

# Finfish (Other than Salmon)

## Points to remember when finfish fishing

- Purchase a tidal waters sport fishing licence prior to fishing for finfish.
- Check to determine if the area you intend to fish is open.
- Check to determine what the size and daily limits are for the species you intend to catch.
- You must immediately record in ink on your licence all lingcod retained from Areas 12 to 19, and Subareas 20-5 to 20-7 and 29-5.
- It is illegal to use gear on a line designed to catch more than one fish at a time, except when fishing for herring or in the tidal portion of the Fraser River.
- There is no limit to the number of fishing rods a licensed fisher may use in tidal waters.
- It is illegal to use a “setline” (a fishing line left unattended in the water).
- Special limits apply for groundfish in Pacific Rim National Park Reserve.
- It is illegal to have any sport caught halibut on board any vessel on which there are fish destined for sale.




### Did you know...

**Halibut larvae begin life in an upright position with an eye on each side of the head. When they are an inch long, the left eye moves over the snout to the right side of the head and pigmentation on the left side fades.**

**It is recommended** that you DO NOT consume the liver from groundfish caught near coastal pulp mills due to possible dioxin and furan contamination. Muscle tissue (fillets) of all coastal groundfish and other finfish species is not affected.

**It is recommended** you eat only those spiny dogfish measuring less than 60 cm due to the relatively high levels of mercury in the tissues of larger (and older) dogfish.

**Expect in-season changes to the information in this Guide. Check for updates prior to fishing. Regulation changes are posted on the DFO website:**

 [www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/recfish](http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/recfish)

Be aware of hook and line, downrigger and trap gear entanglement risks in the vicinity of the UVIC Venus project in Pat Bay, Saanich Inlet. For more information, visit:  [www.venus.uvic.ca/notice.html](http://www.venus.uvic.ca/notice.html)

## Lingcod

Research programs have indicated low levels of lingcod abundance, particularly in Areas 28 and 29. In addition, anglers should check for new management measures in Areas 13 to 19 and in Subarea 29-5 prior to fishing. A variety of management measures are being tested in the recreational fishery, including Area and Subarea closures and establishing an upper catch limit for the fishery as a whole.

The minimum size limit for a lingcod with the head removed is 53 cm, measured along the shortest length of the body to the tip of the tail. The head-on size limit is 65 cm. The length of a lingcod is measured along the body from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail.

## Rockfish

Catch monitoring and research programs have indicated inshore rockfish stocks, particularly in the Strait of Georgia, are at low levels of abundance. Unlike salmon, rockfish rarely survive after being caught, therefore one way to ensure their survival is to avoid catching them. Fishing away from rocky reef areas increases avoidance of rockfish.

Prior to fishing, anglers should check with a DFO office for possible new management measures in the Strait of Georgia.

DFO has initiated a rockfish recovery strategy, which includes Rockfish Conservation Areas (RCAs). RCAs have been established to help protect rockfish by restricting any fishing activity that impacts rockfish in and around the waters where these fish live. See the **Closures** section of this Guide (page 32) for additional information on RCAs.

## Smelt

**Stanley Park smelt fishers:** Fishing for smelt in Stanley Park requires special consideration of other users of the seawall. Dip net fishers must ensure that they do not pull their net poles back into the paths of passing pedestrians or cyclists. Gillnetters should pick their nets in such a fashion as to avoid leaving scales and parts of the fish on the path, making it slippery for others. In addition, gillnets must not block or impede traffic on the seawall.

**Pacific Spirit Park smelt fishers:** Pacific Spirit Park includes all beaches from the Fraser River's North Arm around Point Grey to Acadia Beach, near Spanish Banks Beach. The park is open from 8 am to 9 pm from the start of Daylight Saving Time to Labour Day. All other days the hours are 8 am to dusk. Fishers are not allowed to access the park outside of these hours. Liquor, camping and fires are not permitted in the park. Please observe the rules.

## Sturgeon

In all tidal waters there is no retention of sturgeon. In the tidal waters of the Fraser River, barbless hooks are required.

## Finfish (Other than Salmon) Tidal Waters Fishing Limits and Management Measures

*Dates in this table are inclusive. Check for updates prior to fishing.*

*The same management measures apply to offshore waters as the corresponding inshore waters (e.g.: limits in Area 23 apply in Area 123) unless otherwise specified. The offshore waters include Areas 101 to 111, 130, 142, 121, and 123 to 127.*


Species	Area	Min. Size	Daily Limit	Possession Limit	Annual Limit	Open Times	Gear	Management Measures
Codfish	1 to 29	N/A	8	16	N/A	Jan 1-Dec 31	Hook and line, spear	Species includes: Pacific cod, pollock and hake.
Eulachon	1 to 27	N/A	20 kg	40 kg	N/A	Jan 1-Dec 31	Gill net, dip net	Gill net cannot exceed 7.5 m in length, mesh size must be greater than 25 mm and less than 50 mm. A floating buoy clearly marked with the name of the operator must be attached to each end of the net.
	28, 29	N/A	20 kg	40 kg	N/A	To be announced	Gill net, dip net	Daylight hours only. Contact local DFO office for details.
Greenling	1 to 29	N/A	3	6	NA	Jan 1-Dec 31	Hook and line, spear	
Halibut	1 to 29	N/A	2	3	N/A	Feb 1-Dec 31	Hook and line, spear	
Herring	1 to 29	N/A	20 kg	40 kg	N/A	Jan 1-Dec 31	Dip net, herring jig, herring rake, cast net	Harvesting of herring roe-on-kelp is prohibited.
Lingcod	1 to 10	None	3	6	N/A	Jan 1-Dec 31	Hook and line, spear	
	12, 20E	65cm	1	2	10	Jun 1-Sep 30	Hook and line, spear	East of a line from Sheringham Point to the International Boundary (Area 20E).
	13 to 19, Subarea 29-5	65cm	1	2	10	To be announced	Hook and line	Contact local DFO office for details. Record catch on your licence.
	11, 20W to 27	65cm	3	6	N/A	Apr 15-Nov 15	Hook and line, spear	West of a line from Sheringham Point to the International Boundary (Area 20W).
	28, 29 (except for Subarea 29-5)	N/A	0	0	N/A	Closed	N/A	Due to conservation concerns, there is no fishing for lingcod.
Mackerel	1 to 29	N/A	100	200	N/A	Jan 1-Dec 31	Hook and line, dip net, herring jig, cast net	
Northern Anchovy	1 to 29	N/A	20 kg	40 kg	N/A	Jan 1-Dec 31	Dip net, herring jig, herring rake, cast net	
Pacific Sand Lance	1 to 29	N/A	5 kg	10 kg	N/A	Jan 1-Dec 31	Dip net, herring jig, herring rake, cast net	Also known as Needlefish.
Pacific Sardine	1 to 29	N/A	100	200	N/A	Jan 1-Dec 31	Dip net, herring jig, herring rake, cast net	Also known as Pilchard.

