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HOW ABOUT A FISHING CHARTER?

Have you ever thought about going on a fishing charter?

Salmon fishing is not just about catching fish – it’s beautiful scenery, early mornings when everything natural is at its best and most of all having fun whether you catch a salmon or not.

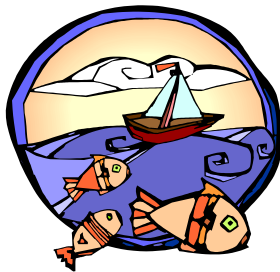
Our guides will entertain you, answer your questions about our area and will do their best to get you hooked onto a very large salmon.

You don’t need to be experienced; we hardly ever have rough water and many of our guests that have never fished before have caught salmon 20, 30 and even 40 pounds on their first venture onto the water!

BOARDWALK NEWS

If you want to keep your catch, we’ll freeze it for you and help you with getting it home or processed and then shipped home. On the other hand, you can have the thrill of catching a large salmon and then releasing it to continue on the journey to its spawning river.

Salmon fishing is part of the fabric of the West Coast life. Talk to one of our guides or our office staff if you are interested in going out for a day on the water.



FISHING REPORT

The Ones That Didn’t Get Away

This month is going to be another fantastic month for big fish weighed in by our guests at Telegraph Cove and we are pleased to present two more monster fish to brag about!

Mrs. Pfister (Switzerland): 35 lb. Spring caught at Lizard Point, July 9th

Mr. Bill Aho (Connecticut): 34-1/2 lb. Spring caught at Malcolm Island, July 2nd

Fishing Facts

The best local fishing occurs in the early morning hours off Malcolm Island and at Baronet Pass on the afternoon flood tide.

Most of the large salmon are being caught with anchovies in a chartreuse holder, as well as with 5” lime green and white Coyote North Shore lures.

CURRIED HALIBUT

This is the Graham family’s favourite way to prepare and enjoy halibut.

Cut fillet of halibut into one-inch slices. Coat both sides with a mixture of mayonnaise and curry powder to your individual taste. The mixture can be quite strong. Place coated fillets in a glass ovenproof baking dish and spread excess mayonnaise mixture over the fillets. Cover halibut with tomato slices and grated cheddar cheese. Bake in preheated 350° oven for 30 minutes. Serve with saffron rice.



FOOT PASSENGER FERRY SERVICE

A convenient and direct transportation service is back for another year starting June 26 to September 26. The ferry will provide a link for the communities and tourists traveling from Telegraph Cove to Alert Bay and also making a scheduled stop in Alder Bay and Hidden Cove each day.

Four round-trip runs start from Alert Bay to Telegraph Cove at 10 a.m.; departures from Telegraph Cove to Alert Bay sail at 10:30 a.m., and tickets are \$25 for the return trip. Further information and bookings can be made at 974-5225.

TELEGRAPH COVE GENERAL STORE

Fishing tackle and bait can be purchased in Telegraph Cove at the General Store; located in next to the office and close to the launching ramp. Open 8 am to 8 pm daily during the summer season.



GIANT SQUID!

Washes Ashore in Beaver Cove

You may remember the movie 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea and the squid-attacks-the-submarine scene. Or how about the book, Beast by Peter Benchley, that painted the picture of a 100-foot squid gobbling up tourists in Bermuda? Both of these scenarios are completely ridiculous, and very good examples of how Hollywood often tries to fill in the blanks if there is something the least bit mysterious. It was a very strange sight that appeared on the shore in Beaver Cove in early July when the body of a Giant Squid was discovered laying on the rocks! It was estimated to be 10 feet long and weighing over 80 pounds!



This squid would be considered an “adolescent” animal when compared to other Giant Squid specimens that can average from 19.7 to 42.7 feet in length, and weigh in at an average 110-661 pounds. What has been the largest recorded ever found? One that measured an incredible 59.5 feet and weighed 1 ton!

The giant squid is found in the North Pacific Ocean, the Bering Sea and the Gulf of Alaska.

These squids have a beak-like mouth with two long tentacles used to catch prey, and bring it into the mouth. These giant squids also have the largest eyes out of any animal in the world. The eyes of the giant squid can be as big as a human's head. Most deep-sea animals have very large eyes so they can gather the small amounts of light that are available in the deep depths of the ocean. They might even be able to see bioluminescent light. They can change colors using mimicry and camouflage with bursts of color. The squids use jet propulsion to move through the water. The main predators of these giant squids are larger whales that inhabit the ocean.

DAY TRIPS TO EXPLORE DURING YOUR STAY

While you are here in Telegraph Cove and you wish to see even more of what the North Island has to offer, try some of these suggestions; different day or part-day trips from Telegraph Cove.

Alert Bay – Take the new foot ferry to “The Bay” and enjoy the West Coast native culture at the U’Mista Cultural Centre and the Longhouse. Enquire at the front desk for the schedule.

Take a drive to Port Alice on the west coast of the island. The road to Port Alice is a scenic trip with lakes and the beautiful Marble River along the way. If you are a hiker or mountain biker, take the river trail to Bear Falls. Follow the signs when you cross the Marble River.

Port Alice is a pretty town on Quatsino Sound. As you come into Port Alice you may want to stop for a bite to eat and the Victorian Restaurant always has good food. The Seawalk that ambles through town is a great place to get out and stretch your legs. If you are feeling adventurous, ask at the Village office how to get to Victoria Lake and Spruce Bay, where you will find a large grove of Sitka Spruce trees – some as big as 16 feet in diameter and 300 feet tall!

Heading back towards the east side of the island you can explore the Tex Lyon Trail, which is located at Beaver Harbour close to the Port Hardy Airport. Follow the airport signs and then turn towards Beaver Harbour. The trail starts at the end of Beaver Harbour Road. There is also a fabulous stretch of beach here called Storeys Beach.

In this area too is the Copper Maker Gallery at Fort Rupert. Here you will see carvers creating everything from full sized totem poles to masks and ornate jewelry.

Malcolm Island and the little community of Sointula is a great retreat for spending a relaxing day away from the frenzied world. To get there, take the BC Ferry from Port

McNeill. Malcolm is the large island with great scenery at Pultney Point lighthouse and at Bere Point camp ground where you can look out across Queen Charlotte Strait and the Coast Mountains. Often, during the summer months, while the Killer Whales are in the area the Malcolm Islanders have hurried to Bere Point to watch the whales rubbing themselves on the rocky beach.

There are so many beautiful natural areas on the North Island. We hope you will visit them during your stay. If you have a special interest and would like to know more detail, just ask us. We will try our best to help plan your excursion.

ONE THAT NEARLY GOT AWAY

A Fishing Story With A Crazy Ending

Mr. Bill Aho, 86-year-old gent from Connecticut, had a great day out on the water with his guide Gordie Graham on July 2, 2004. They had just come back from a successful morning at Malcolm Island and Mr. Aho was very proud of his 34-1/2 pound Spring salmon. As the fishermen were pulling into the dock to berth the boat an awful thing happened; Mr. Aho with his trophy fish in his hands lost his footing while standing at the back of Gordie's boat and within a split second he had fallen overboard – fish and all! Gordie instinctively grabbed for the man's arm and brought him back to the safety of the boat deck, soaking wet but not hurt. As luck would have it, the tide was not high and the prize fish was not too difficult to snag. A happy ending to an eventful day as both fisherman and fish had to be landed at the dock!

