



FAMILY FISHING WEEKEND

(Father's Day Weekend)

June 18-19-20, 2010

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 for complete details on fishing regulations, suggested places to fish and locations of special community events.

Help Protect Our Fish Resources - 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 Non-Tidal 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 & 8 in the Provincial Regulations) cannot be fished during Family Fishing Weekend without first purchasing a regular angling licence plus a Classified Waters Licence. Please check the regional tables to see which streams are "classified" on June 18, 19 & 20, 2010.

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 page 7 in the Provincial Regulations) 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 salmon openings and size limits); or
- Any hatchery 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 licence and recorded your catch on the back of your **FREE** licence. If you have not purchased the required stamp, then these special fish must be released.

FREE Family Fishing Weekend licences are available as a download at: www.bcfamilyfishing.com