

Where & When to See Salmon

INTRODUCTION

This pamphlet briefly describes many of the B.C. locations where the public is invited to see salmon and sea-run trout, also referred to as salmonids. At different times of the year, one may expect to see adults or juveniles of one or more salmonid species. This pamphlet will give you information on which species are likely to be present at different locations, primarily hatcheries and spawning channels, at any given time.

A map of British Columbia is included on page 10 and 11 of this pamphlet. Each facility is numbered so that you can locate it on the map. Each listing gives specific travel directions.

SALMONID ENHANCEMENT

Seven species of salmonids; coho, chum, chinook, pink, sockeye, steelhead and cutthroat, are the focus of the federal government's Salmonid Enhancement Program (SEP). The program was launched in 1977 with the aim of restoring the population of salmonids to their historic levels. The hatcheries, fishways, spawning channels and other facilities where fish may be seen are a major part of that effort.

Natural runs of salmon also occur in many provincial waterways. The most famous of these is the Adams River sockeye run. Its four-year cycle peaks in the fall of 1998 and every four years thereafter.

If you should come across any stream hosting a salmonid run, please do not disturb or harass the fish. The salmonids are a precious resource and spawners are our assurance that they will frequent these waters for generations to come.

BRITISH COLUMBIA WILDLIFE WATCH

British Columbia Wildlife Watch is the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks' program designed to promote wildlife viewing opportunities within British Columbia. The protection of wildlife species and their habitat, and a positive, safe experience for the viewer are the primary objectives of this program. Many local communities, other agencies and public conservation groups are involved. For more information on British Columbia Wildlife Watch phone (604) 387-9767, fax (604) 356-9145, write 780 Blanshard Street, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4 or contact any Regional Office of BC Environment.

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1 GOLDSTREAM PARK

Location: Victoria

Directions: Drive north 19 km from Victoria on Highway 1; the park is located at beginning of Malahat Drive.

Species: Chum salmon, with some coho, chinook and steelhead

Best Times: Adult chum spawn in November; coho in November and December; chinook in late October and early November; steelhead spawn early in February.

Other Attractions: Camping, picnicking and hiking in the provincial park; nature house and interpretive program.

Contact: Goldstream Park Nature House, 2930 Trans-Canada Highway, Victoria, B.C. V8X 3X2 Phone: 478-9414

2 SOOKE SALMON ENHANCEMENT SOCIETY

Location: Near the town of Sooke, outside Victoria

Directions: This is a volunteer-run project; tours are by appointment only.

Species: Coho and chinook

Best Times: Adults: November-December; juveniles: April-May.

Other Attractions: Camping at Sooke, Wiffen Spit in Sooke Basin, Sooke Museum

Contact: P.O. Box 947, Sooke, B.C. V0S 1N0 or Fisheries and Oceans, Victoria, phone: 363-3252

3 SAN JUAN HATCHERY

Location: Port Renfrew

Directions: Drive 8 km north on Port Renfrew/Lake Cowichan Rd. about 2 km east of Fairy Lake campsite.

Species: Chinook and coho with some chum, sockeye and pink

Best Times: Adult chinook and coho October to December; juvenile chinook and coho March to May.

Other Attractions: West Coast Trail in Pacific Rim National Park; Botanical Beach; Fairy Lake campsite.

Contact: San Juan Enhancement Society, 4 Queesto Dr., Port Renfrew, B.C. V0S 1K0 Phone: 647-5568

4 NITINAT RIVER HATCHERY

Location: Nitinat Lake, West Coast of Vancouver Island

Directions: The hatchery is near Nitinat Lake, 70 km southeast of Port Alberni.

Leaving Port Alberni, follow the gravel road towards Bamfield. At Franklin Camp, follow signs to left towards Nitinat Lake. Hatchery is located on the right hand side of the road, at the confluence of the Big and Little Nitinat Rivers. Watch for hatchery signs. Access also by logging road from Lake Cowichan.

Species: Chum, chinook, coho

Best Times: Adult salmon during October and November; juvenile rearing April and May.

Other Attractions: Outdoor activities include boating, camping, fishing and windsurfing. Close to Pacific Rim National Park and Carmanah Valley.