Species	Area	Min. Size	Daily Limit	Possession Limit	Annual Limit	Open Times	Gear	Management Measures
Perch	1 to 29	N/A	8	16	N/A	Jan 1-Dec 31	Hook and line	Includes all species of perch, pile perch and shiners.
Rockfish	1 to 10	N/A	5	10	N/A	Jan 1-Dec 31	Hook and line, spear	Aggregate daily limit for all rockfish is 5, no more than 3 may be yelloweye.
	12 to 20E, 28, 29	N/A	1	2	N/A	To be announced	Hook and line, spear	Contact a local DFO office for details. East of a line from Sheringham Point to the International boundary (Area 20E).
	11, 20W to 27, 111, 121, 123 to 127	N/A	3	6	N/A	Jan 1-Dec 31	Hook and line, spear	Aggregate daily limit for all rockfish is 3, no more than 2 may be yelloweye. West of a line from Sheringham Point to the International boundary (Area 20W).
Sablefish	1 to 29	N/A	4	8	N/A	Jan 1-Dec 31	Hook and line	Also known as Blackcod.
Sculpin	1 to 29	N/A	8	16	N/A	Jan 1-Dec 31	Hook and line	
Sixgill Shark	1 to 29	N/A	0	0	N/A	Closed	N/A	
Skate	1 to 29	N/A	1	2	N/A	Jan 1-Dec 31	Hook and Line	
Smelt	1 to 27	N/A	20 kg	40 kg	N/A	Jan 1-Dec 31	Gill net, dip net	Gill net cannot exceed 7.5m in length, mesh size must be greater than 25mm and less than 50mm. A floating buoy clearly marked with the name of the operator must be attached to each end of the net.
	28 to 29	N/A	20 kg	40 kg	N/A	Aug 16-Jun 14	Gill net, dip net	Fishery is open only from 8:00 AM Thurs - 8:00 AM Mon.
Sole/Flounder	1 to 29	N/A	8	16	N/A	Jan 1-Dec 31	Hook and line, spear	Includes all species of flounder and sole, but not halibut.
Sturgeon	1 to 29	N/A	0	0	N/A	Closed	Hook and line	Non-retention only.
Trout	1 to 10	30cm	2	4	N/A	Jan 1-Dec 31	Hook and line	Species includes steelhead, cutthroat, brown and dolly varden. Only 1 fish per day may be greater than 50cm. Daily limit is 0 in the tidal waters of Tlell River in Area 2.
	11 to 29	30cm	2	4	N/A	Jan 1-Dec 31	Hook and line	Retention of hatchery marked fish only. No retention of wild fish south of Cape Caution.
Wolfeel	1 to 29	N/A	0	0	N/A	Jan 1-Dec 31	N/A	
Other Species	1 to 29	N/A	20	40	N/A	Jan 1-Dec 31	Hook and line	

IN-SEASON MANAGEMENT MEASURES	
Area 2	The waters shoreward of a line between two boundary signs on either side of the Copper River estuary and the Pallant Creek estuary: a single barbless hook restriction applies January 1 to December 31.
Area 9	Rivers Inlet Special Management Zone from June 1 to September 15, in those waters of Rivers Inlet inside a line between fishing boundary signs located at Rutherford Point and McAllister Point: no person shall angle with a fishing line or downrigger line which is attached to a weight that is greater than 168 grams (6 ounces) or an attracting device that is not affixed directly to hook.
Area 14	The waters of Puntledge River mouth and the shoreline: a single barbless hook restriction applies August 1 to October 15.
Area 18	In Subarea 18-10, the waters of Fulford Harbour inside or NW of a line between a fishing boundary sign located near the navigation light and Jackson Rock on the north shore of Fulford Harbour across the Harbour to a boundary sign on the opposite shore: only a single-pointed hook may be used October 10 to January 15.
Area 22	Only a single-pointed barbless hook may be used August 1 to October 31.
Area 23	In Subarea 23-1, the waters of Port Alberni Harbour northerly of a line from Harbour Quay to a boundary marker on the opposite shore: only a single-pointed barbless hook may be used January 1 to December 31.
Area 28	It is prohibited to use more than two single-pointed hooks in tandem (as when fishing with bait) in the waters of Burrard Inlet near the mouth of the Capilano River from the 14th Street Pier to Prospect Light on the seawall of Stanley Park to the north tower of the Lions Gate Bridge from August 1 to December 31. Each hook must have a single point that measures no greater than 15mm between the point and the shank of the hook.
	It is prohibited to use more than one single-pointed hook in the tidal waters of the Seymour River from the BCR Railway bridge downstream to the fishing boundary signs located on the west and east shore of the Seymour River from August 1 to December 31. Each hook must have a single point that measures no greater than 15 mm between the point and the shank of the hook.

# Closures

The closures listed on the following pages are arranged by Area. To determine the location you will be fishing in, check the fold-out maps on the inside front cover of this Guide. Then turn to the corresponding Area in this section.

