

International Fly Fishing Travel Specialists

Kispiox River Fishing Company & Bear Claw Lodge
Hosted by
Ken Morrish



The week of Oct 1-8 on the Kispiox is arguably the best week of the season. In the past these dates have been the owner's personal fishing week however for 2010 they will be granted exclusively to Fly Water Travel. The vast majority of the run should be in, the fall colors will be at their peak and the water temperatures will still be very reasonable. Structurally, the Kispiox may be my personal favorite. Small enough to be intimate but large enough to be mysterious, the Kispiox is an angler's river. With varying water types, and some of the greatest tailouts in all of BC, this is a relatively low catch rate system that the largest steelhead in the world return to. During certain times there will be noticeable pressure from freelance anglers and guides, and other days we will likely see few if any other anglers.

Jim Allen and his crew of talented guides call the Kispiox home. Clients enjoy the lavish comforts of spacious, double occupancy rooms in the newly constructed Bear Claw Lodge. A massive timber frame structure with panoramic views of the upper river, Bear Claw has set a new standard for elegance in the Skeena watershed. Each day two anglers float different sections of the river with a guide in rafts. In addition to the Kispiox, anglers may have the option of fishing the Skeena and lower Bulkley, depending on conditions. For all who appreciate skilled guides, fine accommodations and a shot at some of the world's largest wild steelhead, this is the place. – Ken Morrish

Dates: September 30th – October 8th, 2010

Thursday / September 30th:

Arrive Smithers, BC and overnight. We recommend the Hudson Bay Lodge (*independently arranged, not included*).

Call the **Hudson Bay Lodge** immediately after arrival at **800.663.5040** and have their free shuttle come pick you up for transfer to the hotel.

Friday / October 1st:

Jim Allen or a member of his guide team will pick you up at the Hudson Bay at about 10:00AM and take you up to Bear Claw Lodge.

Unpack and fish the home waters unguided.

***Saturday – Thursday /
October 2nd – 7th:***

Full days floating and fishing the Kispiox.

Note: Depending on water conditions you may also be able to fish the mainstem Skeena or the lower Bulkley.

Friday / October 8th:

Transfer in the morning to Smithers Airport.

Depart Smithers.



2010 Rate:

\$6000 CAD plus est. 12% GST for a 7N/6D package

Included: Accommodations and meals at the lodge, round-trip transfers from Smithers to lodge, wine, alcohol, guiding, flies, basic BC fishing license.

Not Included: Airfare, lodging and meals in Smithers, arrival and departure taxes, satellite phone charges, classified waters license, staff and guide gratuities



Fishing Program:

The Kispiox is a Skeena River tributary and one of the most famous steelhead rivers in the world. From late August through mid October, the Kispiox is an excellent dry fly and greased line fishery and as the season progresses and water temperatures drop, anglers spend more time fishing a variety of sink tips (note: many Kispiox anglers fish with sink tips regardless of time of year). The fishing can remain excellent through the second week in November and later if water conditions permit. Kispiox fish are known the world over for their size and range from 7 to well over 30 pounds, with the average fish typically weighing in around 13 lbs. Small two person rafts are employed to access water, but all

fishing is done while wading. The Kispiox has over 50 miles of fishable water that varies greatly in nature. We personally find it among the most interesting and technically demanding rivers in the region. While the Kispiox is somewhat prone to blowing out under excessive rain, it comes back in quickly and anglers also have the option of fishing the main-stem Skeena and the lower Bulkley. Anglers will fish two per guide unless specified otherwise. All Kispiox fish are wild and must be released unharmed as quickly as possible.



Accommodations:

Bear Claw Lodge is an elegant timber frame structure overlooking the remote upper reaches of the Kispiox River. All anglers share rooms with king sized beds and attached private baths. All and all, Bear Claw ranks among the finest angling accommodations in all of BC. Additional amenities include a hot tub, lodge computer with internet access and a satellite phone (usage not included). Meals are prepared by a professional chef and are among the finest in the region.



Reserving your space:

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