

# Babine Steelhead Lodge

## Tackle/Equipment List

### Rods – 1 each

- 9 1/2-10 ft single hand rods for line weights 8-9, with eight weights being ideal.
- 12-15 ft two-handed spey rods for line weights 7-10.

### Lines

Full floaters like the Mastery Steelhead taper, Mastery wet tip type 4 sink tip line, Teeny 200 and 300 grain heads, Rio Versi-tip system (or comparable interchangeable tip line), floating spey lines as well as ones with interchangeable sink tips. The most popular spey tips will be type 6 or type 8. Custom spey tips made from Rio T14 in 12 and 14 foot lengths are also handy.

### Reels

Any good reel with or without a disk drag and room for 100-200 yards of 30lb braided Dacron backing.

### Leaders

- 9-10 ft leaders tapering to 12-15 pounds for floating lines,
- 4-6 ft leaders tapering from 12-15 pounds for sinking lines.

Maxima Ultra Green is the tippet material of choice. When used with a looped leader butt, not tapered leader will be needed. Rio makes nice hand tied and extruded steelhead leaders for floating line fishing.

### Flies

The Babine River varies greatly from run to run so having flies of differing weights is very useful. Below are some suggestions:

#### Dry Flies:

Bombers (black and natural), Waller Wakers, Morrish Pompaor Skaters, Quigley's dragon gurgler, Greased Liner, Mudlers, and assorted foam and deer hair patterns in sizes 4-8.

#### Traditional Wets:

Green Butt Skunk, Freight Train, Signal Light, Purple Peril, Blue Charm, Silver Hilton, and assorted spey flies in sizes 1-6.

### Streamers

Egg sucking leech (black and purple), black leech, Morrish Trailer Trash in black/blue, nightshade and sherbet, Boss, starlight leeches, Morrish Medusa's, Woolly Buggers, Popsicle, articulated leeches, and assorted marabou and rabbit patterns in black, blue, and purple sizes 1-6. Tube flies are also becoming very popular.