

# Black Gold Lodge

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## 2012 Season Newsletter

### December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Hello Everyone

We hope this finds everyone well.

This was a very challenging season at the Lodge, with many construction projects and when we opened it was with a new crew!

Everyone seemed to understand that the crew that had been with us for 5-6 years and had finished their schooling had to move on in their lives, BUT ALL AT ONCE ! This is what happens when a crew becomes like family and are reluctant to make the change.

Having said that, I feel we have what will prove to be a great crew, for years to come.

The changes after all was said and done, we are the **GREENEST, CLEANEST** Lodge in the area.

We spent hundreds of hours of back breaking work under buildings.

**WE ARE VERY PROUD** indeed of our accomplishments. We had great success with our Sewage treatment plant and after our inspection we were VERY HAPPY to have the Government Inspectors give us the thumbs up on our system.

We also installed an entire Water Purification Treatment System

This was a challenge but at the end of the day we have Crystal Clear GREAT tasting pure drinking water.

***Now let's talk FISHING !***

With the unseasonable hot weather things were a little different then other years. Areas fished had a change as well. The usual Chinook spots were not fished as much as most years? A lot of our guests instead wanted to travel and try different fishing spots.

This is the beauty of long term return guests, they feel confident with trying new areas.

Those that did fish the old reliable spots were as expected mostly successful.

The fish are in the same place BUT THE DOWN RIGGERS CAN'T GET TO THE ROCKS TO GET THEM.

Our very experienced fishers know this and make use of the extra space and freedom.

Remembering we truly HUNT for the Chinook!

Plying your way through rock shoals and tight to the Vertical shore lines will produce BIG Chinook. It always has.

The fact is the Wall and area has produced more Big Chinook then any other area at the mouth of Rivers Inlet.

Coho, now that's a different situation, they are where they are and they do move more readily than the Chinook. So looking for them is great fun and some far away places like Calvert Island produces a good abundance every season. I say Fish them both, do Calvert in the morning, weather and fog permitting and the Inlet in the afternoon /evening.

For those that want to catch a less than fully energized Salmon, we have the ability to fish the Head of Rivers Inlet. Any day our guests want to make the run we're happy to supply them with all the help we can.

Using good common sense a fisher can move and fish in many areas, remembering more travel means less fishing. At Black Gold we have two main concerns for our guests.

FIRST and Foremost is SAFETY

SECOND is for our guests to have a Great Fishing Holiday and we'll do what ever we can to make this come true.

### ***OUR LARGEST FISH OF THE SEASON WINNERS***



#### ***CHINOOK***

*Eric Ponomar with his 57 lb winner which was his first salmon ever! Great Job Eric. We had three 50+'s this year, two from the Wall and One from Rough's Bluff*



#### ***COHO***

*Shelly Saxton with her 18.4 lb. Winner. Brother Andrew Saxton, was on board to lend a helping hand in netting this great fish. We had two Coho over 18 lbs. this season both came from the mouth of the Inlet.*



#### ***HALIBUT***

*Steve Riggs with his 123 lb. Barn Door Winning Halibut. Steve's son Lucas also caught a 50 lb. beauty.*

### ***OUR GENERAL FREE TRIP GUEST DRAWS***

- *Jim Peplinski wins a Friday-Monday standard package Trip for our 2013 season.*
- *Fred Zisse wins a Friday-Monday standard package trip for our 2013 season.*

***Congratulations to all of the winners of a FREE Friday-Monday Standard Package trip back to the Lodge for 2013***

We are happy to announce Michael and his wife Jessica are pregnant with their first child our First Grandchild. He, yes it's a boy, is due January 23<sup>rd</sup>/2013.

Everyone of us at Black Gold would like to wish you and your families,  
A Very Happy and Safe Holiday Season and ALL the BEST ALWAYS but  
especially for 2013!

We look forward to seeing you next summer.

Kind Regards,  
Jim, Brenda, Michael & Jess, Tanya & Shane