**Expect in-season changes to the information in this Guide.  
Check for the latest closure information prior to fishing.  
Call 1-866-431-3474 (or in Greater Vancouver 604-666-2828)  
or visit the DFO website:  [www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/recfish](http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/recfish)**

## Permanent Bivalve Shellfish Harvesting Prohibited Zones

No harvesting is permitted:


- within 300 m of industrial, municipal and sewage treatment plant outfall discharges;
- within a minimum 125 m of marinas, wharves, finfish net pens, float homes or other floating living accommodation facilities, including live aboard boats.

## Rockfish Conservation Areas (RCAs)

RCAs have been designed to protect inshore rockfish and lingcod by eliminating mortality from fishing activity. RCAs are part of a larger strategy that is designed to halt declines and allow inshore rockfish and lingcod stocks an opportunity to rebuild.

The ONLY permitted sport fishing activities in RCAs include:

- invertebrates by hand picking or dive,
- crab and shrimp (including prawns) by trap, and
- smelt by gillnet.

**There are currently 164 RCAs coastwide.  
Details of RCAs are not available in this Guide.  
Maps and descriptions of RCAs are available on CD by calling  
604-666-0384 or at the DFO website:  [www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/recfish/Restricted\\_Areas/rca\\_e.htm](http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/recfish/Restricted_Areas/rca_e.htm)**

## Closures by Area

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### Areas 1, 101 and 142

#### All Finfish, including Salmon:

In the tidal portions of all streams, **only a single, barbless hook** may be used.

#### Shellfish Contamination:

With the exception of McIntyre Bay (Subarea 1-5), closed to the harvest of bivalve shellfish.

#### Rockfish Conservation Area:

Fredrick Island.

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### Areas 2 and 102

#### All Finfish, including Salmon:

In the tidal portions of all streams, **only a single, barbless hook may be used.**

The waters of Cumshewa Inlet east of a line from a boundary sign on McLeallan Island to another boundary sign 3.5km east of Mathers Creek, and west of a line from a boundary sign on McLellan Island to a boundary sign 3.5km east of Mathers Creek, are **closed to fishing for all finfish August 15 to October 31.**

#### Shellfish Contamination:

Closed to the harvest of all bivalve shellfish.

#### Rockfish Conservation Areas:

Lyell Island and South Moresby.

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### Areas 3 and 103

#### Shellfish Contamination:

Closed to the harvest of all bivalve shellfish.

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### Areas 4 and 104

#### All Finfish, including Salmon:

The waters downstream of the tidal boundary sign at the water line crossing on “Shawatlan” Creek to the fishing boundary signs at the mouth of Shawatlan Bay, are **closed to fishing for all finfish July 15 to August 15.**

The waters from the fishing boundary sign at the mouth of “Kloiya” Creek to the fishing boundary sign at the mouth of Kloiya Bay, are **closed to fishing for all finfish August 1 to September 1.**

### **Shellfish:**

The harvesting of **crab** is prohibited in those waters of Porpoise Harbour and Wainwright Basin (Subarea 4-11) inside a line from the southernmost point of Kaien Island to the northwesternmost point of Ridley Island, thence southerly along the eastern shoreline to southernmost point of Ridley Island, thence to the westernmost point of Lelu Island, thence northerly along the shoreline to the northernmost point of Lelu Island, thence to a marker on the shore of Tsimpsean Peninsula opposite, and bounded on the north by the Hwy 16 Bridge at Galloway Rapids.

### **Shellfish Contamination:**

Closed to the harvest of all bivalve shellfish.

### **Rockfish Conservation Areas:**

Dunira; Hodgson Reefs; North and South Gull Rocks; Stephens Island; and Porcher Peninsula.

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## **Areas 5 and 105**

### **All Finfish, including Salmon:**

Inside a line drawn from fishing boundary signs located approx. 100 m seaward of the falls at the mouth of the Kumowdah River flowing into Lowe Inlet, is **closed to fishing for all finfish July 1 to October 31**.

### **Shellfish Contamination:**

Closed to the harvest of all bivalve shellfish.

### **Rockfish Conservation Areas:**

Porcher Peninsula; Goschen; West Banks Island; and North Danger Rocks.

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## **Areas 6 and 106**

### **Shellfish:**

Closed to the harvest of all bivalve shellfish.

### **Rockfish Conservation Areas:**

Otter Passage; West Aristazabal Island; and Kitasu Bay.

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## **Areas 7 and 107**

### **All Finfish, including Salmon:**

The waters of McLaughlin Bay shoreward of a line connecting two fishing boundary signs on each side of the entrance to McLaughlin Bay is **closed to fishing for all finfish from July 1 to October 31**.

### **Shellfish Contamination:**

Closed to the harvest of all bivalve shellfish.

### **Rockfish Conservation Areas:**

Goose Island and McMullin Group.



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## Areas 8 and 108

### All Finfish, including Salmon:

The mouth of Namu River shoreward of a line between two fishing boundary signs located 180 m from a bridge at the mouth of Namu Creek on the west shore and a point on the opposite side of the bay, is **closed to fishing for all finfish, all year**.

### Shellfish Contamination:

Closed to the harvest of all bivalve shellfish.

### Rockfish Conservation Area:

West Calvert.

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## Areas 9 and 109

### All Finfish, including Salmon:

Shoreward of a line connecting two square white boundary signs off the mouth of the Wannock River is **closed to fishing for all finfish June 1 to September 15**.

Shoreward of a line connecting two square boundary signs off the mouth of the Chuckwalla and Kilbella rivers is **closed to fishing for all finfish June 1 to September 15**.

### Shellfish Contamination:

Closed to the harvest of all bivalve shellfish.

### Rockfish Conservation Area:

Fish Egg Inlet.

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## Areas 10 and 110

### Shellfish Contamination:

Closed to the harvest of all bivalve shellfish.

### Rockfish Conservation Area:

Smith Sound.

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## Areas 11 and 111

### Shellfish Contamination:

Closed to the harvest of all bivalve shellfish.

### Rockfish Conservation Areas:

Storm Islands and Scott Islands.

