

# ***Rivers Inlet Sportsman's Club***

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Fly-in Trophy Salmon & Halibut Fishing Lodge on the Beautiful Central Coast of British Columbia, Canada.

Situated at the Pacific Ocean end of the 35 miles long Rivers Inlet.

Near "The Wall" where salmon from all over the N. Pacific river systems come to rest and feed from June to September.

We are "The Blue Boats".

**Owned and operated by the Kelly Family since 1984**

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Please read the information in this package and share it with your trip companion(s).

Read about: Where we are, how to get to Rivers Inlet, where to stay in Vancouver, parking, package details, fishing regulations, licenses, fish care, lodge procedures and facilities, what to bring with you and how to stay within the required baggage limit of 25 lbs (including carry-on).

Any questions? Please do not hesitate to send an email or call us. *Barbara, Simon & Cathy*

# *Fishing & Fishing Regulations*

## Guiding:

Our trips are guided and/or unguided. You may pre-book a guide for an additional charge. Call Simon to book a guide at 1 (800) 663 2644 or e-mail: [riversinlet@hotmail.com](mailto:riversinlet@hotmail.com)

## Salmon:

Our **salmon catch possession limits** in 2009 were as follows: 2 chinook (king) salmon per day (4 possession maximum), 4 coho (silver) salmon per day (8 max), plus other salmon (pink, chum) with a **total salmon possession limit of 8**. We have had a possession limit of eight salmon since we opened in 1984. There is unlimited catch & release of salmon.

## Halibut & Bottom Fish:

The halibut possession limit in 2009 was two. Bottom fish such as ling cod, red snapper (yellow-eyed rockfish) and rock cod limits remain generous. We encourage conservation of these species at all times. **Bottom fish do not survive catch and release.**

## License & Salmon Stamp:

Canadian Government fishing licenses and stamps are available at the lodge. Residents of Canada will pay a total of approximately \$30 Cdn. (subject to change). Non-residents of Canada will pay approximately \$40 U.S. for license/stamp (subject to change). **We are unable to accept credit card payments for the licenses/salmon stamps.**

## Hatchery News:

We are very proud of our hatchery which is owned and operated by the lodges in the Rivers Inlet/Hakai area. After over 20 years of hard work, we are re-known for having the most successful privately owned hatchery for trophy salmon on the coast of British Columbia. To date, the hatchery has collected several million chinook (king/spring & coho/silver) salmon eggs and released over 2 million fry and smolts into the Rivers Inlet rivers and lakes.

## **Whale Watching and the Species at Risk Act:**

BOATERS are required under the Canadian Fisheries and Oceans guidelines to reduce vessel speed to less than seven knots while within 400 metres of the nearest whale.

## ***Trip Payment & Pre-Registration***

During the winter and spring months, Barbara & Cathy take care of the accounts/sales and marketing in Calgary, Alberta and Campbell River, B.C. Simon attends to the sales & marketing out of Whistler, British Columbia, and is at the fishing lodge in the summer.

Barbara & Cathy would be grateful for your prompt attention to **deposits (due on booking)** and **final payments (due 90 days prior to trip)**. To avoid disappointment, book your **guiding** at the same time as your trip. We prefer a check for final payment.

**Deposit:** A non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 per trip confirms your booking.

**Final payment:** Final payment is due 90 days before your trip. Rivers Inlet Sportsman's Club reserves the right to cancel your booking when final payment is not received on time.

**Cancellations:** The normal procedure is for the guest to find a replacement(s). In exceptional circumstances where this is not possible, we make every effort to re-sell your trip. If the trip is re-sold, you may transfer your original booking to another date, or request a refund (deposits are not refunded). There are no refunds on cancelled trips that are not re-sold.

**Major credit cards and cheques** are accepted. **VISA and Mastercard** accept \$US, so the amount paid is the amount on the VISA and Mastercard credit card statement. Please note that \$US **American Express** has not yet relented to accept US dollars from a Canadian merchant. Conversions are made from \$US to \$Cdn and back again! This can result in the US guest's amount paid credit card statement not being the same as the original payment to us.