Contact: P. O. Box 369, Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M8
Phone: 745-3321 Fax: 745-3416

5 STAMP FALLS FISHWAY

Location: Port Alberni, on the Stamp River

Directions: Drive west on Highway 4 out of Port Alberni and turn right on Beaver Creek Road; proceed for about 12 km and turn left into Stamp Falls Provincial Park.

Species: Sockeye, coho and chinook and steelhead

Best Times: Adult sockeye in mid-July; coho in August and October; chinook in September and October.

Other Attractions: Camping and picnicking in the provincial park; fishing for coho and chinook when regulations permit, although the area from 50 metres above the Falls to 200 metres below the Falls is closed to anglers. Seasonal closure, check with DFO.

Contact: Fisheries and Oceans, 3019 - 4th Ave., Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 2B8 Phone: 723-2612

6 ROBERTSON CREEK HATCHERY

Location: Port Alberni

Directions: Drive through Port Alberni on Highway 4 and turn right on Great Central Lake Road; follow the signs to the hatchery.

Species: Coho, chinook and steelhead

Best Times: Adult coho and chinook September to November; steelhead spawn in February; juvenile coho and steelhead year-round; chinook fry April and May.

Other Attractions: Boating, fishing on Sproat Lake, Alberni Inlet.

Contact: Box 1100, Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7L9

Phone: 724-6521 Fax: 724-6603

7 THORNTON CREEK HATCHERY

Location: Ucluelet

Directions: From Highway 4 turn towards Port Albion; approximately 2 km on road towards Port Albion there is a sign on a tree for the Thornton hatchery. Turn right on the road by the sign and continue for 1 km, hatchery is on the right-hand side.

Species: Chum, chinook and coho

Best Times: Adults mid-October to November; juveniles, March-June.

Other Attractions: Pacific Rim National Park. Lots of bears in fall.

Contact: Thornton Creek Enhancement Society, Box 225, Ucluelet, B.C. V0R 3A0

Phone: 726-7566; call in advance for tours.

8 COWICHAN RIVER HATCHERY

Location: Near Duncan on the Cowichan River

Directions: Turn east on Boys Road after first bridge south of Duncan; follow Boys Road to its end and keep right on gravel road. There are signs for the hatchery.

Species: Chinook, coho and chum salmon

Best Times: Juvenile chinook April-May; juvenile coho February-June.

Other Attractions: Skutz Falls fishway; Rotary Park Side Channel has chum spawners November-January and nature trail.

Contact: 2380 Hatchery Rd., Duncan, B.C. V9L 3Y2

Phone: 746-5741

9 NANAIMO COMMUNITY HATCHERY

Location: 10 km south of Nanaimo

Directions: Turn off at Cassidy Hotel and follow signs to hatchery.

Species: Coho, chinook and chum

Best Times: Adults: October-January; juveniles; May-June.

Other Attractions: Natural stream walk; interpretive display, June-September.

Contact: Nanaimo River Salmonid Enhancement Program,
271 Pine St., Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 2B7

Open 9 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. daily. Phone: 245-7780

10 LITTLE QUALICUM RIVER PROJECT

Location: Near Qualicum Beach

Directions: From Nanaimo, take the Parksville cutoff towards Port Alberni, turn right on Melrose Road and follow signs to site. From new Island Highway, follow signs from Qualicum Beach exit.

Species: Chum and chinook salmon and steelhead trout

Best Times: Adult chinook in early October; chum, late November; adult steelhead in February and March. Juvenile chum April and May; chinook fry February-June; juvenile steelhead October-May.

Other Attractions: Hiking in Horne Lake Caves Park; seashore at Qualicum Beach.

Contact: 4745 Melrose Rd., Qualicum Beach, B.C. V0R 1V3

Phone: 752-3231 Fax: 752-2184

11 BIG QUALICUM RIVER PROJECT

Location: Qualicum Beach

Directions: Drive north from Nanaimo, take the Island Highway through Parksville and Qualicum Beach; 12 km past Qualicum Beach a sign on the west side of the highway indicates the road to the site.

Species: Chum, coho and chinook salmon, and steelhead trout

Best Times: Adult chum and coho spawn November-December; chinook, October-November; steelhead, February-March. Juvenile coho year-round; chum fry in April-May; juvenile chinook February-June; steelhead June-May.

Other Attractions: Picnic tables at the project; fishing when regulations permit; hiking trails.