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## Area 12

### All Finfish, including Salmon:

Those waters of Port McNeill Bay westerly of a line from a boundary sign at the north end of the Western Forest Products jetty, true north to a boundary sign on the opposite shore of Ledge Point Peninsula, are **closed to fishing for all finfish from August 15 to December 31**.

The mouth of the Klinaklini River (Knight Inlet) shoreward of a line from a fishing boundary signs at the southern entrance to Wahshihlas Bay to a fishing boundary sign at Rubble Point is **closed to fishing for all finfish, all year**.

The mouth of Scott Cove Creek and Viner Sound shoreward of a line between fishing boundary signs located at King Point and on the point 1 km south from the mouth of Scott Cove Creek is **closed to fishing for all finfish August 15 to September 30**.

The mouth of the Kingcome River shoreward of a line from a fishing boundary signs on Petley Point to a fishing boundary sign on a point on the opposite shore of Kingcome Inlet is **closed to fishing for all finfish, all year**.

The mouth of the Wakeman River north of a line connecting two fishing boundary signs on opposite shores approx. 6 km from the head of Wakeman Sound is **closed to fishing for all finfish, all year**.

The mouth of Nimpkish River inside a line from a fishing boundary sign at a point on the shore of Vancouver Island approximately 1.5 km east of Broad Point, then to a navigational aid in the middle of Haddington Passage, then to a fishing boundary sign at a point approximately 1 km east of Willow Creek, then to the tidal water boundary signs approximately 100 m upstream of the Highway 19 bridge is **closed to fishing for all finfish June 1 to December 31**.

Parson Bay bounded inside a line from Red Point on Harbledown Island to a marker on the most northwest point of Parson Island, then following the northern shore to the most easterly point and then true east to Harbledown Island is **closed to fishing for all finfish June 15 to September 30**.

### Shellfish Contamination:

Hardy Bay; Echo Bay; Beaver Harbour; Port Neville; Hopetown Passage; Macgowan Bay; bay west of Everard Islets; Shoal Harbour; Little Nimmo Bay; Southeast Turnour Island; Sutherland Bay; Double Bay; Alert Bay; north side of Cormorant Island; Clam Cove; Laura Bay; Burly Bay; Dickson Island; Shushartie Bay; Helen Bay; and Joe Cove Bay.

**May 31 to September 30:** Cutter Cove.

### Rockfish Conservation Areas:

Bate-Shadwell Passage; Goletas Channel; Browning Passage-Hunt Rock; Bolivar Passage; Shelter Bay; Browning Islands to Raynor Group; Drury Inlet-Muirhead Islands; Hardy Bay-Five Fathom Rock; Numas Islands; Suquash; Haddington Passage; Burley Bay-Nepah Lagoon; Mackenzie-Nimmo; Wakeman Sound; Dickson Polkinghorne Islands; Nowell Channel; Greenway

Sound; Belleisle Sound; Kwatsi Bay; Bond Sound; Thompson Sound; Salmon Channel; Weynton Passage; Eden–Bonwick–Midsummer–Swanson Islands; Port Elizabeth; Lower Clio Channel; Viscount Island; Havannah Channel; Upper Call Inlet; Cracroft Point South–Sophia Islands; and West Cracroft–Boat Bay.

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## Area 13

### All Species:

These waters are **closed to the harvest of all marine life by divers** for the preservation of unique underwater habitat: Discovery Passage, in the Campbell River area, bounded by a straight line from North Bluff on Quadra Island, across Seymour Narrows to a fishing boundary sign on Vancouver Island, and south by a line from the light on the end of the south Government Dock breakwater at Campbell River to Cape Mudge lighthouse.

### All Finfish, including Salmon:

The waters in Loughborough Inlet from Cosby Point to head of inlet are **closed to fishing for all finfish, all year**.

The waters of Phillips Arm northerly of a line from Picton Point true east to the opposite shore are **closed to fishing for all finfish, all year**.

The waters of Village Bay inside a line from a fishing boundary sign at the north entrance of Village Bay, Quadra Island, to a boundary sign at the south entrance of Village Bay are **closed to fishing for all finfish June 30 to October 31**.

Those waters of Discovery Passage and the Campbell River inside a line true east of the fishing boundary sign at Orange Point to the middle of the channel, then southeasterly down the middle of the channel to the intersection of a line running from a boundary sign on the southern end of Hidden Harbour breakwater, then true east to Quadra Island, is **closed to fishing for all finfish October 1 to October 31**, except for the Campbell River Discovery Pier. The area around the Discovery Pier will remain open inside a line running true east 50 m into Discovery Passage at the north end of the pier, then southeasterly down the Discovery Passage to the intersection of a line running true east 50 m at the south end of the Discovery Pier.

The waters of Salmon Bay, bounded on the north by a line from Graveyard Point to the ferry landing on the opposite shore, and on the south by the downstream side of the first bridge upstream on the Salmon River are **closed to fishing for all finfish June 1 to December 1**.

### Shellfish:

The waters within 0.5 nautical miles of Mitlenatch Island are closed to harvesting **clams and oysters**, all year.

The waters of Discovery Passage and the Campbell River bounded by a line east of Orange Point to the middle of the channel then southeast to the intersection of a line east to a marker on Tyee Spit, are closed to **crab** harvesting all year.

### Shellfish Contamination:

Quathiaski Cove; Heriot Bay; Campbell River; Big Bay; Kelsey Bay; Salmon Bay; Grassy Creek; Forward Harbour; Whaletown Bay; Coulter Bay; Phillips Arm; Marina Reef; Gray Creek; Bessborough Bay; Jackson Bay; Topaze Harbour Head; Hjorth Bay; Graite Bay; and an unnamed cove in eastern Gorge Harbour.

**May 31 to September 30:** Mansons Landing; Von Donop Inlet; and Drew Harbour.

### Rockfish Conservation Areas:

Wellborne; Forward Harbour; Loughborough Inlet; Bute Inlet North; Chancellor Channel West; Chancellor Channel East; Walkem Islands to Hemming Bay; Thurston Bay; Kanish Bay; Octopus Islands to Hoskyn Channel; Read–Cortes Islands; Deepwater Bay; Menzies Bay; Maud Island; and Heriot Bay.