**Payments, Courier items and Pre-registration forms** should be sent to:

**Cathy Drew, 173 Lennea Place, Campbell River, B.C., Canada V9H 1G7**

**Pre-registration forms** are needed for all guests prior to arrival at the lodge. These forms are the basis for our charter flight manifests & should be in our hands before guests arrive on the dock. Also, we use these forms for fishing license preparation before you arrive. This form can be completed on our website under Guest Registration. Your health is important to us, so please fill out the part of the form which relates to food allergies & health problems. We like to celebrate anniversaries, birthdays & etc., so don't forget to inform us of special occasions.

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NO FAX at lodge NO CELL at lodge (bring your charger)

There is wireless Internet access all over the lodge, so bring your laptop.

**IMPORTANT - ALL PLUGGED-IN LAPTOPS MUST NOT BE LEFT UNATTENDED**

## ***Travel: To and from Vancouver***

### **DOCUMENTATION:**

For U.S. & international guests, our understanding is a **passport is now required**. **Please check with your local government agency for updates and restrictions that may affect your travel to and from Canada.** Please arrive at the airport or border crossing early.

### **AIR TRAVEL TO VANCOUVER:**

You will be flying to **VANCOUVER**, British Columbia. We recommend that you do not travel in and out of Vancouver on your fishing trip dates. You need to be at the Vancouver International Airport **SOUTH TERMINAL** by **NOON** on your departure day. Your departure on leaving Vancouver for home **should be no earlier than 8:30 p.m.** due to the possibility of weather, air traffic control, security delays & etc.

### **HOTEL BY THE AIRPORT:**

Do not rush your trip. Many returning guests to our lodge have found that it is much more enjoyable to come to Vancouver the day before the trip and to leave the day after. Some advantages free shuttle & freezing of catch at these hotels. Ask for Sportsman's Club rate!

**Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel:** [www.deltahotels.com](http://www.deltahotels.com)

Toll-free telephone 1 (866) 382 3474 (US access 1 800 268 1133)

**Fairmont Vancouver Airport Hotel:** [www.fairmont.com](http://www.fairmont.com)

Toll-free telephone 1 (877) 442 3474

**Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel:** [www.sheraton.com/vancouverairport](http://www.sheraton.com/vancouverairport)

Toll-free telephone 1 (800) 663 0299

### **GETTING TO THE SOUTH TERMINAL:**

**SOUTH TERMINAL** is a separate terminal from the International & Domestic. Pacific Coastal Airlines has a complimentary shuttle service to the South Terminal departing every 30 minutes from the Van. Airport arrivals level of both Domestic & International Terminals. There are courtesy phones in both locations or call (604) 273 8666 - use all ten digits for (604).

### **PARKING:**

There is pay parking at the South Terminal & the Park'n Fly, or **free parking** for guests of the **Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel**.

**PLEASE KEEP BAGGAGE (including carry-on) to 25 LBS**

# *Travel: Vancouver/Rivers Inlet*

**The flight to Rivers Inlet** is an important part of your adventure. In your excitement to start your fishing trip, don't forget to eat lunch. There is a restaurant at the **SOUTH TERMINAL** where you will depart for Port Hardy and on to Rivers Inlet.

**The planes leave Pacific Coastal Airlines, [www.pacific-coastal.com](http://www.pacific-coastal.com) (604) 273 8666, about one-o'clock** to take you on the 70 minutes flight to the northern end of Vancouver Island at Port Hardy; you will be given a boarding pass on check-in. If you are bringing your own plane to Port Hardy, contact Pacific Coastal Airlines in Port Hardy a (250) 949 6353.

**The second part of your journey** is a 25 minutes flight to the dock at the Rivers Inlet Sportsman's Club. This flight originates at the Port Hardy Airport. The total time of your journey from Vancouver to the Sportsman's Club is about two and a half hours (including time to change planes in Port Hardy).

## **RIVERS INLET FLIGHT:**

Our **charter** flights leave Vancouver International **SOUTH TERMINAL-Pacific Coastal Airlines**, in the Richmond area of Vancouver at **1 00 p.m.** on your arrival day (unless otherwise arranged). Please check-in with **Pacific Coastal Airlines** at the **South Terminal** by **noon** to receive your **boarding pass** & to pay the **Airport Improvement Fee** (approx \$5 Cdn.)