Contact: 215 Fisheries Rd., Qualicum Beach, B.C. V9K 1Z5

Phone: 757-8412 Fax: 757-8741

12 PUNTLEDGE RIVER HATCHERY

Location: Courtenay

Directions: From Courtenay take Lake Trail Road; turn right at Powerhouse Road and follow signs.

Species: Chum, pink, coho, chinook and steelhead

Best Times: Adult chum in November; coho, October-November; chinook, September-October. Spawning steelhead in February-March. Juvenile coho and steelhead year-round; chum fry March-April; pink fry February-April; juvenile chinook February-June.

Other Attractions: Courtenay Youth Music Centre; Comox Lake boating; fishing, hiking and picnicking.

Contact: Box 3111, Courtenay, B.C. V9N 5N3

Phone: 338-7444 Fax: 338-5362

13 QUINSAM RIVER HATCHERY

Location: Five km west of downtown Campbell River

Directions: Take Hwy. 28 west from its junction with Hwy. 19, turn left on Quinsam Road (one block past junction) and follow the signs.

Species: Pink, coho, chinook and steelhead

Best Times: Pinks in September; coho and chinook, October- November; steelhead, November-April. Juvenile coho and steelhead year-round; chinook fry, March-May.

Other Attractions: Picnic sites and nature trails on site. Provincial campsite nearby.

Contact: 4217 Argonaut Rd., Campbell River, B.C. V9G 1B3

Phone: 287-9564 Fax: 286-0261.

14 CONUMA RIVER HATCHERY

Location: Between Gold River and Tahsis

Directions: In Campbell River, turn off the Island Highway to Gold River and Tahsis; the hatchery is located 40 km from Gold River; look for hatchery sign by side of road.

Species: Chum, coho, chinook and steelhead

Best Times: Adult chum October-November; coho in November; chinook September-October; juveniles in April-May; juvenile coho year-round. Five different stocks of chum being raised.

Other Attractions: Camping/picnicking nearby; steelhead fishing in January-February; chinook fishing July-August. Bow-hunting reserve nearby.

Contact: Box 247, Tahsis, B.C. V0P 1X0

Phone/Fax: 283-7148. Visitors welcome.

15 QUATSE RIVER HATCHERY

Location: On the southern outskirts of Port Hardy

Directions: Follow the entrance way to Quatse River Campsite off Island Hwy No.1.

Species: Coho, chinook, steelhead, chum and pink

Best Times: Adults in October-November; juveniles, May-June. Steelhead adults in January; juveniles in June.

Other Attractions: Full facilities at year round campsite run by the Northern Vancouver Island Salmonid Enhancement Society; picnic areas; extensive nature trails that follow the river; sports fishing for steelhead, coho and cutthroat.

Contact: Northern Vancouver Island Salmonid Enhancement Society, Box 1409, Port Hardy, B.C. V0N 2P0 Phone: 949-9022

16 SECHELT HATCHERY

Location: Porpoise Bay

Directions: From Sechelt take Porpoise Bay Road to hatchery.

Species: Chinook, chum, coho and pink

Best Times: Juvenile chinook October to mid-June; juvenile coho February to mid-June. Adults from September to November.

Other Attractions: Picnicking at provincial park in Porpoise Bay; fishing; scuba-diving.

Contact: Sechelt Indian Band, Box 740, Sechelt, B.C. V0N 3A0 Phone: 885-5562

17 SUNSHINE COAST SALMONID ENHANCEMENT SOCIETY

Location: North of Langdale on the Sunshine Coast

Directions: From Langdale ferry dock, follow Hwy. 101 to Wilson Creek, turn right on Field Rd., left on Parkway Drive.

Species: Coho, chinook, pink, cutthroat, steelhead and rainbow

Best Times: Adults, September-November; juveniles year-round.

Other Attractions: Town of Gibsons Landing, beaches, fishing, picnic tables, nature trails, horseshoe pits, viewing deck.

Contact: Bob Anstead, RR #1, Sechelt, B.C. V0N 3A0
Phone: 885-4136. Visitors welcome anytime.

18 SLIAMMON HATCHERY

Location: Near Powell River on Sliammon River

Directions: Drive northwest from Powell River to Lund on Highway 101; hatchery sign on Hwy. 101.

Species: Chum and coho salmon

Best Times: Adults in October-December. Juvenile coho May to January; chum fry, early May.

