

# Black Gold Lodge

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## 2017 Newsletter

### Season's Greetings

**We wish all of our past and future guests a very happy holiday season!**

2017 was a great season for large Chinook salmon, Fishing in general was good but the sizes of this year's Tye were exceptional! Our Tye count was far higher than in the past few seasons. We saw a lot of big heavy fish with four Tye going over 50 lbs. How many of these giant size Tye were lost? Who knows, but I can tell you I lost two. As most guests know, I don't spend very much time fishing; I never seem to get time. However once and a while I'll get out with a friend, this season I managed to get 2 1/2 days fishing. This meaning about 7 or 8 hours split A.M. and P.M. always a fun time. What was nice was to see I still had the touch. With my friend Craig we managed to connect on a few really big Tye, two of which we lost. Loosing the fish is not a big thing, rather getting them on the line is truly what it's all about. While motor mooching I've always done things the exact same way I've done my whole life, be it in Howe Sound, Active Pass, Campbell River or Rivers Inlet, and as I have not fished for two years, never wetting a line, It sure was nice to feel I can still hook them up like the old days. Some things never change. A boat is a boat and Salmon are no smarter now then they were 30 years ago.

So I'm not feeling too bad with loosing a few big guys. After all, it's called "fishing" not "landing." Truly it's a win-win situation we had the thrill of the hook up and the 40 -50 minute long fight, then the fish went on his way, never to feel the touch of a net or the feeling of being manhandled with flash bulbs going off. Well that's my 2017 fishing highlight. But the lodge highlight is many of our guests caught some great fish. Coho were not as abundant as the previous two seasons. They were the best we've ever recorded, 2015 and 2016 were exceptional seasons. However 2017 was every bit as good as most years.

We can pretty well tell when a commercial net or troll opening happens North of Rivers Inlet. Wait two or three days and fishing for Coho drops off. Thank goodness our D.F.O. ( Department Of Fisheries ) know this and limits openings to a short period.

Halibut were quite scarce this season whether this was due to the fact that our guests didn't target them as much or were there fewer of them this season? Not sure. We can only go by what hit the docks. I'm pretty sure it was lack of effort, it's always this way when salmon fishing is good, most guests prefer to target them.

The one thing new this past season was we had a shiny new incinerator, this beauty was a great addition to the lodge ! Not inexpensive but worth every penny, this unit not only burns the garbage but after that it re burns the smoke, a great piece of equipment that helps keep our environment in Rivers Inlet PURE !!

Looking forward to greeting our return and new guests to Black Gold Lodge in the 2018 season.

**WISHING ALL A VERY HAPPY Holiday Season and A Very Happy - Fishy  
NEW YEAR**