## **BAGGAGE: IMPORTANT!!!**

**To avoid excess baggage charges, please keep baggage (including carry-on) to a MAXIMUM of 25 lbs.** Bring a **soft-sided bag** (NO LARGE SUITCASES). It is difficult to load large, hard-sided suitcases into the floatplanes. If you are staying at a Vancouver hotel, you may want to leave luggage there that you do not need at the fishing lodge. Do not bring raingear unless you are very large or very small. Warm clothing is a must on the water, but you may need lighter clothing when you are on the dock or beach where you will be sheltered from the offshore winds.

## **PLANE TICKET:**

**You will not need a plane ticket** because your name will be on the manifest list of passengers for the charter flights (if we receive your pre-registration information).

## **DEPARTURE FROM THE LODGE:**

**On your departure from the lodge** on Thursday or Sunday, the planes leave for Port Hardy and on to Vancouver between 3 30 and 4 00 p.m. The planes may be delayed by weather or unforeseen problems. The scheduled arrival time back to the South Terminal in Vancouver is about 7 00 p.m. **Leave at least two hours to connect planes.** Many guests choose to avoid the rush and possible security delays and go home the next day. The Delta & Fairmont Vancouver Airport Hotels have excellent facilities to keep your fish frozen at no extra charge.

# ***LODGE PROCEDURES & FACILITIES:***

## **ARRIVAL:**

The plane from Port Hardy will land on the water outside Sportsman's Bay and taxi to the dock. The staff will welcome you on the dock before you proceed to registration in the lounge. This is where you will find tea, coffee and complimentary cold beverages (including beer).

## **REGISTRATION:**

The guest services personnel will check your pre-registration form & check liquor orders (wine, beer & etc.) before you are shown to your double occupancy room (triple available on request). During registration, snacks are available outside the lounge.

## **FISHING LICENSE & CONSERVATION STAMP:**

You are obliged by Fisheries & Oceans Canada to have a current saltwater fishing license and annual conservation stamp (available at the lodge). This must be with you when you are fishing & when in possession of sport-caught fish. Immediately after you catch a chinook/king salmon or ling cod record it in pen on your license.

## **SAFETY & FISHING CLINIC:**

After registration, there will be an extensive fishing & safety clinic. To satisfy the Canadian Government's recent **Boating Rules & Regulations**, and for a successful fishing adventure at Rivers Inlet, you are encouraged to participate in this clinic. Boats may not leave the dock until this seminar is over. Youths under 16 years may not operate a boat alone.

## **MEALS:**

After the fishing and safety clinic, dinner will be served in the dining room. All our meals are buffet style and you may sit where you please.

## **FACILITIES:**

En-suites are now located in each room. Bathrooms have electric plug-ins. We provide hair dryers. Heat for the water is from propane heaters. We have two generators for electricity.

## **WATER:**

The fresh water at the lodge is known as Canadian Moor Water and it is an amber color. The water is good to drink, and we have clear, mountain water too. We supply a souvenir water container, but you may like to bring your for drinking water in the boat.

## **BOATS & BOAT TRAVEL:**

The boats in our fleet are known as "Stingers". They have been built for us in Campbell River, B.C. with 7 hand-laid layers of fibreglass. There are compartments for storage as well as for the bait and catch. Please be sure **not to take the boats to shore**. Do not wander off between the islands unless you consult with our crew about the location of rocks under the water. If you hit an object in the water, please tell us so that we can check the boat and engine. For your safety, and that of the boat & motor, do not rev the engine to capacity. You'll need to watch for and avoid objects in the water.

## **ENGINES:**

The engines on our boats are 40 hp Yamaha Four Stroke. If you catch line in the propeller, please be sure to tell one of our crew so that damage to the engine can be avoided. Watch out for logs!

## **FISHING:**

For the duration of your trip you will have a **numbered boat** assigned to you. The boats are equipped with fishing gear, which is checked regularly by our crew. Also, your boat will be re-supplied and cleaned every time you return to the lodge. Don't forget to put your name on your fish. For your safety, wipe down the boat after landing a fish.