Other Attractions: Camping and picnicking; tour of MacMillan Bloedel pulp mill at Powell River.

Contact: Sliammon Indian Band, RR 2, Sliammon Rd., Powell River, B.C. V8A 4Z3
Phone: 483-4111

19 LANG CREEK HATCHERY

Location: Powell River

Directions: From road to Haslam Lake: take Duck Lake Road, turn right after Duck Lake outlet bridge and follow signs.

Species: Coho, chinook, pink and chum

Best Times: Adults, September-November; juveniles, April-September

Other Attractions: Hiking, camping, fishing.

Contact: Powell River Enhancement Society, 7050 Alberni St., Powell River, B.C.
V8A 2C3 Phone: 485-7612

20 CAPILANO RIVER SALMON HATCHERY

Location: North Vancouver

Directions: Drive north on Capilano Road in North Vancouver and turn left into Capilano Park Road.

Species: Chinook, coho and steelhead

Best Times: Adult coho, July-October; chinook, September-October. Juvenile chinook, January-May; young coho and steelhead year-round.

Other Attractions: Wheelchair access; picnic tables and public washrooms in Capilano Park. For hours of operation, please call the hatchery.

Numerous trails including 30-minute hike to Cleveland Dam.

Contact: 4500 Capilano Road, North Vancouver, B.C. V7R 4L3
Phone: 666-1790 Fax: 666-1949

21 SEYMOUR RIVER HATCHERY

Location: Seymour Demonstration Forest, North Vancouver.

Directions: Phone hatchery for vehicle authorization and directions. (Pedestrian and bike access open to Seymour watershed.)

Species: Chinook, coho, cutthroat and steelhead.

Best Times: Juveniles: April-September; adults: September-December.

Other Attractions: Angling in Seymour River; nature trails.

Contact: Janice Jarvis, P. O. Box 52060, North Vancouver, B.C.
V7J 3T2 Phone: 640-9690, Information hotline: 980-9893

22 TERMINAL CREEK FISHWAY BOWEN IS. FISH & WILDLIFE CLUB HATCHERY

Location: On Bowen Island, in Crippen Park

Directions: From ferry dock, walk to the old general store. Look for Crippen Park; signs marking the trail; a ten-minute walk will bring you to the observation deck at fishway, trail goes to hatchery.

Species: Coho, chum and chinook

Best Times: November and December.

Other Attractions: Park, trail alongside hatchery, beaches.

Contact: Bowen Island Fish & Wildlife Club, Bowen Island, B.C.
V0N 1G0. For information or to arrange tours, phone 947-2242 or 947-0072

23 TENDERFOOT CREEK HATCHERY

Location: North of Squamish

Directions: North on Highway 99 from Squamish, left at Cheekye turn-off for 5 km; cross bridge, right on Paradise Road; right on Midnight Way; travel 1 km to hatchery.

Species: Chinook, coho, pinks in odd-numbered years

Best Times: Adult chinook, August-September; coho November-February. Juvenile chinook, December-May, coho year-round.

Other Attractions: Cheakamus Canyon, Alice Lake, Whistler Ski Resort. Eagle viewing December-February. Visitors welcome
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. daily.

Contact: Box 477, Brackendale, B.C. V0N 1H0
Phone: 898-3657 Fax: 898-5692

24 BELL-IRVING HATCHERY on KANAKA CREEK

Location: Maple Ridge

Directions: Travel one km south of Dewdney Trunk Road on 256th Street; there is a sign at entrance.

Species: Chum, coho, pink, steelhead and cutthroat

Best Times: Fish to see year-round; juveniles March-May; chum and coho spawners October- December at counting fence at 240th Street Bridge. Daily tours.

Other Attractions: Cliff Falls downstream, picnic tables at hatchery, trails.

Contact: John Heaven, Bell Irving/Kanaka Creek Hatchery, 11450 - 256th Street, Maple Ridge, B.C. V2X 7E6 Phone: 462-8643

25 PITT RIVER HATCHERY

Location: Near Corbold Creek, a tributary to the Upper Pitt River; the facility is located 11.3 km upstream from Pitt Lake.

Directions: It is a remote site with only boat or plane access.

Species: sockeye

Best Times: Adults early August; peak spawning early September.

