during their summer stay is really what the Balmy's like doing the best. "You could go fishing everyday if you wanted to, but that just is not what we like doing," says Adele. This amazing couple will

spend hours each day contributing to the well being of the resort community. Most recognizably Andy and Adele work tirelessly on the annual Telegraph Cove Boardwalk Craft Fair and Fishing Derby That work requires a lot of attention to detail and hours of preparation in their kitchen. The Balmy's prepare massive amounts of Andy's famous "piroshkis" for the hungry visitors on the Boardwalk Craft day. They have also sold their delicious jellies and homemade crafts over the years. Their biggest endeavor is preparing the fishing derby prizes for the Salmon Derby, Sunday August 3. This year Adele and Andy have collected an outstanding list of prizes that totals over \$4000 from local area businesses on the North Island and from private donations as well. This very popular annual event would not be the same without Andy and Adele's help.

Each year, the Cove community welcomes the arrival of our family friends, the Balmy's. They are a remarkable couple!

Fishing Tips

Why Troll Fast? - By Gordie Graham

The large chinook is the trophy salmon everyone is after and the debate over what speed to troll continues. I have never had anyone pass me trolling, in many cases I am travelling 3 to 4 times faster than many other boats, and I think I catch my share of springs.

There are three reasons I troll at 4 to 4-1/2 miles per hour.

Reason 1:

Years ago I notice Ray Bentley, a lifelong fisherman of this area, catch more springs out of Baronet Pass than any other boat. I still consider him the best spring salmon fisherman of this area and he was leaving



me and all other boats in his wake. The faster I trolled the more salmon I caught and noticeably almost no pinks. If you are after springs, you don't want to be feeding all your bait to the pinks.

Reason 2:

You cover more area and if you're trying to locate fish and in the early morning when chinook fishing is best you want to find fish as soon as possible and we all know that where we caught them the previous morning doesn't guarantee they're going to stay there.

Reason 3:

Instinctive reaction. I've caught a lot of spring salmon in the 30 plus years I've fished this area and few of the big ones have feed in them even when there are masses of herring. I don't know what this means, but I believe that many fish take a bait or a lure that are not looking at it as a source of food. When a plug, bait, hoochie or spoon flashes by them, it triggers an attack that results in a strike on our line. Many of the colours we use such as

chartreuse, white, multi-colour, and purple attract their attention but in no way resemble any food found in this area.

Should you change leader lengths?

I don't believe that lures behind flashers really move around as much as we think they do. I use 30-inch leaders on hoochies and 5 to 7-foot leaders on spoons and bait. I use these long leaders for the sole reason that you'll break almost no fish off with these leaders. Most leaders are broke when the spring makes it initial run from taking the bait or lure. Experience showed the longer the leader the less breakage. When using bait-teasers such as crippled anchovy, I take the toothpick out of the back of the head so it can slide up the line and put the single treble up tight against the teaser head so the bait runs dead straight. The bait then just rolls on itself. Spring salmon do not like whirling bait.

What Depth and What to Use?

I troll two rods and I never move these from 80 feet on the downrigger but a four-

mile per hour strolling speed equates to 55 feet for the flasher.

Best luck lures - I always have a 5-inch florescent green and white coyote and mostly a six-inch bait in a chartreuse head. In Knights and Kingcome Inlets the glow white head is best. The green coyote has out fished bait for me by a wide margin over the last 2 years.

Do you catch bigger fish trolling fast or slow?

A fisherman that trolls fast caught the 68-pounder on our office wall. Last year I caught more 40-plus pound springs than any other year at my regular speed. One day, last year, a 48 and a 41; and this year not one close to 40 pounds yet. Chinook are fast swimmers and have no trouble catching a bait or lure once they decide to attack.

We have many good fishermen that believe in the slow approach and I hope they will give us their views so we can print them.

Springer the Orca Spotted Safe and Sound

July 10, 2003

(Toronto Globe and Mail)

Springer the orca was spotted safe and sound



with her family off the coast of northern Vancouver Island on Wednesday, indicating a successful reunion with her pod, BCTV on Global reported.

Last summer, scientists rescued the lonely killer whale from the waters of Washington state's Puget Sound, where she was far from her family and quickly losing weight.

Springer, whose official name is A73, was transported last July to Telegraph Cove, off the northern tip of Vancouver Island.

She joined up with her family when her great-aunt's pod of resident killer whales swam through Johnstone Strait.

Springer now looks healthy and appears to have kicked the unsafe habit of hanging around boats.

Fish

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B	I	T	E	D	W	D	A	H	S	U	U	R	N	M
M	E	B	A	D	N	O	P	R	A	T	D	T	I	S
R	E	N	N	U	C	N	O	M	L	A	S	A	N	P

BARRACUDA	GAR	SARDINE
BASS	HALIBUT	SHAD
BLUEGILL	HERRING	SHARK
BREAM	MACKEREL	SHINER
BRIT	MARLIN	SNAPPER
CARP	MINNOW	SNOOK
CHUB	MULLET	SOLE
COD	OPAH	SUCKER
CRAPPIE	PERCH	SWORDFISH
CUNNER	PIKE	TARPON
DAB	PIRANHA	TROUT
DARTER	RAY	TUNA
DRUM	RUDD	WAHOO
EEL	SALMON	WHALE*
FLOUNDER		

*Yes, Mildred, I know that a whale is a mammal. It looks like a fish, though...

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Telegraph Cove Top Ten:

10. Sample the delicious Boardwalk Barbecued Salmon
9. Golf at 7 Hills Country Club or the new Cedar Park Resort
8. Visit the Gordon Henschel Art Gallery
7. Examine the Whale Bones Museum exhibits
6. Rent a kayak and get out on the water
5. Charter Fishing - includes fishing, sightseeing & whale watching
4. Tide Rip Tours - grizzly or black bear tours
3. Dine at the Killer Whale Café & the Old Saltery Pub
2. Go whale watching with Stubbs Island Whale Watching
1. Catch a Salmon!

