

SALMON MANAGEMENT IN FRESH WATER

SALMON REGULATIONS IN FRESH WATER

The management of salmon fisheries in B.C., in both tidal and fresh waters, is the responsibility of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO). **The regulations for salmon fishing in fresh water are not included in this Synopsis**, but are available from any DFO Office or through the on-line Freshwater Salmon Supplement at DFO's website (www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/rec/index-eng.htm).

To fish for salmon in fresh water, however, a provincial Non-Tidal Angling Licence is required (see page 6 in this section).

To retain any salmon caught in fresh water, your provincial Non-Tidal Angling Licence must be validated with a Non-Tidal Salmon Conservation Stamp (see page 7 in this section for details).

SALMON SPORT HEAD RECOVERY PROGRAM

Is your chinook or coho salmon missing its adipose fin?

Heads from chinook and coho salmon with a missing adipose fin should be submitted to the nearest Salmon Sport Head Recovery Depot. The heads may contain implanted coded-wire tags with information important for management and research.

For more information on this program and the locations of the recovery depots, please refer to DFO's website (see above) or call toll free: 1-866-483-9994.

By participating in the Salmon Sport Head Recovery Program, you will be entered into an annual prize draw. You will also receive information on the origin of your fish.

1. Check any sport-caught chinook or coho salmon or that you retain to see if the ADIPOSE fin is missing.

2. If so, please bring the head to a Salmon Sport Head Recovery Depot.

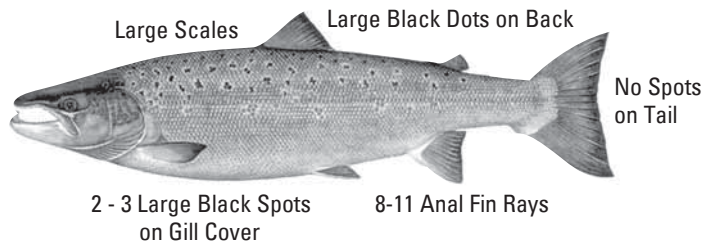


EXOTIC ALERT: ATLANTIC SALMON IN B.C.

The Ministry of Environment encourages anglers to report the catch of Atlantic salmon in lakes and streams near the west coast of the province. Anglers are asked to pay special attention to salmon with unusual spotting and eroded fins.

Atlantic salmon can be identified by:

- 8-11 anal fin rays (Pacific salmon have 11-13 rays)
- Very noticeable, large, black spots on the gill cover (not common on native salmon)
- Large scales and black spots on the back
- May have very noticeably eroded or worn fins from containment in net-pens



Report any captures or sightings of Atlantic salmon to the Atlantic Salmon Watch Program by calling toll free 1-800-811-6010.

The entire fish (including entrails) should be saved, preferably frozen, for positive identification and biological sampling, with as much information as possible regarding date, location and method of capture. **Note: the daily catch quota for Atlantic salmon is unlimited in fresh (non-tidal) water.**

For information on salmon regulations, please contact your nearest DFO office (listed on the Regional sections in this Synopsis).

- Visit DFO's website, www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/rec/index-eng.htm, for updated salmon regulations.
- DFO's website also has information on salmon identification, packaging salmon for transport, and obtaining a Tidal Waters Sport Fishing Licence online.

Please note that when fresh waters are closed to fishing or have gear restrictions outlined in this Synopsis, the regulations apply to fishing for salmon as well as for non-salmon species.

**REPORT SALMON VIOLATIONS...
PLEASE CALL 1-800-465-4336
IN GREATER VANCOUVER 604-607-4186**