



# FISH TALES 2011

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Join us for an unforgettable adventure in Canada's remote Haida Gwaii ~ Queen Charlotte Islands. Experience the thrill of reeling in a mighty Pacific salmon or halibut. Witness spectacular wildlife in rare abundance. And enjoy it all in relaxing comfort with Langara Fishing Adventures.

LANGARA ISLAND

ALASKA

HAIDA GWAII

QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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CANADA  
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## WELCOME TO 2011

Our home at Langara Island is blessed with the most abundant salmon fishing on the West Coast. In 2010, our guests enjoyed a season of tremendous fishing, with both Chinook and Coho salmon found in strong numbers and sizes.

The outlook for the 2011 fishing season is very positive. According to Fisheries and Oceans Canada, this coming year should continue a trend of strong Pacific salmon stocks throughout Northern British Columbia, and Haida Gwaii in particular.

We're looking forward to sharing another season of great memories with both our new and returning guests.

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## LANGARA FISHING LODGE

### THE PIONEERS OF LANGARA ISLAND

A classic fishing lodge, featuring first-class service and cuisine. Nestled in a well-protected cove just minutes from the fishing grounds. Both guided and unguided fishing available.



## LANGARA ISLAND LODGE

### A LUXURIOUS ADVENTURE

Luxury lodge accommodations, gourmet cuisine and relaxing spa. Set atop a scenic bluff overlooking Langara's abundant waters. Offering guided fishing only.



## WORLD FAMOUS FISHING

The patient anticipation of the bite, the excitement of the setting hook, and the thrill of the ensuing fight.

There's no better fishing experience than hooking into an ocean-run Pacific salmon, and no better place to enjoy it than Langara Island. Our lodges are mere minutes from the fishing grounds, and despite being situated on the edge of the open Pacific, Langara's many protected bays and passages offer plenty of sheltered waters.

Chinook (15-70 pounds) and Coho (7-20 pounds) salmon are the star attractions here. Thousands of distinct runs of these fish visit our waters throughout the spring, summer and fall. Here they will gather to feed hungrily before continuing their migration to natal streams throughout BC and the US west coast.

The depths of our waters also play host to massive halibut, aggressive lingcod and countless other species ranging from rockfish to blue shark.

We do more than simply provide access to these abundant waters. Our goal is to ensure that all guests have the opportunity to experience the best fishing of their lives on a trip to Langara Island.



### WHY LANGARA ISLAND?

Langara Island plays host to a greater abundance of Chinook and Coho salmon than any other location on the West Coast of North America.

To learn why we so proudly claim to offer the world's best salmon fishing, visit <http://langara.com/why-langara>





## DISCOVER HAIDA GWAI

### HAIDA CULTURE

Immerse yourself in the mythical culture and natural beauty of the pristine Haida Gwaii Islands. Meaning "Islands of the People" in the native Haida language, this remote archipelago is home to one of the world's oldest and richest native cultures. At Langara Island, remains of ancient villages and totem poles still stand guard along nearby shores.

### SPECTACULAR WILDLIFE

As the centerpiece to one of the world's richest marine environments, nature is on display in rare abundance here. In fact, very few places on earth support a greater number and variety of living creatures than Langara Island. Rare is the trip that does not feature several sightings of both Humpback and Killer whales. Dolphins, porpoises, sea lions, black bears, Bald Eagles and countless other species of fish, birds and marine mammals, are also commonly seen.



### LANGARA FIELD GUIDE

Visit our interactive Field Guide for photos and information on over 50 different fish, mammals, birds and landmarks to be found at Langara Island. Start exploring at: <http://langara.com/field-guide>

### GOOD WORKS

Langara Fishing Adventures is dedicated to supporting the environments and communities in which we operate – from salmon and whale research at Langara Island, to scholarship and sports programs throughout Haida Gwaii. To learn more, visit: <http://langara.com/good-works>





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## GREAT FISH TALES FROM 2010

**1** We've been coming to Langara Fishing Lodge for over 20 years, on trips organized by our late great friend Bob Lim. Our annual trip to his favourite lodge is now held in his honour, and Bob's always with us in spirit when we're fishing at Langara -- never more so than with this catch, which we landed with Bob's own Islander reel.

