

# BRITISH COLUMBIA FISHING EQUIPMENT GUIDE



## Equipment Guide 2012/13

The following information is designed as a guide to aid you, should you wish to bring your own equipment.

### **Fly Fishing:**

**Rods:** 8 to 10 weight rods are ideal. Both single-handed and double-handed rods are used on the Skeena and its tributaries so bring both if you can.

**Reels:** Large arbor reels with at least 200 yards of 30lb-50lb backing. Sealed, strong drag disks are preferred. Nautilus and Abel-type drag disks work well on the big fish we target.

**Line:** Floating line main body

**Leaders/Tippet:** T14 or T17 sink tips, 10-20lb tippet (up to 25lb for Chinook Salmon)

**Flies:** A number of patterns and colours work well for Steelhead and Salmon, such as:

Intruders

Egg Sucking Leeches

Teeny Nymphs

A range of fly sizes from size 8 to 2/0 should suffice but make sure that the hooks are very tough and not the flimsy, cheap type as they will get bent straight - you have been warned!

## **Spinning:**

**Rods:** We recommend spinning rods suitable for 15-40lb fish.

**Line:** 20lb test tippet onto 40lb to 60lb braid is ideal.

**Terminal tackle:** Spoons, Spinners and Jigs all work well. Copper colours always deliver. Also, Rapala-type lures consistently take large fish dependant on the river. Don't forget to bring strong swivels as we have seen a number break on big fish over the years. Please check all split-rings before commencing to fish as these can be a large weakness in more spinning gear setups.

**NB:** For anglers that do not have suitable fishing rods, tackle or just do not wish to bring them along, we can supply any equipment that you may require.

## **Waders:**

The use of chest waders (breathable) for fly fishing is recommended. For conventional bank fishing a pair of rubber boots are adequate. If you would like to have a pair of hip-boots on loan from the lodge please let us know your size in advance. Please note that cleats or studs are not allowed in the boats, so these should be removed or boot covers should be worn when in the boats.

## **Clothing:**

Warm clothing is recommended as even in the summer temperatures can be variable. Layers are good as you can add or remove accordingly. Please ensure you have appropriate wet weather gear i.e. a waterproof coat and trousers (if you are not wearing chest waders or hip boots). Thermal compression clothing is a good way to stay warm as even the best waders sap the heat out of you after 8 hours standing in the fresh mountain water run-off that makes the Skeena so powerful.

## **Other Useful Items:**

Polarised Glasses should be worn when fly fishing. A decent (ideally waterproof) camera, sunscreen and insect repellent are all useful items too.

Please note that the entire Skeena River system including all tributaries are single hook, barbless fisheries and that under no circumstances should any double or treble hooked flies/lures be brought with you.

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