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We are in the sixth year of publishing our monthly newsletter with updates on great fly fishing venues, trip reports and insights for our traveling fly fishers. We want to help you match the right location with your fly fishing goals and objectives and properly prepare you to fully enjoy the experience. We've been to most locations and pride ourselves on our ability to research new sites. One of our services is to compare and contrast different lodges/outfitters. Whatever unbiased information on timing and locations we can provide comes at the same cost to you as booking direct – i.e., NO EXTRA COST.

AFRICAN TRIP REPORT – TIGERFISH AND SAFARI



On the banks of the Lower Zambezi River in Zambia is a lodge complimented by Conde Nast's Best of the Best series as "one of Africa's top ten safari camps." What's even more significant for our purposes is that this section of the Zambezi River in the Lower Zambezi National Park is the location of one of Africa's top tigerfish fisheries. Chiawa Camp provides an exciting combination of the classic African safari experience combined with fly fishing for tigerfish, a toothy creature which will aggressively attack a fly.

The waters of the Lower Zambezi National Park are free from netting and hence provide the best bet for lots of big fish.....all strictly catch & release. Best months for tigerfish are September to November.

John Parsons and Jay Strako (above with tigerfish) visited Chiawa Camp for a week in October as part of their total African itinerary. John had this report: "It was great. Chiawa Camp was fantastic and we caught 81 fish in 4.5 days of fishing. The largest was 10.5 lbs, but some bigger ones got away. We saw LOTS and LOTS of wildlife on safari and had good food and accommodations. Thanks again for setting us up on such a great trip."

Because of their privileged situation inside the National Park, they are restricted to operating two boats at any one time. This keeps the fishery fresh and doesn't allow it to become pressured; however, it also creates a situation where getting space during the top months is very



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difficult. Coincidentally, the best fishing times and top safari time (by most standards) occur during the same timeframe making a combination safari – fishing trip possible.

Note: the Lower Zambezi National Park is approximately 1500 air miles from the Seychelles Islands off the eastern coast of Africa. While not next door, the two destinations are in close enough proximity that they could be combined into one very exotic combo adventure if you had the time and resources.....and a skilled travel agent who could wire the air transport together. This is an exploratory trip my wife and I have on our calendar for next October.

AMAZING AMAZON OFFER

The only “fly fishing only” lodge in the Amazon, the Agua Boa Amazon Lodge, just started their upriver houseboat operation this season – maximum six fishermen. For this introductory year, they have priced a week’s trip at \$4,000 (the lodge rate is \$4,600 and is sold out). The amazing part is a four-for-the-price-of-three offer on the houseboat for the prime time weeks of Jan 26 – Feb 3 or Feb 3 - 10, 2008.

This is the same lodge you have seen featured and reported on by several of our clients in past newsletters. It is the Amazon’s finest operation. The houseboat is in an isolated and seldom fished part of the clear water Agua Boa River system. For more details, just hit reply.



PLACES FOR KIDS TO BEGIN – Part II



We are sometimes asked this question: “if you were going to get on an airplane and take your son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter on a trout-based fly fishing adventure, where would you go?” Of course, an exotic location like Alaska is ideal if you have the time and budget. There are some places remaining in the lower 48.....but my two favorite spots would be on the eastern and western edges of British Columbia. My criteria would be eager, native fish with good numbers available for lots of activity, and, most importantly, fish that were surface oriented. Also, a spot where we could find guides who were excellent at working with kids. One of those two spots would

include the very active, dry fly inclined, native West Slope Cutthroat of the Elk River drainage in the town of Fernie, near the crest of the Canadian Rockies in eastern B.C. (this was covered in Part I of this report in the October newsletter - <http://www.flyfishingadventures.org/Newsletter/68.pdf>).

Near the British Columbia Coastal Range lie the waters accessed by Moose Lake Lodge. These include the native, feisty rainbows of rivers like the upper Dean, the Blackwater and some unnamed streams and creeks in the area. Most of these waters are accessed via short-hop fly outs; also, overnight float trips can be done on some rivers like the Blackwater.



Available also via float plane fly outs are the native cutthroat in the streams and lakes of the Coastal Range. This range provides incredible scenery. It is also the location of the famous lower Dean River steelhead fishery and other isolated streams that provide great salmon fishing.

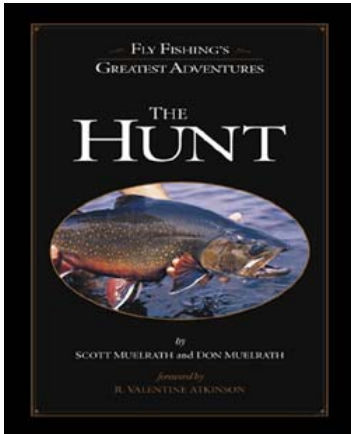
Moose Lake Lodge is a comfortable, isolated operation and provides a quality outdoor experience. Trips from 4 to 7 nights can be arranged.

Over the years, we’ve had several client reports of 100+ fish days (even a few 200+ fish days!), all native rainbows and all on dry flies. This past season, Russell Schreck (he of the New Zealand 10# brown trout on a dry fly featured in our March NZ report) went hunting for numbers at Moose Lake Lodge in July. His top day included lots of numbers.....over 100 native rainbows (mostly 12 – 16 inch fish) all taken on the

surface from one of Moose Lake's streams. If you're timing is right, days like this have not been that unusual on these waters.

In both of these locations, high skill levels are not required for success – great spots to introduce a youngster or beginner.

THE HUNT FOR CHRISTMAS?



If you are making up your gift giving list for Christmas and a fly fishing book that has received the following accolades would satisfy some of your needs, see below for how to purchase a personalized copy:

- "Fly Fishing's Greatest Adventures - THE HUNT, is one of the great fly fishing classics of all time.....unbelievably good work."
- "...the finest collection of fly fishing photographs ever assembled...."
- "...overall, I'd be taxed to reach for a more enjoyable read...."
- "...I've never in all my years seen anything as profoundly special as THE HUNT....an absolute masterpiece."

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PRIME LOWER DEAN RIVER STEELHEAD OPENINGS

Generally considered the prime summer steelhead weeks on the lower Dean River in BC, it's virtually impossible to find space the last two weeks in July and the first week of August. Not so today.....there are three spots open at Blackwell's Lower Dean Lodge for August 1 – 8, 2008. Price is \$5,750 including the charter flight from Vancouver to the lodge.



QUOTES WORTH RELAYING

Phil Erickson's granddaughter, Rachel, gave him a Father's Day card with this statement: "Give a man a fish, and he'll eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he'll spend thousands of dollars on fishing gear and tackle, spend countless hours waiting to catch a few pathetic fish and bore everybody he knows with tiresome stories about the big one that got away."

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