- Steve Stuart, with Fred Hofman, Cam Cairns and Bob's favourite guide Laurie

**2** Every August for the past 25 years our father would disappear, returning a week later with a full beard and smelling of fish. Our weekend brunches always featured smoked and candied salmon, but where did it come from? Well, this year, we finally found out, when we tagged along with our Dad for our first-ever trip to Langara! This photo shows some of our conquests from an action-packed morning at Cohoe Point, where we teamed-up to reel, battle and net, with many screams and cheers. A very big thank you to everyone at Langara for an amazing first salmon fishing experience. We can't wait to do it all again soon!

- Katie and Abby Kowaloff

**3** After 17 years of fabulous fishing, making friends and enjoying Langara to the fullest, we thought we could live with the memories. But after 2 years away we couldn't stand it, and had to go back one last time. This year's trip was more exciting than ever, and Bill had the time of his life catching this 53 pound Chinook salmon. We're going back for another 'last time' in 2011!

- Fran Haselton, with guide Kyle and husband Bill

**4** Our first visit to Langara Island Lodge was an experience beyond words. From seeing the mortuary poles still in existence at the abandoned Haida village of Kiusta, to watching Humpback whales feed in the water all around us following a day of fishing, the trip was one full of great memories. Along with our guests, we spent four days catching halibut and salmon, eating excellent food, laughing, relaxing and taking in the breathtaking scenery in this remote part of British Columbia.

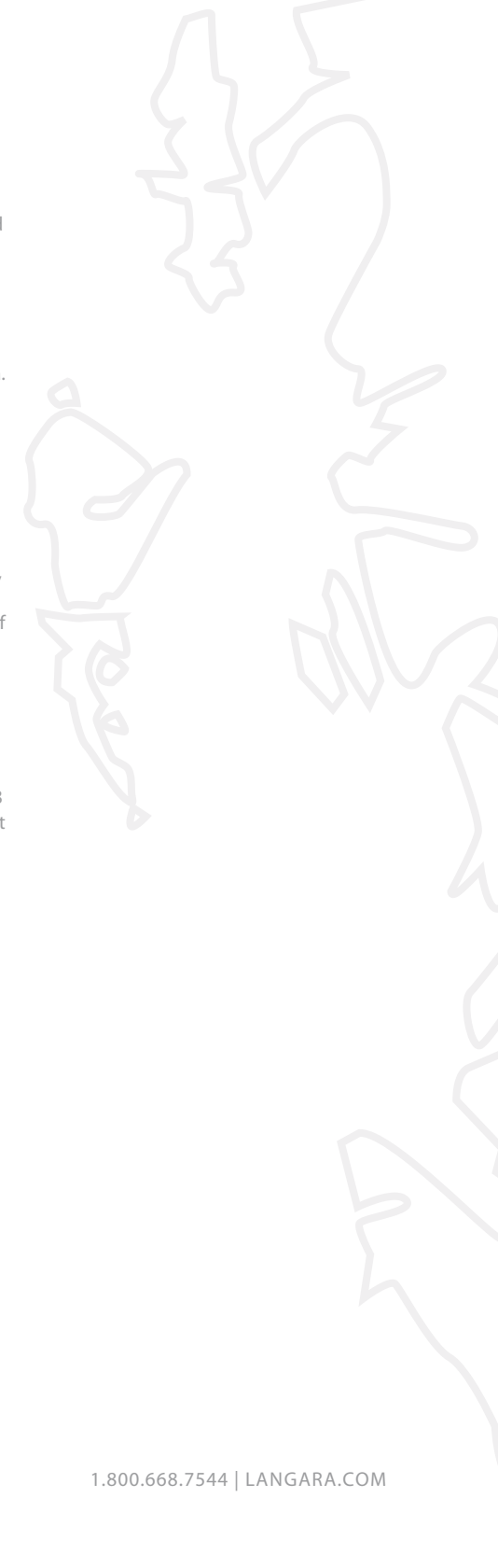
- John Starkey and Marcia Simpson

**5** At the end of 2009, we wrote a '10 things to do' list for the new decade, and salmon fishing in Canada was number one. My husband Trevor and I have wonderful memories of fishing with our dads as kids, and decided Langara was the place to introduce our 8 year old son to fishing. But what a way to start -- with the best of the best! Sadly, we may not make it to number two on the list, as we've all decided to return to Langara in 2011.