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## Area 14

### All Species:

These waters are **closed to the harvest of all marine life by divers** for the preservation of unique underwater habitat: the southeasterly shoreline of Hornby Island, from Shingle Spit southerly through Norman Point, Downes Point, Tribune Bay and St. John Point to Cape Gurney, including Heron Rocks, Norris Rocks and Flora Islet.

### All Finfish, including Salmon:

Comox Harbour inside a line from a fishing boundary sign near Trent River to a light at the tip of Goose Spit is **closed to fishing for all finfish May 1 to August 31**, except the shallow shore line defined as the waters inside and shoreward of the 2 m depth contour measured below the chart datum (0 tide), which is **open for fishing for all finfish except chinook**.

The tidal waters within a 75 m radius of the mouth of the Trent River, the mouth of Hart (Washer) Creek and the mouth of Mallard Creek are **closed to fishing for all finfish September 1 to November 30**.

### Shellfish:

The waters within 0.5 nautical miles of Mitlenatch Island, are closed to harvesting **clams and oysters**, all year.

### Shellfish Contamination:

Campbell River; Comox Harbour; Deep Bay; Union Bay; Base Flats; Qualicum Beach; Kye Bay; Elma Bay; Wall Beach; Parksville Bay; Mud Bay; Boat Cove; Little Qualicum River; False Bay; Craig Creek; and Kitty Coleman Beach to Little River.

**Baynes Sound Management Plan Closures:** this area closes when rainfall in the area exceeds 35 mm over a 24 hour period.

### Rockfish Conservation Areas:

Mitlenatch Island; Oyster Bay; Ajax–Achilles Bank; Baynes Sound; Savoie Rocks–Maude Reef; Chrome Island; Sisters Islets; and Lasqueti Island South.

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## Area 15

### All Species:

These waters are **closed to the harvest of all marine life** by divers for the preservation of unique underwater habitat: within 0.8 km of Vivian Island, approx. 8 km west of Powell River. All waters within 0.5 km of Rebecca Rock, west of Powell River. All waters within 0.5 km of Dinner Rock, just south of Lund. All waters adjacent to the unnamed reef off Emmonds Beach, approx. 6 km south of Lund. All waters within 1.3 km of Mitlenatch Island, in the upper Strait of Georgia. All waters within a 0.5 km radius of the southerly end of the Beach Garden Breakwater.

### Shellfish:

The waters within 0.5 nautical miles of Mitlenatch Island are closed to harvesting **clams and oysters**, all year.

### Shellfish Contamination:

Scuttle Bay to Albion Point; Freke Anchorage; Lund Harbour; East Refuge Cove; Lang Bay; Bliss Landing; McRae Cove; Sturt Bay; Frolander Bay; Northwest Refuge Cove; Theodosia Inlet; Grace Harbour; Squirrel Cove; and Cranberry Creek.

**May 31 to September 30:** Prideaux Haven; Tenedos Bay; Allies Island; Roscoe Bay; Squirrel Cove; Cortes Bay; Grace Harbour; and Mink Island.

### Rockfish Conservation Areas:

Mitlenatch Island; Pendrell Sound; Teakerne Arm; Desolation Sound; Copeland Islands; and Dinner Rock.

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## Area 16

### All Finfish, including Salmon:

The waters at the mouth of Sakinaw Creek, east of a line between boundary signs on the north and south sides of Sakinaw Bay, are **closed to fishing for all finfish June 15 to September 15**.

### Shellfish:

When harvesting **crab**, it is prohibited to use any gear other than ring nets or dip nets in Pender Harbour, east of a line between Henry Point and Francis Peninsula.

The waters of Gunboat Bay inside a line from the B.C. Hydro lines at the entrance to Gunboat Bay, are closed to harvesting **crab, all year**.

### Shellfish Contamination:

Pender Harbour; Secret Cove; Gillies Bay; Thunder Bay; Churchill Bay; Porpoise Bay; Vancouver Bay; Halfmoon Bay; Long Bay; Blind Bay; unnamed bay east of Four Mile Point; Silversands Creek; Saltery Bay; Long Bay; Home Bay; Skwawka River; unnamed bay in Skookumchuck Narrows; North Nelson Island; Lena Bay; Squitty Bay; and Poise Island.

**May 31 to September 30:** Smuggler Cove; Princess Louisa Inlet; and Buccaneer Bay.

### **Rockfish Conservation Areas:**

Queens Reach East; Princess Louisa Inlet; Queens Reach West; Hotham Sound; Sinclair Bank; Hardy Island; Nelson Island; Skookumchuck Narrows; Salmon Inlet; Davie Bay; Malaspina Strait; McNaughton Point; Thormanby Island; and Sabine Channel–Jervis–Jedediah Islands.

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## **Area 17**

### **All Finfish, including Salmon:**

The waters of Northumberland Channel and Nanaimo Harbour from Duke Point to a marker near the entrance to Descanso Bay on Gabriola Island, to Gallows Point on Protection Island, then northwesterly along the shore to the most western point, then true north to Newcastle Island, northwesterly along the shore to Shaft Point, to Pimbury Point on Vancouver Island, southerly along the shore to the Cedar Bridge on the Nanaimo River, across the bridge and northerly along the shore to Jacks Point, following the Vancouver Island shore southerly to the point of commencement at Duke Point, are **closed to fishing for all finfish July 15 to October 25**.

That portion of the Nanaimo River from the Cedar Bridge to the white square boundary signs located approx. 400 m downstream of the Cedar Bridge, are **closed to fishing for all finfish October 31 to November 30**.

