

# Fishing Journal

Information For The Serious Angler

by John Martinis

November 2016

## Fishing Dates

**These Seasons  
and Limits  
May Change**

### Area 7

**Nov 1-Nov 30**

**Closed**

**Dec 1-April 30**

**Daily limit one  
hatchery Chinook,  
release Coho**

### Area 8-1

**Nov 1-April 30**

**Daily limit one**

**Chinook, hatchery only,  
release Coho**

### Area 8-2

**Nov 1-April 30**

**Daily limit one**

**Chinook, hatchery only,  
release Coho**

### Area 9

**Nov 1-Nov 30**

**Daily limit one**

**Chinook, hatchery only,  
release Coho**

### Area 10

**Nov 1-Feb 28**

**Daily limit one**

**Chinook, hatchery only,  
release Coho**

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## Chinook Fishing Seminar November 4th, 7PM Bayside Marine 1111 Craftsman Way, Everett 98201

I will be having a Chinook Fishing Seminar November 4, 2016 at Bayside Marine. The Seminar starts at 7PM. My PowerPoint Chinook fishing presentation will include some very useful information on how to become a successful salmon angler. This seminar is for the most experienced salmon angler as well as the beginner. If you pick up just a single nugget of information at my seminar your time should be well worth attending this free seminar.

## Everett Blackmouth Derby November 5 and 6

**First Place \$4000**

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## TRAVEL EDITION ENGLEFIELD BAY

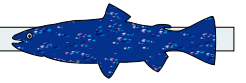
**The most incredible salmon  
fishing experience ever**

If you are like me, you might be planning a 2017 salmon, halibut lingcod adventure somewhere north of Washington State to either Canada or Alaska.

This year I fished at Sitka, Alaska and at the Queen Charlotte Islands in British Columbia. Both were memorable fishing trips. My trip to Englefield Bay at Haida Gwaii on the Queen Charlottes Island was the best salmon, lingcod halibut fishing trip that I have ever experienced. I thought this adventure last year (2015) was outstanding and that it could not get any better, but it was in 2016. What a treat and a wonderful surprise. Does this sound like something you are interested in doing? If the answer is yes, get your deposit in now because most everyone who went this year are returning in 2017.

The first day of the journey to Englefield Bay is a drive to Vancouver, BC. The price of the package includes an overnight stay at the River Rock Casino in Vancouver. The next morning transportation is provided to the Airport. When you envision airports, you think of long lines and security checks. None of that happens on this trip. The charter flight from Vancouver

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to Sandspit is at a small terminal where everything is simple, easy and geared toward destination fishing travel. You check your bag and get on the plane. It's that simple!

The charter flight which is included in the package price takes you on a 45 minute flight to Sandspit on Queen Charlotte Island. At Sandspit, there are helicopters waiting to fly you to the Englefield Bay Lodge. The chopper flight is nothing less than stunning. You will be flying through deep ravines that are some of the most picturesque places on this earth. This part of the trip is jaw dropping. This is even before you get a fishing rod in your hand out on the edges of the Pacific Ocean. That's just for starters and it only gets better from there.

The chopper lands at the lodge, not just at the lodge but on a heli-pad connected to the floating lodge. All the staff is lined up and ready to greet you and shake your hand as you get off the chopper. The staff is not just going through the motions; they are eagerly waiting to assist you and fish with you for the next few days. There is lunch and snacks waiting for you the minute you arrive. No lines to wait in or any other inconveniences. Boom. Eat your lunch. Your bags are waiting for you at your room by the time lunch is done. At this point the whole focus is to get you fed and to get you fishing as soon as possible.

Boats and fishing instructors are already assigned on a board. Look at the board, go downstairs and get your rain pants, boots and rain parkas on. Rain gear and boots are supplied for

you at the lodge. Don't bring your rain gear. The rain gear and boots are waiting for you in a well heated room and your name will be displayed next to your gear. Get your gear on and head out to your boat.

The boat is ready to go. A bait box full of brined herring, new hooks and leaders, rods, reels and everything else that you need to go fishing. Most of the fishing reels are Islander Reels and most of the rods are 10 foot Shimano Talora fishing rods. All the reels are filled with new line up to capacity. There is no scrimping on second class gear. All the gear is first rate. If you want to bring your own fishing tackle as I do, feel free to do so.

The Lodge is in a sheltered inlet twenty minutes from the ocean. Once you board your boat with your fishing partner, you head on out to the ocean to fish for salmon on the first day of fishing.

Tom Nelson and I were on the second plane from Vancouver this year, when we arrived at the Lodge people that were on the first plane had already caught their Chinook limits for that day. As we were getting ready to head out fishing I thought that we had already missed the "hot" bite. That's fishing? Not so much.

When Tom and his son Matt and I got out to the Ocean by the edge of the first reef, the Chinook were on a feeding frenzy. At first we would pull our gear in because one of us would be fighting a salmon. Then before long we just left all the gear in the water because it would be two fish at once just about every hook up. Always,

two Chinook on at a time and it never stopped until it was time to go in for the day. We caught quick limits of Chinook the first day after releasing many smaller 10-15lb Chinook that we did not want to bring home. Picture this: we left the lodge at 1 PM and we were back in time for dinner at the Lodge at 6 PM with full limits of 15 to 25-pound Chinook.