- Lynn and Ross Krige, with guide Duncan

**6** I've been a whale watch guide in Victoria for over 8 years. I've travelled, fished and photographed most areas of the BC Coast, but never had I witnessed a spectacle like what greeted us on our trip to Langara. It took all of 20 minutes in the boat to get to the fishing grounds, drop the lines and land a beautiful Chinook. Then suddenly we were surrounded by Humpback whales bubble-net feeding, and a flock of Bald Eagles dive bombing a massive, besieged school of herring! Langara is an experience that we will never forget.

- Mike Grace





## EVENTS AT LANGARA FISHING LODGE



**\$150,000 HAIDA GWAII TOURNAMENT**  
 May 28-31  
 Compete for big money, with a top prize of \$75,000, while contributing to our salmon enhancement efforts.



**RICK HANSEN FISHING CHALLENGE**  
 June 11-14  
 Join Canada's Man in Motion at Langara, and help raise funds for spinal cord injury research. Visit [rickhansen.com](http://rickhansen.com) for more info



**CANADIAN RUGBY FISHING CLASSIC**  
 June 25-28  
 Come fishing in support of Rugby Canada, along with many Canadian and international rugby greats.



**LADY ANGLERS TOURNAMENT**  
 Sept 10-13  
 The perfect introduction to the wonders of Langara for both serious and aspiring female anglers.



**SPRING & SEPTEMBER SALMON SHOWDOWNS**  
 Join us before the first day of summer, or anytime in September, for a chance to win a return trip to Langara.

For more information, visit <http://langara.com/events>



## LANGARA FISHING LODGE

### THE PIONEERS OF LANGARA ISLAND

Langara Fishing Lodge first introduced the world to the wonders of Langara Island 27 years ago. Since then, we've earned a reputation as one of the great fishing destinations in the world. With your boat docked right outside the lodge and salmon-filled waters just minutes away, Langara Fishing Lodge is the perfect destination for avid anglers.

Salmon fishing at Langara Island in 2010 was truly spectacular. We were blessed with very consistent fishing all season long, fueled by the huge quantities of baitfish that continuously gathered in our waters. Numerous 50+ pound Chinook were caught, and rare was the trip that did not feature a top catch over 40 pounds. With the forecasts calling for similar abundance in 2011, we can't wait for our 27th season to get underway.





## LANGARA ISLAND LODGE

### A LUXURIOUS ADVENTURE

The splendid comforts of Langara Island Lodge provide the perfect complement to the rugged beauty of Haida Gwaii. Roaring fireplaces, gourmet meals and fine wine welcome you back after a day spent immersed in nature. Soothe tired muscles with a relaxing massage or unwind in our outdoor spa underneath a canopy of ancient rainforest.

Our expert guides ensure that everyone, regardless of their fishing experience, enjoys their time on the water.

### CATCH OF THE YEAR

2010 featured some of our best fishing in recent memory, highlighted by an incredible 68 pound Chinook salmon (in photo) that was caught and released by Sean Saunders, with his guide Tommy.

Sean's catch was just one of many trophy-size salmon that were released this past season. Guests can contribute to the future abundance of this magnificent species by allowing these larger salmon to continue their migratory journey.



### EXCLUSIVE ACCOMMODATIONS

In addition to personal reservations, Langara Island Lodge can provide private accommodations for groups of 6, 12 or 22 guests in our three separate lodge buildings.

Start planning your own private group adventure at <http://langara.com/exclusive>



#### OTHER LODGES

Langara offers all-inclusive adventures to three other lodges, featuring the very best of British Columbia's diverse wildlife and sport fishing opportunities.