The tidal waters of the Chemainus River and off the Chemainus River mouth, commencing at Bare Point on Vancouver Island to the light on North Reef, to Sherard Point on Vancouver Island, thence following the shoreline northerly to a boundary sign on the Chemainus River near the Bald Eagle Campground, thence across the river to the opposite bank, thence following the Vancouver Island shoreline northerly to the point of commencement, are **closed to fishing for all finfish July 15 to October 31**.

### **Shellfish Contamination:**

Ladysmith Harbour; Chemainus Bay to Shoal Islands; Nanaimo Harbour; Departure Bay; Degnen Bay; Silva Bay; Montague Harbour; Shaw Road; Walker Hook; Nanoose Harbour; Clam Bay; Telegraph Harbour; Malaview Estates sewage outfall; Hammond Bay; Taylor Bay; south side of Descanso Bay; Lantzville; Duck Bay; Vesuvius Bay; Booth Bay; Porter Creek; Stuart Channel; unnamed bay northwest of Saltspring Island; Stone Cutters Bay; north side Descanso Bay; Vancouver Island between Icarus Point and Neck Point; unnamed bay on east side of Vancouver Island in Stuart Channel; Winchelsea Islands; Ada Islands; Conover Cove; and Preedy Harbour.

**May 31 to September 30:** Tent Island; Pirates Cove; Conover Cove; cove northwest of Conover Cove; and Montague Harbour.

## Rockfish Conservation Areas:

Lasqueti South–Young Point; Ballenas Island; Nanoose–Schooner Cove; Departure Bay; Northumberland Channel; De Courcy Island North; Reynolds Point–Link Island; Gabriola Passage; Danger Reefs; Ruxton–Pylades Islands; Coffin Point; Thetis–Kuper Islands; Saltspring Island North; and Trincomali Channel.

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## Area 18

### All Finfish, including Salmon:

Those waters of Cowichan Bay inside a line from a fishing boundary sign near Separation Point on Vancouver Island to Wilcuma Wharf are **closed to fishing for all finfish August 1 to October 31**.

In Subareas 18-7 and 18-8, that portion of Subarea 18-8 that lies easterly of a line from a square white boundary sign at Separation Point to a square white boundary sign at Wilcuma Wharf in Cowichan Bay; and that portion of Subarea 18-7 that lies southerly of a line from a square white boundary sign on Vancouver Island, near 48°46.179'N and 123°34.654'W, to a square white boundary sign on Saltspring Island SE of Burial Islet, near 48°45.992'N and 123°33.777'W, and northerly of a line from a square white boundary sign on Saltspring Island approximately 1.5 nautical miles ESE of Musgrave Point, near 48°43.982'N and 123°31.418'W, to a square white boundary sign on Vancouver Island approximately 0.5 nautical miles NW of Cherry Point, near 48°43.197'N and 123°33.708'W are **closed to fishing for all finfish August 1 to October 15**.

### Shellfish:

When harvesting **crab**, it is prohibited to use any gear other than ring nets or dip nets in Fulford Harbour, inside a line from Eleanor Point to Isabella Point.

There is a restricted fishing area in Ganges Harbour to provide a channel for navigation. **Crab floats** (buoys) must remain outside of the restricted area at all times.

### Shellfish Contamination:

Cowichan Bay; Long Harbour; Fulford Harbour; Ganges Harbour; Thieves Bay to Oak Bluffs; Bedwell Harbour; Hope Bay; Maple Bay; Horton Bay; Village Bay; Annette Inlet; Boot Cove; Northeast Saanich Peninsula; Madrona Bay; unnamed bays east of Fulford Harbour; Selby Cove; Port Browning; James Bay; 1.4km from Walker Spit; Cusheon Creek; Moresby Island; Shark Cove; and Burgoyne Bay.

**May 31 to September 30:** Long Harbour, Reef Harbour and Princess Bay.

### Rockfish Conservation Areas:

Mayne Island North; Prevost Island North; Navy Channel; Bell Chain Islets; Maple Bay; Burgoyne Bay; Russell Island; Portland Island; Bedwell Harbour; South Saturna; Patey Rock; and Coal Island.

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## Area 19

### All Finfish, including Salmon:

Those waters of Saanich Inlet inside a line from Whiskey Point to Verdier Point are **closed to fishing for all finfish September 15 to November 30**.

Those waters of Haro Strait shoreward of a line from the Sidney to Anacortes ferry dock in Sidney to the most eastern point of Cordova Spit: **non-retention of cutthroat trout, all year**.

Those waters of Finlayson Arm southerly of a line drawn true east from Christmas Point to the opposite shore are **closed to fishing for all finfish September 1 to November 30**.

**Harvesting of lingcod and rockfish is prohibited in these waters:** Those waters shallower than the 40 m depth contour surrounding Great Race Rock, North Race Rock, West Race Rock and Rosedale Rock.

### Shellfish:

Closed to the harvest of **butter clams**, all year.

There is a restricted fishing area in Tsehum Harbour to provide a channel for navigation. **Crab floats** (buoys) must remain outside of the restricted area at all times.

**Harvesting of shellfish is prohibited in these waters:** those waters inside a line from the navigation light at the western end of the Ogden Point Causeway thence to Brotchie Ledge Light, thence to Holland Point on Vancouver Island; those water within 0.5 nautical miles of Great Race Rock; and Ten Mile Point: Those waters within 0.4 nautical miles of Cadboro Point navigation light.

### Shellfish Contamination:

Albert Head to Cordova Bay; Curteis Point to Cordova Bay; Hatch Point to Bamberton; Thompson Cove; Brentwood Bay; Coles Bay; Finlayson Arm; Quarantine Cove; Cordova Split to James Island to Island View Beach; Mosses Point to north of Dogwood Road access; Squally Reach; Bazan Bay; and North Yarrow Point.

### Rockfish Conservation Areas:

Coal Island; Brethour, Domville, Forrest, Gooch Islands; Brentwood Bay; Mid Finlayson Arm; D'Arcy Island to Beaumont Shoal; Duntze Head (Royal Roads); Trial Island; Discovery—Chatham Islands; and Race Rocks.