When we arrived back at the Lodge, the crew was there to assist us with our fish. If we wanted pictures, the dock crew laid the fish out or hung them on a scale for pictures. From there we never touched the fish again. The dock crew gathered all the fish and took them to another crew that cleaned, fillet, cut and vacuum packed all the fish. From there the fish are frozen. Because of the huge volume of fish, there is a crew that works all night preparing the fish while you are sleeping.

On day two Tom, Matt and I decided that we will catch as many of our Halibut, Ling Cod and Yellow Eye Rock Fish that we can legally take that day. Judging by the year before, I thought that we would fish for at least a half day or more. To my surprise, the fishing for all the bottom fish was as good as the salmon fishing. By noon we had three halibut, nine Lingcod and nine Yellow Eye Rock Fish. We had so many fish in the boat that we had to go back to the Lodge to unload our catch. The boat had no more capacity for any more fish. We probably had close to 300 pounds of fish in the boat. What a haul!

After we dropped off our fish and ate lunch we were primed for Chinook

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fishing. The Ocean was really rough that afternoon. There was a northerly wind blowing at least 20 miles per hour. Needless to say, the water was really sloppy on the way out to the fishing grounds. Even with a 20MPH Northerly wind, the Ocean is rough but you can get out and fish for salmon without feeling threatened. The fishing that afternoon was exactly like it was the day before and maybe even a notch or two better. The fishing was so good we could barely get two rods in the water at one time. This went on as long as we could fish since the wind was steadily building. The salmon fishing was so incredible that we hated to leave. Tom, Matt and I were the last boat on the water that day. Now it was decision time to either continue fishing or hope that the fishing would be this good for one last day. This caliber of Chinook fishing was pretty hard to leave because this day was a once in a life time salmon fishing experience.

At dinner after the second day of fishing, we were all hoping that the wind would lay down by morning and allow us a decent day on the water.

## **CATCH LIMITS TOTAL POSSESSION**

8 salmon, 2 halibut 6 lingcod, 6 red snapper

### **Daily Limits-based on 2-day limit**

2 Chinook, 2 Coho, 3 lingcod, 3 red snapper

The weather on the third day of fishing was windy but tolerable in the morning. Tom, Matt and I finished up our Chinook fishing with a couple fish in the mid-twenties. The wind completely dissipated by late morning

and now it was time to finish up with our Halibut, Ling Cod and Yellow Eye Rock fish. After two hours of sorting through Halibut and Ling Cod it was time to take a break from reeling in fish non-stop. There is a limit on how many times that you can let a line out to 200 to 250 feet of water and reel in fish. Before long we had our possession limit of all the white fish that we needed.

That's the fishing aspect of Englefield Bay. Now let's talk about the amenities of the Lodge. The food at the Lodge is 5 Star. Dinners will include steak or steak and lobster, fish or pasta. The meals are cooked to perfection just like they would be at the best restaurant in Seattle. Every morning there is fresh pastry, fresh baked cookies or brownies on the snack table. There is also fresh fruit every day. Even though the Lodge is in a very remote location there is always fresh fruit for breakfast and fresh vegetables at dinner. Lunches are made and ready to take to your boat in the morning. There is no waiting in line or any delays in the morning. Everything happens on time. If you have an issue with anything the problems are remedied immediately with no questions asked.

While you are out fishing on the Ocean and the bite is on, there is no going back to the lodge. A hot lunch is brought for everyone out to an area near the edge of the Ocean. You only have to go to the lunch boat to get your hot lunch if you choose to do so. The lunch boat will also pick up your fish and take the fish back to the Lodge for you. That's service!

At the conclusion of your stay at Englefield Bay Lodge, your fish will be boxed and ready to go. If the fishing is anything like it was during the last two years that I have been going, you should have two boxes with 50 pounds of filleted fish in both boxes for a total of 100 pounds of fish all vacuum packed and ready to be put in your freezer when you arrive home.

## **THIS IS WHAT THE PACKAGE INCLUDES**

1. Round Trip airfare from Vancouver BC to Sandspit via chartered jet
2. Helicopter flight from Sandspit, BC to Englefield Bay Lodge
3. Deluxe accommodations based on double occupancy
4. All chef prepared meals, snacks and soft beverages
5. Fully equipped 18-foot center console boat with 90 horsepower Mercury outboard motors, maps, vhf radio, electric downriggers
6. Dawn to dusk fishing includes 5 hours guided fishing instruction per full day
7. All-weather gear, boots, and personal flotation collars
8. Cleaning, vacuum packing, flash freezing and boxing of your catch

**You are invited to fish with Tom Nelson and John Martinis on the 2017 Father Day Trip on these dates: June 18 to June 21. The very special price for this trip is \$3095 USD. This is a special discounted price for this trip.**

**If you call or inquire about Englefield Bay Lodge make sure that you mention that you heard about the Lodge from John Martinis**

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