



**Black Gold Lodge**

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*Rivers Inlet BC Canada*

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Hello to all our guests and future guests,

Wishing all good health in these very challenging times.

Most of you know we had to postpone our 2020 season. Not completely due to Covid 19, as we were ready for our opening, with all the required equipment and ready to comply with all Gov. recommendations to keep you and our staff safe. Rather, my wife and partner Brenda had an untimely accident. She fell, rendering her left side totally unusable. After two surgeries and 5 months of rehab, Brenda is now walking on her own.

We were ready to GO! I had sent a container of supplies to the lodge, where it stays for winter storage. I came to the realization that it would be TOTALLY impossible to open and run the lodge with the uncertainty of whether our borders would be open or if other provinces could travel to BC and then Brenda not being able to be there, the decision was made. We contacted our guests and explained our situation. I must say all were very understanding.

As time went on I kept thinking of my supplies sitting at the lodge and knew I had to get up and unload the container. I tried a few times but was stopped due to Covid 19 restrictions and timing. On Aug. 10 we finally had things come together and I left with four other friends. On our arrival, Rob owner of Dawsons Landing was at my float to help land the plane. After greetings all round, Rob said "Jim the inlet is full of Chinooks 70 and 80 lbs." Rob was born and has lived in the Inlet his whole life. When he says, I've never seen it like this! One should listen !!

As it turned out the only fishers were tied up at his docks, these were local B.C. people, and were fishing the usual spots. One boat from Vancouver Island had caught and landed a 105.6 lb. Tyee, this was released ?? Hopefully living long enough to get to the spawning beds, as the area is full of seals and getting more each year. I don't agree with fishing for these fish while in their "nest" pairing up for the coming spawning activities. At any rate this Chinook Salmon would no doubt be the new world record of Chinook (King) Salmon caught on rod and reel in salt water. Congrats to the fisher It's nice to know the monster Tyee are still in great abundance, remembering these fish have to enter the inlet at the mouth in order to get to the head of the Inlet.

We are looking forward to the 2021 season and anticipating a great run of trophy Salmon. With a safe and effective vaccine on the horizon things, should be back to the new normal.

Have a Great Holiday Season and a Hopeful and Healthy NEW YEAR.

Very Best To All

Jim & Brenda