Other Attractions: There is a fry rearing program in the hatchery as well as a lake-pen site on Pitt Lake in spring months.

Contact: Phone: 465-7963 or contact Inch Creek Hatchery, P. O. Box 61, 38620 Bell Rd., Dewdney, B.C. V0M 1H0 Phone: 826-0244 Fax: 826-1446

26 INCH CREEK HATCHERY

Location: Near Mission

Directions: East on Hwy.7 to Dewdney railroad tracks; east on Hawkins-Pickle Rd; one-half km past a dog-leg in Hawkins-Pickle Road, road name changes to Bell and there are signs to hatchery.

Species: Chum and coho; also sturgeon in pond

Best Times: Adult chum and coho, late October-December; juvenile chum March-April; coho and sturgeon year-round.

Other Attractions: Golden Ears Provincial Park.

Contact: Box 61, 38620 Bell Rd, Dewdney, B.C. V0M 1H0
Phone: 826-0244 Fax: 826-1446

27 CHEHALIS RIVER HATCHERY

Location: Harrison Mills area

Directions: From Highway 7, turn north on Morris Valley Road at the Sasquatch Inn. Hatchery is located on east side of road about 10 km north of Highway 7.

Species: Chum, coho, chinook, steelhead and cutthroat

Best Times: Adult chum October-December; chinook July -November; coho October-January; juvenile chum April-May; chinook March-May; coho year-round.

Other Attractions: Weaver Creek spawning channel for sockeye; Hemlock Valley ski area.

Contact: 16250 Morris Valley Road, Agassiz, B.C. V0M 1A0
Phone: 796-2281 Fax: 796-9631

28 WEAVER CREEK PROJECT

Location: Harrison Mills area

Directions: From Highway 7, north on Morris Valley Road at Sasquatch Inn; follow signs to spawning channel (3 km north of Chehalis River hatchery - see listing 27, page 12).

Species: Sockeye, some chum and pink

Best Times: Sockeye spawning in October.

Other Attractions: Display on sockeye salmon; brochures and self-guided tour.

Contact: Phone: 796-9444 or contact Chehalis River Hatchery, see listing 27, above

29 LITTLE CAMPBELL HATCHERY

Location: 1284 - 184th Street, Surrey, on the Little Campbell River

Directions: From Hwy. 99 go east on Hwy. 10, and turn right onto 184. Look for the club sign on your left. Or take 8th Ave. east from Hwy 99 to 184th and turn left.

Species: Coho, steelhead, cutthroat, chinook

Best Times: Adults, October-January; juveniles in spring.

Other Attractions: Picnic site, trails, ducks being raised.

Contact: Semiahmoo Fish and Game Club, 1284-184th St., Surrey, B.C. V4P 1M7 Phone: 541-0495. Visitors welcome.

30 TYNEHEAD ENHANCEMENT HATCHERY

Location: 16585 - 96th Ave., North Surrey

Directions: from Highway 1, take Cloverdale Exit (176th St.) south. Turn right onto 96th Ave. (at first light) follow signs to Tynehead Regional Park. Tours by appointment only.

Species: Coho, chum, chinook and steelhead

Best Times: Adults, October-December; juvenile coho, March-May; chum fry, April-May. Juvenile steelhead year-round.

Other Attractions: Tynehead Regional Park marked nature trails; 15-minute drive to historic Fort Langley.

Contact: Serpentine Enhancement Society, 16585 96th Ave., Surrey, B.C. V4N 2E2 Phone/Fax: 589-9127

31 FRASER VALLEY TROUT HATCHERY

Location: Abbotsford

Directions: Drive to Abbotsford on Highway 1 and take Exit 92 south for 2 km; turn west on Vye Road to the hatchery.

Species: Steelhead, cutthroat and rainbow trout

Best Times: Juvenile trout present year-round.

Other Attractions: Large public display area includes a theatre for films and slide shows. During July-August, open 7 days a week from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. During rest of the year, open 5 days a week from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please phone in advance to arrange tours.

Contact: 34345 Vye Road, Abbotsford, B.C. V2S 4N2
For Interpretive Centre phone: 852-5444

32 CHILLIWACK RIVER HATCHERY

Location: Near Chilliwack

Directions: Take the Sardis exit south from Highway 1; drive to Chilliwack River crossing; turn east, hatchery located at junction of Slesse Creek with Chilliwack River.

