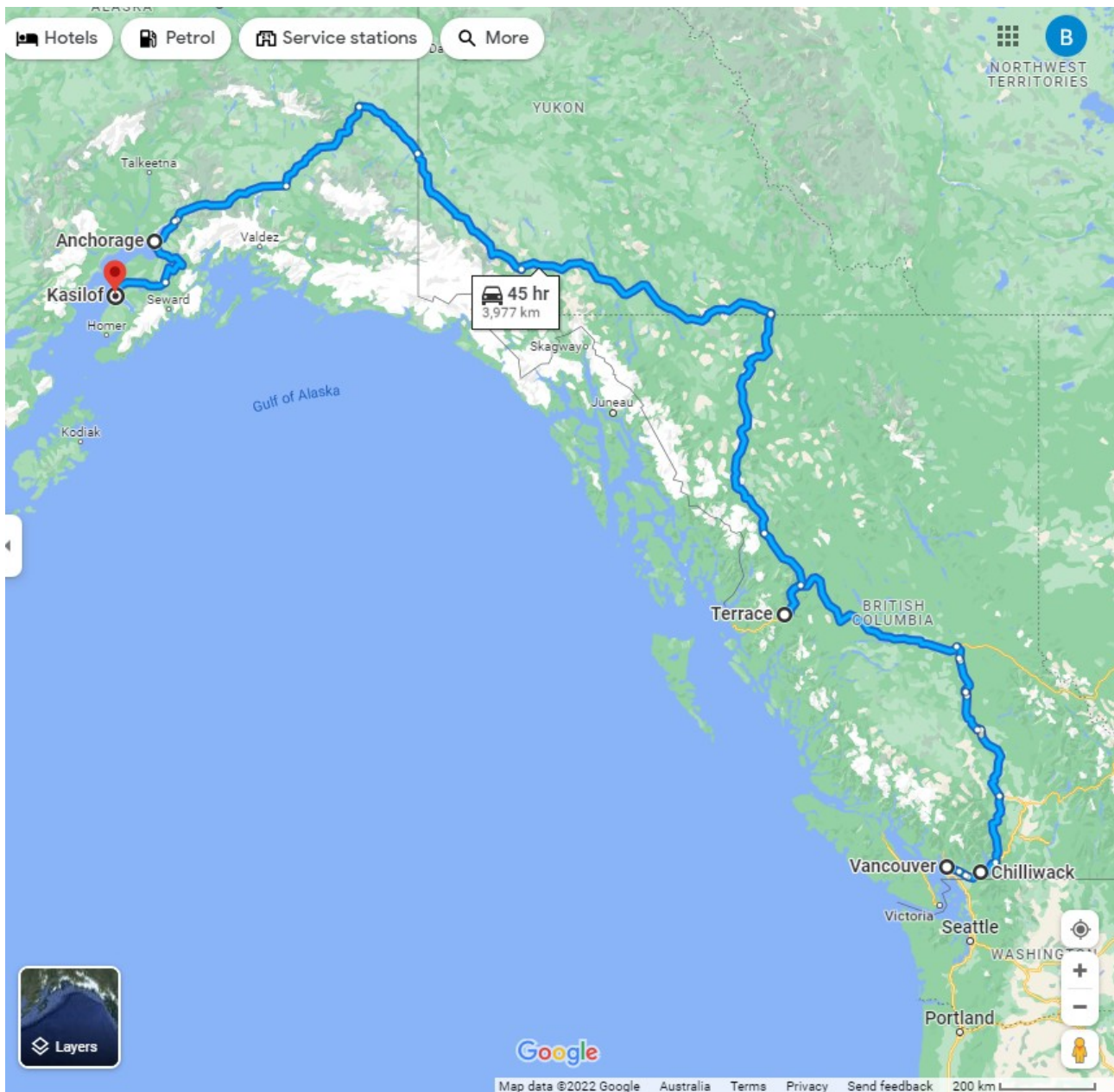


The World Fishing by Motorbike Part 1

Roger was guest speaker for our June meeting where he spoke to photos and maps about his epic adventure so far. The notes will also be kept in our “[places to go fishing](#)” segment on the blog.



Roger

As some of you may know I'm on a motorcycle/fly fishing odyssey which will take me from Vancouver BC to Alaska, across Canada to Nova Scotia, then on to the UK and Europe. I was going to continue east from Europe, through central Asia, Mongolia and parts of Eastern Russia but for obvious reasons this leg is unlikely to come to fruition.

So far I have travelled from Vancouver, through British Columbia and Yukon, to Anchorage, and down the Kenai Peninsula. My first fishing destination was Chilliwack, about 100 km east of Vancouver, where I fished the Vedder/Chilliwack river. I spent a week there trying to catch a steelhead using a spey rod but unfortunately was not successful.



I then rode 1,200 km north to Terrace on the Skeena River which is another steelhead hotspot with a number of major tributaries that also contain steelhead. Unfortunately, the Skeena basin was closed to steelhead



fishing due to poor returns so I spent a couple of weeks in my tent in the municipal campground on Ferry Island in the rain which was not a lot of fun.

After my stay in Terrace I rode north, west and then south to Anchorage Alaska. After a short stay in Anchorage, I rode south to Kasilof on the Kasilof river. I have been camping there for the past 2 weeks trying to catch a King Salmon on a spey rod. Catching these fish on a swung fly is not an easy task and the best I have done is a fairly solid tug. I



only know of 3 other King salmon caught or lost on spey since I have been at Kasilof. Unfortunately, my luck with river closures has not improved and the Kasilof as well as all the other rivers in the peninsular has been closed to King Salmon fishing due to poor

returns.



I did manage to catch a steelhead there however. I'm told this is a 'spawned out hen' which explains the poor condition and the return to silver colouration. I caught it doing single handed spey with an OPST Skagit head

on a 9' 6# and it put up a reasonable fight.

My plan now is to head north on the George Parkes Highway through the Denali State Park to Fairbanks. I believe there should be good fishing for rainbows and grayling, and even a slight chance of a King Salmon but I won't hold my breath. From there I will probably start heading southeast, hopefully picking up a few brook trout on the way to Nova Scotia.