Learn more about our other adventures at <http://langara.com/other-lodges>

## EXPERIENCE HAIDA GWAII

Langara Island is a beautiful but very small part of Haida Gwaii. To explore more of the rich culture and environment of these remote islands, plan a visit to Alaska View Lodge or Kumdis River Lodge.



#### ALASKA VIEW LODGE

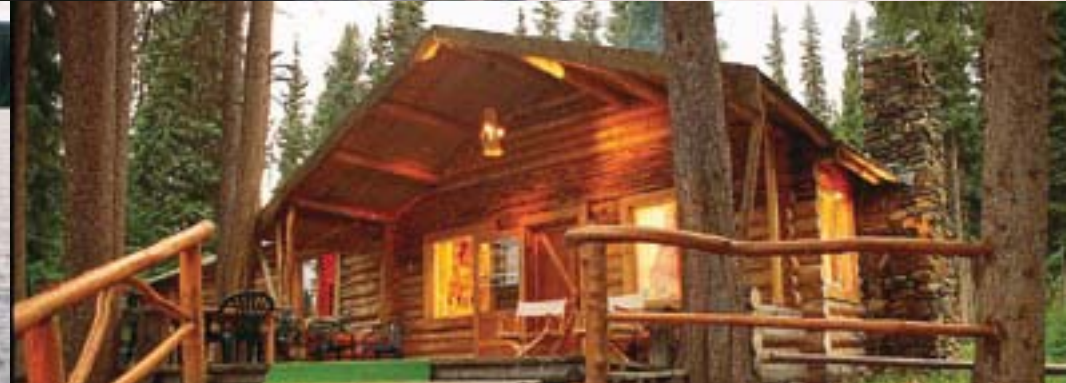
Situated along the north coast of Graham Island, right on the beach overlooking the distant Alaskan Islands, this European-style bed & breakfast features some of the most comfortable and scenic accommodations on Haida Gwaii.

Beachcomb along miles of pristine white sand just outside of the lodge, hike through the nearby ancient rainforests of Naikoon Park and Tow Hill, or visit Haida galleries and museums in Masset and other villages.

#### KUMDIS RIVER LODGE

The rivers of Haida Gwaii are truly the hidden treasure of BC's many great sport fishing opportunities, and Kumdis River Lodge offers all-inclusive guided fishing packages to these pristine waters. World-class runs of Steelhead can be found in the winter and spring, along with acrobatic Coho salmon in the fall.

Ocean fishing packages are also available in the summer, with guided fishing for salmon and halibut in the waters off the north coast of Graham Island. For those who think a fishing trip to Haida Gwaii is beyond reach, Kumdis River Lodge offers a great introduction to this world famous fishery.



## MOOSEHEAD LODGE

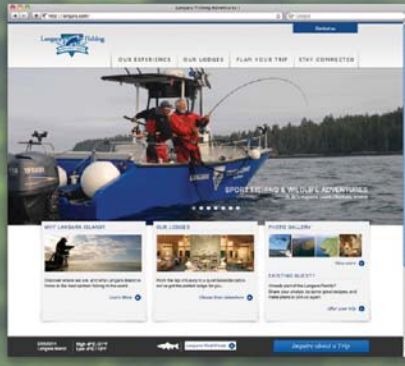
#### WILD RAINBOW TROUT ADVENTURES

Tucked away in BC's remote interior Chilcotin region, and accessible only via floatplane, Moosehead Lodge offers an incredible wilderness fishing experience for avid fly anglers, and is also a great destination for families with children of all ages.

The Chilcotin is one of the world's finest areas for freshwater sport fishing, and a trip to Moosehead Lodge can provide access to numerous lakes and rivers throughout the region, including the world-famous Blackwater and Upper Dean.



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## PLAN YOUR TRIP

We know your adventure doesn't start and end at the lodge. Visit our website for a list of things to do in Vancouver before you depart, and great recipes to enjoy after you return.

On the cover:

"This was my first year at Langara. What an incredible destination! Eagles, puffins, sea lions, dolphins, Humpback and Killer whales -- sometimes it's hard to know where to look. It would be worth it even if I never put my hook in the water; but, of course, I'll be coming back for a chance to catch another Chinook like the one that has me grinning in this photo." - Ray Bonar

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