**Guides** (extra charge) are normally **pre-booked** and will be rotated between the guided guest boats. Guides are available between dawn and lunchtime, and from dinnertime to dusk.

Keep track of your fish. When you catch a chinook (spring/king), halibut or ling cod, you should mark your license noting the day and **Area 9**. Please be sure to write out a **tag with FULL NAME** & leave the tag with your fish in the fish tub (also instructions for cleaning such as head on/off, fillet etc.). You may want some fish processed by **St. Jean's Cannery**.

When there is enough daylight to see hazards in the water, you may go out to do as much or as little fishing as you like. Most guests come back to the lodge for meals, but we are happy to prepare packed lunches for you (order the night before or after breakfast).

## **PROCEDURES:**

The mornings are quite civilized. Wake-up calls are made to your cabin about half an hour before breakfast. Also, there are boat snacks and urns of coffee and hot chocolate.

**On your day of departure**, we have a time change. **All boats come in at 11 a.m.** Rooms are vacated before **lunch at 12 30 p.m.** & luggage deposited at the gift shop. Boats and rooms are then prepared for the incoming guests. Please tag your bag with an airline destination (usually Vancouver) and I.D. The planes are due to arrive around 3 30 p.m. The stub I.D. tag on your fish box will need to be torn off once your box appears on the dock from the flash freezers.

## **MEAL TIMES:**

Please inform us of your allergies, likes and dislikes

Breakfast - 5 30 a.m.

Lunch – 11 30 a.m. On departure day – 1 00 p.m.

Dinner - 5 30 p.m.

Hot snack - After evening fishing

## **SMOKING:**

All the buildings and decks are made of wood, so you are asked to please restrict your smoking to the areas outside the buildings. There is sawdust under many of the docks so please do not put cigarette/cigar butts between the deck planks, or leave burning materials unattended anywhere. Everyone's safety and comfort is important to all of us.

## **SOUVENIRS:**

Souvenirs are available in the Gift Shop/Office.

An assortment of hats, t-shirts, sweatshirts, vests and jackets with the Sportsman's Club logo are available at reasonable prices. We accept major credit cards – preferably VISA

## **GRATUITIES:**

All crew members share the gratuities which are around \$200 per guest.

## **CHECK-OUT DAY:**

Boats in by ELEVEN O'CLOCK  
Rooms vacated before lunch at 12 30 p.m.  
Luggage to the Gift Shop before 12 30 p.m. – inside when wet  
Planes arrive around 3 30 p.m. unless otherwise arranged

To avoid Departure Fees, keep your **Pacific Coastal Airlines Boarding Pass** in lieu of a plane ticket if you are flying out of Vancouver on the day of departure.

## **FISH CARE & PROCESSING:**

We will clean, wrap, & freeze your fish. You may want to have large fish cut into fillets (filleting is not available on departure day) or mounted by Eric Gander Taxidermist (N.B. When you send a trophy salmon to be mounted, it takes over a year to dry the skin). Your fish will be securely boxed in a waxed, airline approved box. Don't forget to pick-up your box of fish in Vancouver! We cannot be responsible for your fish once the box has left the lodge.

**Professional fish handlers have given us the following advice on fish care at home:**

Wrap frozen fish in a few layers of newspaper

OR

Re-wrap frozen fish after dipping in water and freezing (several times)

Salmon may be sent to **St. Jean's Cannery** for hot or cold (lox) smoking or processing into cans. One evening before dinner, we will give you a taste of all the kinds of processed salmon (compliments of St. Jean's). The fish will leave the lodge on the day of your departure and will be picked up by the St. Jean's personnel in Vancouver. To pay for the processing of the salmon, fill out an order form (include credit card information) the night before your departure. The processed fish will be sent to you in a few weeks. The least expensive way to have the canned fish sent to you is by Canada Post. Please direct all inquiries to St. Jean's.

**St Jean's Cannery Tel: (250) 754 2185 Fax: (250) 754 5923**

**E-mail: [stjeans@island.net](mailto:stjeans@island.net)**

**Website: [www.stjeans.com](http://www.stjeans.com)**

We look forward to greeting our guests on the dock at the Rivers Inlet Sportsman's Club

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