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## Area 20

### All species:

**Pacific Rim National Park Reserve:** Portions of Areas 20 to 24, 121, 123 and 124: All tidal waters within the park are closed to **scuba and skin diving for all species, all year**.

### All Finfish, including Salmon:

Those waters that are inside a line that begins at a white square boundary sign located approximately 0.8 nautical miles west of Owen Point, then to



48°32.45'N and 124°32.05'W, then to the Port San Juan Light and Whistle Buoy, then to Woods Nose, then across Port San Juan to a white square boundary sign at 48°33.23'N and 124°28.55'W are **closed to fishing for all finfish August 15 to Labour Day in September.**

### **Shellfish:**

**Harvesting of all shellfish is prohibited in these waters:** Botanical Beach: Those waters between the lowest tide level and the highest tide level between a fishing boundary sign 1,500 m northeast of San Juan Pt following the shoreline southeasterly to a fishing boundary sign 250 m west of the mouth of Tom Baird Creek.

### **Shellfish Contamination**

Pedder Bay, Sooke Harbour and Sooke Basin.

### **Rockfish Conservation Areas:**

Bentinck Island; Race Rocks; Becher Bay East; Carmanah; and Sooke Bay.

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## **Areas 21, 22, and 121**

### **All species:**

**Pacific Rim National Park Reserve:** Portions of Areas 20 to 24, 121, 123 and 124: All tidal waters within the park are **closed to scuba and skin diving for all species, all year.**

### **All Finfish, including Salmon:**

The head of Nitinat Lake and those waters of the tidal portion of Nitinat River, northeasterly of a line between boundary signs on the northeastern and northwestern tips of land at the head of the lake, are **closed to fishing for all finfish August 1 to October 31.**

In those waters northeasterly of a line from Windy Point to a boundary sign on the opposite shore are **closed to fishing for salmon August 1 to October 31.**

The waters of Subareas 121-1 and 121-2 (Swiftsure Bank), inside a line from 48°34.00'N and 125°06.00'W, thence to 48°34.00'N and 124°54.20'W, thence to 48°29.62'N and 124°43.40'W, thence following the International Boundary between Canada and the U.S. to 48°29.55'N and 124°56.20'W, thence in a straight line to the point of commencement, are **closed to fishing for all finfish all year.**

### **Rockfish Conservation Areas:**

Pachena Point; Dare Point; and Carmanah.

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## **Areas 23 and 123**

### **All species:**

**Pacific Rim National Park Reserve:** Portions of Areas 20 to 24, 121, 123 and 124: All tidal waters within the park are **closed to scuba and skin diving for all species all year.**

**Endeavour Hydrothermal Vents - Marine Protected Area:** Check with your local DFO office for permitted fishing activities.

**All Finfish, including Salmon:**

That portion of Subarea 23-1 southerly of square, white fishing boundary sign at the tidal limit of the Somass River near the Paper Mill Dam and northerly of a line between a square, white fishing boundary sign located at Harbour Quay at Port Alberni and a square, white fishing boundary sign on the opposite shore of Alberni Inlet are **closed to all finfish July 24 to September 30.**

Those waters of Alberni Inlet bounded on the north by line drawn 66° true from Hocking Point to a square white fishing boundary sign on the eastern shore of Alberni Inlet, and on the south by a line from a square white fishing boundary sign at Chesnucknuw Creek to a square white fishing boundary sign on the western shore of Alberni Inlet are **closed to all fishing for finfish August 1 to September 30.**

Those portions of Subarea 23-3 bounded on the south by a line from a boundary sign on Vancouver Island just north of Assits Island Light through a boundary marker at Fullerton Point on Tzartus Island, to a boundary sign on Seddall Island south of Ecoole, and on the north by a line from Star Point to a boundary sign at the mouth of Handy Creek are **closed to all fishing for finfish August 1 to September 30.**

Inside a line from a square, white fishing boundary sign at the eastern side of the entrance to Poett Nook to San Jose Islet Light, thence to a square white fishing boundary sign at the southern tip of Congreve Island, thence northeastward to a square white fishing boundary sign on Vancouver Island are **closed to all fishing for finfish August 1 to September 30.**

**Shellfish Contamination:**

Bamfield Inlet; Grappler Inlet; Ucluelet Inlet; Cigarette Cove; River Point; Crawford Creek; Julia Passage; Toquart Bay; the area between Fatty Basin and Useless Inlet; Useless Inlet; and Roquefeuil Bay.

**May 31 to September 30:** Poett Nook and Entrance Inlet.

**Rockfish Conservation Areas:**

Broken Islands Group and Folger Passage.

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## **Areas 24 and 124**

**All species:**

**Pacific Rim National Park Reserve:** Portions of Areas 20 to 24, 121, 123 and 124: All tidal waters within the park are **closed to scuba and skin diving for all species, all year.**

**All Finfish, including Salmon:**

Kennedy Cove, inside a line between fishing boundary signs on the outer southwest corner and the outer northeast corner of the Cove is **closed to fishing for all finfish, all year.**

### Shellfish Contamination:

Van Nevel Channel; Duffin Passage; Big Whitepine Cove; portion of Warn Bay; Atleo River; Ahousaht Fuel Dock; and Hot Springs Cove.

### Rockfish Conservation Areas:

Estevan Point; Bedwell Sound; Saranac Island; and Vargas Island to Dunlap Island.

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## Areas 25 and 125

### All Finfish, including Salmon:

Muchalat Inlet east of a line from the Gold River harbour limit is **closed to fishing for all finfish July 15 to October 15**.

Those waters of Kendrick Inlet northwesterly of a line from Boston Point to Salter Point on the southern tip of Strange Island are **closed to fishing for all finfish July 15 to October 15**.

The waters inside a line drawn between square white fishing boundary signs on the opposite sides of the entrance to Nesook bay; and the waters inside a line drawn between square white fishing boundary signs on the opposite sides of the entrance to Head Bay, and the waters inside a line drawn between white fishing boundary signs on the opposite sides of the entrance to Hisnit Inlet are **closed to fishing for all finfish July 15 to October 15**.

