

# FAMILY FISHING WEEKEND JUNE 15-16-17

Family Fishing Weekend makes it easy for any Canadian resident who has ever wanted to try fishing to enjoy B.C.'s great outdoors and discover one of our most popular pastimes. Check [www.bcfamilyfishing.com](http://www.bcfamilyfishing.com) for complete details on fishing regulations, suggested places to fish and for details on where special community events are being held.

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## FRESH WATER FISHING

### Help Protect Our Fish Resources—Learn to Fish Within the Rules

During B.C.'s Family Fishing Weekend, residents of Canada\* may fish in most of B.C.'s thousands of lakes and streams, compliments of the provincial government. Except as noted below, a Freshwater Angling Licence is not required. Everyone can have fun within the rules, so please abide by all current angling regulations.

(\*persons who have lived in Canada for the preceding 12 months)

### Regular Fishing Licences Required to Fish Classified Waters

Several dozen special trout and steelhead streams called "Classified Waters" (see pages 6 & 7) cannot be fished during Family Fishing Weekend without purchasing a regular angling licence plus a Classified Waters Licence. Please check the regional tables to see which streams are "classified" on June 15, 16 and 17.

### To Keep A Special Fish, You May Need to Make a Contribution to Conservation

Like any seasoned angler, you decide if you release your catch or keep it (regulations permitting). Everyone can fish for and keep a wide variety of fish during Family Fishing Weekend, but a Conservation Surcharge Stamp (see p. 7) is needed if you plan on keeping a few special fish:

- Kootenay Lake rainbow trout over 50 cm;
- Shuswap Lake rainbow trout over 50 cm;
- Shuswap Lake char (bull trout, Dolly Varden or lake trout) over 60 cm;
- Any salmon caught in non-tidal water (check the federal regulations for openings and size limits for salmon); or
- Any steelhead (where harvest is permitted)

To keep and eat these special fish, you must have purchased the appropriate stamp in advance of fishing, affixed it to a **FREE** Family Fishing Weekend freshwater licence and recorded your catch on the back of your **FREE** licence. If you have not purchased the required stamp, then any of these special fish caught must be released. **FREE** FFW licences are available as a download at:

[www.bcfamilyfishing.com](http://www.bcfamilyfishing.com)

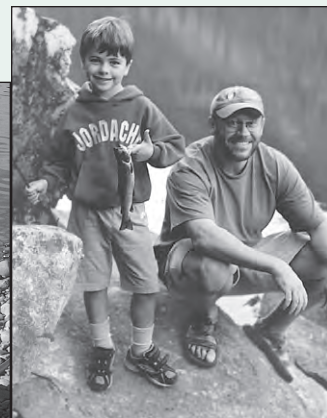


CORY LEGEBOKOW

Admiring the day's catch on Summit Lake near Nakusp (see page 52)



MARY NETO



NANCY GIOIA

Left: Father and son and their fine Peace River catch

Right: Felix's first fish, at Gibson Lake (Kootenay Region)

**Some Tips:** First, become familiar with the province-wide regulations (on pages 9-12) which cover allowable fishing methods, general rules on bait usage and general "No Fishing" areas.

Next, select the region you will be fishing in and refer to the regional regulations. Look for things like regional daily catch quotas and general gear restrictions.

Finally, check to see if the specific lake or stream you want to fish is listed in the regional tables and has special restrictions.

The instructions in "How to Use This Synopsis" on page 4 will make this clear.

Any recent updates to the regulations are posted under "In-Season Regulation Changes" at: [www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish)

## TIDAL (SALTWATER) FISHING

Fisheries and Oceans Canada invites everyone to participate in B.C.'s Family Fishing Weekend and enjoy the pleasures of saltwater sport fishing.

- Tidal Waters Fishing Licences are required for ALL anglers. They must be **PURCHASED** by adults (16 and older), but are **FREE** for those under 16.
- Pick up a B.C. Tidal Waters Sport Fishing Guide when you obtain your licence.
- Please see page 3 for information on salmon regulations and check for updates, including area closures at: [www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/recfish](http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/recfish)