



Welcome to the 2025 fishing season. I hope everyone has enjoyed the winter and is looking forward to the next Tyee Club season.

Looking back at the 2024 season, it was a time for celebrating the Tyee Clubs 100 year anniversary and to recognize the individuals, businesses and the community of Campbell River that have supported the Tyee Club. There was a time when many of those fishing for a registered tyee were from all over the world but as times have changed, many of the anglers reside in the Campbell River area which has provided the Club with a solid foundation.

The Board of Directors has met many times during the off season. Discussion revolved in reviewing the 2024 season and looking ahead to the 2025 season.

Peter Wipper has been leading a team of UVic grad students this spring who are digitizing club records so they will be recorded safely and be accessible to the public

Jeremy Maynard and the Campbell River Guides Association have organized a net pen for chinook smolts once again at the Fisherman's wharf near the Campbell River pier. The smolts will be released this spring.

A big thank you to Paul Curtis who donated 2 tides of tyee fishing to help raise funds at this years Campbell River Samon Foundation. The Tyee Club also donated some clothing for a small silent auction item.

Security cameras will be installed at the Tyee Club wharf this year which will provide video coverage of the wharf 24 hours a day.

Fund raising activities will have a few new additions this year. Local artist Robert Aydon will be showcasing his talents with items for sale at the clubhouse. Raffle ticket sales for 3 main prizes will be coordinated through the clubhouse this season. The three prizes this year will be;

- Trip for 2 for 3 nights/4 days at Pacific King Lodge
- Whale watching trip for 4 donated by Campbell River Whale Watching
- Dolphins Resort dinner for 2 donated by Grizzly Helicopters

The Tyee Club will have a debit machine at the clubhouse during the upcoming season which will allow us to accept debit and credit card payments for member fees, wharf fees and merchandise sales.

A gear and tackle sale will be held on July 19th at the clubhouse which will have local members set up tables and showcase Tyee Club memorabilia for sale.

A tradition from many years ago that will occur this season again will be the awarding of silver spoons to anglers who caught the largest tyee in each week of the season. This year's weekly winners will receive their silver spoons at last night celebrations at the clubhouse on September 15.

The Annual General Meeting will be held August 16 this year at the Maritime Heritage Centre once again.

Discussions with both the Wei Wai Kai and Wei Wai Kum First Nations regarding a shared vision for the local fishery and how we can work together to maintain a strong chinook fishery that will support both the Tyee Club's and First Nation's needs will carry on.

A key principle of the Tyee Club is to fish for the chinook salmon in a sporting manner with the use of tackle and gear restrictions. Treating the chinook salmon respectfully is critical in both retention and release. If a salmon is to be released when fishing, it should be kept in the water. If the fish needs to be removed from the water into the boat, this fish should be retained and not released. The health of the salmon is top priority, and the health of the salmon is severely compromised when removed from the water and handled too much.

Safety and etiquette on the water has continued to improve. A brief safety notice will be posted at the wharf and online to remind everyone of positive habits that help make the tyee fishing experience a positive one for all involved.

Hope to see you on the water.

Roger Gage

President Tyee Club of British Columbia