

# FISHING

## North of the 49th By Rick Grange

The June weather in the Charlottes has been just that this past week — typical June — with strong winds and unsettled seas, followed by sunny skies and the water like glass.

For anglers, the Chinooks caught continue to average 18-25 pounds. Around Langara Island, the past few days have seen more fish and consequently more angling action. A major run of Chinook was in the area and four Tyees were landed including the largest Chinook on Langara to date this year at 49 pounds.

This past week's catch has seen a 27 percent increase in both caught and released Springs over the previous week. Coho Point and Dibrell Bay are the right areas to fish with some action found between Pillar Bay and Pillar Rock.

Some guides are trying Clendon Stewart chrome/brass 5 Ω lures but herring still predominates. Langara Island continues to prove that there is no other fishery on the coast that can compare. Every guest left with a "perma grin" on his face, especially those staying at the West Coast Fishing Club's "Clubhouse" which hosted David Hawksworth, Executive Chef with Vancouver's Restaurant of the Year, "West." Chef Hawksworth visited the Clubhouse and enjoyed the great fishing while all guests enjoyed his fabulous cuisine. Farther south on Graham Island, the catches of the week include a 50-pound Chinook and a season record thus far for a halibut at a whopping 163 pounds. Around the west coast of Graham Island the bites are slower and fish are smaller than usual for this time of year. However we're just waiting for the tidal wave of giants to hit. The conditions are right — small tides, lots of bait — it's only a matter of time!

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