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HUGE SUCCESS - Annual Salmon Enhancement Derby Weekend

To celebrate Telegraph Cove Resort's 25th Anniversary, it is fitting that the most successful Derby Weekend that we have ever had took place over the BC Day long weekend.

This year's event even surpassed the record breaking numbers from last year's whopping success. Registrations for the fishing derby day were an amazing 214 participants. The 50/50 draws, prize auction, salmon barbecue, and numerous donations all went together this year to amass a grand total of \$10,000 which will go towards the Kokish River Salmon Enhancement project in our area.

BOARDWALK NEWS

Ray Bentley, on behalf of the Kokish River Project, will be presented with this sizeable donation during the month of August to enable the good work of many hardworking volunteers to carry on for one more year.

The derby day was beautiful and warm, dozens of boats came and went from the marina all day long and the official weighing station was inundated with salmon, halibut, ling cod, and other varieties of marine life. Above all, everyone had a fantastic time on the water. Afterwards, at the award winning potluck barbecue, all the victorious anglers were presented with their prizes.



Come to think of it, where else in this world can you pay \$10, fish to your hearts content on the gorgeous blue waters of Johnstone Strait, reel in a generous sized fish, and finally sit at a feast fit for a king or queen along with three or four hundred of your best friends? Only at Telegraph Cove.

We cannot forget to mention that Adele and Andy Balmy were instrumental in organizing and collecting the prizes which were donated by the local area merchants of Port McNeill. The success of this event was largely due to this couple's colossal effort to get the word out to the people on the North Island about the weekend derby and then take the initiative to round-up the tremendous prizes that were displayed at the potluck for our lucky anglers to choose from.

The Derby Winners:

*Don Arkel – 39 lb Chinook
Phillip Ryan – 16½ lb Ling Cod
Zak Adams – 25 lb Spring*

Don Arkel is a local fisherman from Port McNeill and he has fished in the derby for several years and brought in the largest fish this year. Phillip Ryan of Port Hardy proudly weighed in the largest bottom fish caught in the derby. Zak Adams from Vernon BC, showed off his top fish in the youth fisherman category. Congratulations to all the entries!

Of course the festivities would not be complete without the big Craft Fair, which preceded the Sunday derby. On July 31, over 30 arts and craft tables were setup on the boardwalk, much to the delight of all the visitors out for a stroll on such a beautiful Saturday morning. This year the curators of the Whale Bones Museum also got involved with the vendors and had a hot dog sale, which went to raise money for further work and expansion of the museum at Telegraph Cove.

FISHERIES NOTICE

*Notice to Recreational Salmon Fishers
Lewis Point to Telegraph Cove
Effective August 14 to October 31 the daily limit for sport caught Coho salmon in Area 12-4 is two (2) of which one (1) may be unmarked.*

McNeill Bay

During the same dates as above, the daily limit for sport caught Coho salmon in Area 12-19 is two (2) of which one (1) may be unmarked.

As of June 3, 2004, Canadians can be issued a BC Tidal waters sport fishing license through a secure website. This can be done at:

www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/recfish

Kayak Rentals AT TELEGRAPH COVE RESORT

North Island Kayak offers a full range of guided trips, instruction and rentals, from serene & scenic paddles for the novice to the more adventurous thrills of a big expedition!

No experience is needed for our guided activities!

We offer a full selection of kayaks and outdoor gear and accessories for sale in our shops.

Telegraph Cove Kayak Rentals - we are the only outfitter located right in Telegraph Cove. Ocean Kayaking is one of the most pleasurable ways to explore and the waters surrounding Northern Vancouver Island and Telegraph Cove offer some of the most scenic exploring, whale watching, and wild life viewing in the world.



GRIZZLY BEAR ADVENTURES FROM THE COVE

www.tiderip.com/grizzlytour.html

Tide Rip Tours have established themselves at Telegraph Cove to present the realm of the Grizzly Bear! Enjoy the majesty of the snow-capped coastal mountains as we explore spectacular Knight Inlet to find grizzly bears in the spring. As the snows melt, both black and grizzly bears emerge from their hibernation dens on the mountain slopes. They

make their way down to feed on the spring sedge grasses in the river lowlands.

About August 15 to August 24 the salmon start arriving. The bears are chasing the fish around in the low tide pools at the river mouth.... Lots of fun for everyone!

Boat tours will continue in the fall until about Sept 15th. We watch the bears eat salmon carcasses and rice root in the estuary at low tide. Then we drift up the river into the West Coast rainforest as the tide rises, to spot bears feasting on salmon along the riverside. Bald eagles are everywhere.



PHEW! SEA SOIL!

What is Sea Soil All About?

A traveler to Telegraph Cove cannot help but notice the smell that wafts through the air on a hot sunny day when you stop and before turning left off the paved section of road in the direction of Beaver Cove. What you smell is a strong brew being cooked up on the huge mounds made up of forest fines from logging sorts and fish remains from fish processing plants on the north island.

The Sea Soil operation at Beaver Cove is a locally owned and operated business run by a family that is dedicated to the sustainable future of the environment by providing an environmentally responsible

method of disposal for both logging and fishing waste build-up.

Just a few of the benefits of this product are:

- 100% Organic
- Made only with Fish and Forest fines
- Canadian made in Port McNeill, BC

- Disposes of two waste products (fish: typically flushed into the ocean, forest fines: burned or land filled) Sea Soil is a value-added product for the fishing and forest industries.
- Disposes of two waste products
- Establishes plant cover on any slope or surface
- Increases water holding capacity
- Promotes rapid growth
- Retards weed growth and is weed free
- Creates slope stability
- Adds organic bulk
- Contains no sewer sludge or other organic products
- PH 6
- Increases soil fertility
- Chemical Free
- Low in Salts
- Adds beneficial bacteria
- Attracts earthworms, ladybugs, bees, etc to your yard
- Can be spread on lawns to replace the use of fertilizers
- Can be purchased at many retailers, including; Shop Rite Stores, Home Depot, Canadian Tire, Home Hardware, and numerous garden centres on Vancouver Island, BC, Alberta, and Manitoba
- It gives you the best greenhouse in the neighbourhood!

