

BOARDWALK NEWS

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Smile of the Week

Our very own Zach Pashley, gas dock attendant and "gopher" for Mrs. P, has a wonderful smile. The young ladies at the Cove certainly think so too.



The Catch of the Day!

A big surprise at the end of the line

Cush Cushman, a ninety-two year old visitor from Nanoose BC, and Dave Sims from Boise Idaho, were out fishing with their guide, Gordie Graham. Cush hooked a big Spring; it had to be 30 pounds or more, and had played it up to the boat. He was just getting ready to net

the salmon when a very large seal came up under the boat and took off with the fish. After much tugging between the two parties, the seal came out the winner and it headed into the kelp beds with its catch. That ended the ordeal, but you wouldn't want to hear what Cush's opinion was about the seal!

Fishing Report

August 21, 2002

There are still lots of big springs being caught in the early morning hours at Malcolm Island and Swanson Island. Double Bay has produced well also. A few marked coho are being brought in but almost all the real big coho are unmarked. The best spring catches this week were caught on anchovies, multi coloured hoochies, yellow-white-and-silver Coyote spoons trolled in the 50 to 80 foot range. Red or green Hot Spot flashers seem to be the favourite among the anglers.

The season isn't over yet, there has been a remarkable number of springs brought to our scales that have made a big splash on our "brag board", weighting in at over 40 pounds!

are varieties of other sea mammals and birds to enjoy as well. Don't be surprised to see the occasional humpback whale, minke whale, Dall's porpoise, Pacific white-sides dolphin and harbour seal. The bird life is truly amazing as well when you can spot such an array as Bald Eagles, Bonapart's Bulls, Rhinoceros Auklets, Black Turnstones, Common Murres, and Phalaropes.

Your tour boat captain, Wayne Garton, could not believe his luck when he piloted his vessel into the midst of the giant gathering of orcas. "It doesn't get any better than this," he said. Then he continued with, "Some of the very best vocalizations I've ever heard."



Test Yourself

How is Your Knowledge of the North Island?

1. What is a Humpy?
2. What is the name of the trees with the long spire tops with no branches that we see all over the North Island?
3. How many feet change would Telegraph Cove experience in an extreme tide change?
4. On the bank below the Graham house are purple and white flowers. What are they called? Did you know that the drug digitalis is extracted from these? It is used in heart treatment.
5. What is a culturally modified tree?
6. As you drive by the Canfor dryland sort you see a large saddle shaped landmark-mountain to the north. What is its name?

Whale Watching Report...

The whales in our local waters are really putting on a show for the tourists this time of year. You can't possibly go away disappointed on days like these when you set out on the waters on either the Lukwa or the Gikumi you will be in for a big thrill when a "super pod" of orcas surfaces around your viewing platform on the Stubbs Island Whale Watching tour.

Can you believe, not one but SEVEN pods of killer whales had been sighted on one day's outing, August 20. In total, there were 40 to 60 whales observed breaching, foraging, spy hopping and tail lobbing for the enjoyment of the spectators.

When you go on one of these cruises you not only see the killer whales, but there

7. When you look out from the docks at Telegraph Cove towards the low islands to the north, how deep do you think the water is?

Gordie Graham presented the cheque to Ray Bentley. Ray has laboured for many years to improve our fish stocks, ensuring that they will return to their native streams.



Salmon Enhancement Receives Funds from Telegraph Cove

As a direct result of the Salmon Derby, held at Telegraph Cove Resorts on August 4th, the organizers of the event were pleased to contribute \$5000 to aid in the salmon enhancement program on Northern Vancouver Island. At the close of the derby, over 140 entries had enjoyed a successful event and some went home with excellent prizes from the local sponsors. The entry fees all went towards the funding donation that Telegraph Cove was able to raise for the salmon enhancement program. It was a great pleasure to call upon Ray Bentley and to present the North Island Chinook Club with a healthy donation to help ensure the future growth of the Island's fish stocks.



FISHFUL THINKING by Kelley Evans

On this early morning
We slowly look around
Nothing but water for miles
And fishing boats to be found

Everything is quiet
And all is at ease
No angry yells, no car alarms
Nothing here but peace

The only sounds to hear
Are the motors purring softly
Working hard as we troll along
And drink our hot black coffee

Everyone with the same goal
To have a successful day
To reach the docks full of pride
And hear all the others say

“That’s a nice one!”, “Where’d you get it?”
“What’d you use?” and “How deep?”
And to simply smile and say
“Those are my secrets to keep”

So we continue to troll along
With this in all our thoughts
Still trying for the big one
To be put safely in our box

Here are the answers to the questions:

1. Mature pink salmon.
2. Cedar trees.
3. Eighteen feet between low and high tide.
4. Foxgloves.
5. Old cedar trees stripped of bark or have had planks removed by native ancestors many years ago.
6. Mount Stephens.
7. The water can be over 1000 feet deep.

Don't walk by Mrs. P's Store, at the end of the Boardwalk, without stopping in to say Good Day! She keeps her store well stocked with souvenirs, clothing, and film... most of your holiday travel needs.

Try the BBQ While You Are at Telegraph Cove

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday Evenings

You should savour a tasty meal of an Alder smoked salmon barbecue, prepared by our knowledgeable and talented chef, Gordie Graham.

In the month of August, you can see Gordie perform at the barbecue and you will smell the mouth-watering aroma of succulent salmon sizzling over the Alder fire. His secret recipe has been a summer time favourite that visitors rave about when they recollect their trip to the Cove. Don't miss it! Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday starting at 4:30 p.m.



Knights Inlet - August 8th

Howard Pattinson, of Tide Rip Tours, relates a story of the early return of the pink salmon to Knights Inlet.

"I was in the creek in chest waders, dragging my water taxi up the mud flats when I looked up to see the first signs of the pink salmon running up the ripples of the low tide rapids.

I turned around to quietly whisper to my guest in the boat to get their attention and to look at the salmon. They were excited also, as they replied to me,

"Look at the bears!" Two grizzlies came charging around the corner of the riverbank to pounce on the salmon in the stream. The guests were thrilled at how close the bears were. And Howard was frantically pushing the water taxi back against the rising tide.

The pink salmon have arrived! The bears are happily catching and eating all the fish they can and are growing fatter by the day."

Have You Enjoyed Your Visit with Us?

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Take a moment to drop by our Resort office, at the beginning of the Boardwalk, to comment on your visit to Telegraph Cove. Our friendly staff would be happy to answer any more questions you may have about our area.

If you would like to extend your visit, you should ask about renting one of our guest cabins on the Boardwalk. There is a variety to choose from, suiting the needs of large and small groups. The wooded campgrounds are also very amicable and affordable. Call the office staff for more information.