

Fishing club will get you hooked



The Clubhouse on the southern tip of Langara Island in the Queen Charlottes is a jumping-off spot for great fishing.

The West Coast Fishing Club, home to three of B.C.'s most luxurious fishing lodges together with some of the world's best salmon fishing, has opened for the new season with several new improvements designed for both the keen sports fisher as well as guests simply looking for a remote luxury travel experience.

New features include a renovation of the five-star Clubhouse with its expanded wine cellar and ocean-view rooms and three new 27-foot Boston Whalers — arguably the biggest, safest and most comfortable power boats designed for offshore travel and fishing.

Humvee transport from the Clubhouse to the dock has been upgraded with the addition of a new reception area.

Now in its 10th year, the West Coast Fishing Club's three lodges are located in North America's richest salmon-fishing grounds.

Anglers return to the club every year, storing their fishing gear year-round in individual lockers located at the lodges.

The lodges are located on the southern tip of Langara Island in the Queen Charlottes.

The Clubhouse is the crown jewel of the West Coast Fishing Club with 27 rooms and is one of the most luxurious lodges in North America according to *The World's Great Luxury Fishing Resorts* (Globe Pequot Press).

The North Island Lodge is an intimate 12-room floating hotel, while the eight-room Outpost is located in a proposed ecological preserve and offers a remote and rugged island experience.

All lodges offer five-star dining on a waterfront setting.

Guests at the three lodges can fish for trophy-sized salmon and halibut and participate in a catch-and-release program; visit a nearby abandoned Haida village with a Haida guide who can tell his or her people's 10,000-year history on the islands; observe bald eagles up close at fish-feeding stations; fish with a pod of whales; cruise through herring schools the size of three football fields; acquire First Nations art

for their collections; go beachcombing on a remote beach via helicopter; and then go to a spa for a relaxation massage — all on the same day.

Also known as Haida Gwaii, the Charlottes are home to old-growth forests and clear streams, along with miles of untouched beaches.

Guests can see humpback, grey and orca whales, sea lions, porpoise and otter, bald eagles and Peregrine falcons, as well as deer and bear.

Along with fishing, the lodges offer sea kayaking, heli-hiking or just walking in the rainforest.

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