Tahsis Inlet bounded on the north by a line from the most northerly point of Strange Island to a boundary sign on the opposite shore of Tahsis Inlet and bounded on the south by a line from Salter Point on the southern tip of Strange Island to Hoiss Point on Vancouver Island is **closed to fishing for all finfish July 15 to October 15**.

Tahsis Inlet north of a line from Mozino Point to a boundary sign on the opposite shore is **closed to fishing for all finfish July 15 to October 15**.

Zeballos Inlet north of a line commencing at a boundary sign located 49°56.689'N and 126°49.121'W to a boundary sign located at 49°56.689'N to 126°48.006'W (approx. 1 km south of the Little Zeballos River) is **closed to fishing for all finfish July 15 to October 15**.

### Shellfish Contamination:

Friendly Cove; Tlupana Inlet; Inner Basin; Port Eliza; Three Cove Bay; Kleeptee Creek; unnamed creek mouth at Hanna Channel; Nesook Bay; Bodega Island; Queen Cove; Plumper Harbour; Mooyah Bay; Ceepeecee; Esperanza; and Espinosa Inlet.

**May 31 to September 30:** Santa Gertudis Cove.

### Rockfish Conservation Area:

West of Bajo Reef.

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## Areas 26 and 126

### Shellfish Contamination:

McKay Cove; Walters Cove; Malksope Inlet; Ououkinsh Inlet; Cachalot Inlet; Nasparti Inlet; unnamed creek on Union Island; Amai Inlet; Clanninick Cove; Tahsish Inlet; and Kashutl Inlet.

### Rockfish Conservation Area:

Checleset Bay.

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## Areas 27 and 127

### All Finfish, including Salmon:

The portion of Varney Bay from the Marble River tidal boundary downstream to the fishing boundary signs at the entrance of Varney Bay is **closed to fishing for all finfish July 1 to December 31**.

### Shellfish Contamination:

Cleagh Creek; Mahatta River; Koprino Harbour; Winter Harbour; Holberg Inlet; Hecate Cove; Apple Bay; and Jules Bay.

### Rockfish Conservation Areas:

Scott Islands; Top Knot; Holberg Inlet; and Brooks Bay.

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## Area 28

### All Species:

For navigational safety, the Vancouver Port Authority has **prohibited fishing from vessels** between a line drawn true south from Capilano Light to the shoreline and a line drawn true north from Brockton Point to the shoreline.

The following park areas are closed to the harvest of all marine life for the preservation of the unique underwater habitat. **Closures apply to all fishing of all marine life, all year:**

**Porteau Cove** — Those waters east of a line drawn from a fishing boundary sign at the south shore of Porteau Cove northerly in a straight line to the white fishing boundary sign on the north shore of Porteau Cove.

**Point Atkinson** — bounded by a line commencing at the southwest entrance to Starboat Cove, thence seaward in a southwest direction for 85 m, thence westerly following the shoreline for 100 m, thence to the southernmost tip of Point Atkinson (125 m east of the lighthouse).

**Whytecliff Park** — Those waters inside a line that begins at the most southerly point of Whytecliff Park, then in a straight line to a point located 100 m east of the most southeasterly point of Whyte Islet, then following the southern shoreline of Whyte Islet at a distance of 100 m to a point lying 100 m from the most southwesterly point of Whyte Islet, then in a straight line to a point lying 100 m west of White Cliff Point, then following the shoreline at a distance of 100 m in a northerly direction to a point 100 m north of Lookout Point, then following the shoreline at a distance of 100 m in an

easterly direction to a point 100 m perpendicular to the most northerly point of Whytecliff Park, then to the most northern point of Whytecliff Park on the mainland.

### **All Finfish, including Salmon:**

Those waters of Mannion Bay (Deep Bay) on Bowen Island lying westerly of a line between two boundary signs near the entrance to Mannion Bay, are **closed to fishing for all finfish September 1 to December 31.**

Those waters of Howe Sound easterly of a line between a boundary sign 300 m north of the mouth of Britannia Creek and the southern tip of Minaty Bay, are **closed to fishing for all finfish May 30 to September 30.**

### **Shellfish:**

Subareas 28-6 to 28-14 (Burrard Inlet and Indian Arm) are **closed to the harvest of bivalve molluscs, all year.**

Harvesting of **crab, shrimp and prawns** is closed between Lions Gate Bridge and the Second Narrows Bridge, all year. This closure is to avoid conflicts with navigational activity in the harbour.

Harvesting of **crab** is closed in English Bay and False Creek in outer Burrard Inlet, inside a line from a fishing boundary sign on Jericho Beach to Ferguson Point in Stanley Park, **all year.**

### **Shellfish Contamination:**

Burrard Inlet; Indian Arm; Vancouver Harbour; Horseshoe Bay; Gower Point to Soames Point; Port Graves; Camp Fircom; Halkett Bay; McNab Creek; Potlatch Creek; Mannion Bay (Deep Bay); and Grafton Bay.

**May 31 to September 30:** Plumper Cove.

### **Rockfish Conservation Areas:**

Domett Point; Woolridge Island; Pam Rock; Mariners Rest; West Bay; Upper Centre Bay; Lions Bay; Bowyer Island; Pasley Island; Passage Island; West Vancouver; Eastern Burrard Inlet; Indian Arm – Twin Islands; and Croker Island.

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## **Area 29**

*Refer to the map and description of Fraser River tidal boundaries inside the Tidal Waters cover of this Guide.*

### **Shellfish:**

Subareas 29-6 to 29-11 (Boundary Bay and the mouth of the Fraser River) are **closed to the harvest of bivalve molluscs, all year.**

### **Shellfish Contamination:**

Chaster Creek to Gower Point; Boundary, Mud and Semiahmoo Bays; Sand Heads to U.S. Boundary by Tsawwassen; Sergeant Bay; and Whaler Bay.

### **Rockfish Conservation Areas:**

McCall Bank; Halibut Bank; Valdes Island East; Galiano Island North.