Species: Chum, coho, chinook and steelhead

Best Times: Adult chum in November-December; coho, October-December; chinook, August-November; steelhead, March-April. Chum fry March-April; juvenile coho year-round; chinook fry, February-May; juvenile steelhead August-April.

Other Attractions: Slesse Park; picnic sites.

Contact: 55205 Chilliwack Lake Rd., Chilliwack, B.C. V4Z 1A7
Phone: 858-7227 Fax: 858-0461

33 JONES CREEK SPAWNING CHANNEL

Location: Near Hope

Directions: From Highway 1, take exit to Laidlaw Road; channel is located north of road and west of first bridge at Jones Creek.

Species: Pink salmon, with chum, coho and steelhead

Best Times: Pink spawn during October, odd-numbered years.

Other Attractions: Recreation at Jones Lake.

Contact: Fisheries and Oceans, 400 - 555 West Hastings Street, (Station 321), Vancouver, B.C. V6B 5G3 Phone: 666-6614

34 HELLS GATE FISHWAYS

Location: Near Boston Bar on Highway 1

Directions: Look for signs to parking about 55 km north of Hope.

Species: Sockeye, coho, pink, chinook, steelhead

Best Times: Adults use fishways July-October, but are not usually seen since Fraser River is muddy.

Other Attractions: Fishways can be viewed from privately owned tramway; displays on construction and history of the fishways and life cycle of salmon.

Contact: Fisheries and Oceans, 400 - 555 West Hastings Street, (Station 321), Vancouver, B.C. V6B 5G3 Phone: 666-6614

35 SPIUS CREEK HATCHERY

Location: Near Merritt

Directions: Highway 8, west of Lower Nicola, about 16km from Merritt. Cross Nicola River bridge at Spius; follow hatchery signs.

Species: Chinook, coho and steelhead

Best Times: Adults, July-December; juveniles, January-May; steelhead adults, April-May; juveniles June-September.

Other Attractions: Monk Park, Nicola and Douglas lakes and fallow deer farm nearby.

Contact: Box 237 Merritt, B.C. V0K 2B0 Phone: 378-2992 Fax: 378-4615

36 HORSEFLY RIVER PROJECT

Location: On the Horsefly River in the Village of Horsefly.

Directions: Turn east off Highway 97 at 150 Mile House and travel to Horsefly on paved road (approximately 45 minutes).

Species: sockeye

Best Times: Late August to late September.

Other Attractions: Recreation area includes camping, fishing; close to Likely and Quesnel Forks (historic Cariboo Gold Rush area) to the north. A very large sockeye run in dominant and subdominant years. Dominant: 1997, 2001, 2005. Subdominant: 1998, 2002, etc. Exceeded Adams River run in last cycle.

Contact: Fisheries and Oceans, Box 9, Granisle, B.C. V0J 1W0 Phone: 697-2314 or 697-2424

37 SKEETCHESTN/DEADMAN PROJECT

Location: Savona area

Directions: 10 km west of Savona on Hwy #1, turn on Deadman/ Vidette Road. Seven km to community, drive through, cross bridge, turn right and follow road to hatchery. Please stop and inform the Band office.

Species: Coho and chinook

Best Times: Adults, August-October; juveniles, June-September

Other Attractions: Deadman Falls nearby

Contact: Skeetchestn Indian Band, Box 178, Savona, B.C.

V0K 2J0 Phone: 373-2493

38 SHUSWAP RIVER HATCHERY

Location: Near Lumby

Directions: Take Mable Lake road north. Hatchery is 15 km north at W.J. Tolley Park, Shuswap Falls.

Species: Chinook.

Best Times: Adults, September-October; juveniles, January-May.

Other Attractions: Silver Star ski area nearby; Echo Lakes provincial park, both about 1 hr. drive from hatchery.

Contact: Site 7, Comp. 4, RR#2, Lumby, B.C. V0E 2G0

Phone: 547-6673

39 SETON CREEK SPAWNING CHANNELS

Location: Near Lillooet

Directions: Proceed on Highway 12 from Lytton to Lillooet; channels located beside Seton Creek about 5 km from Lillooet and near the outlet of Seton Lake.

Species: Pink salmon

Best Times: Pinks spawn first 3 weeks of October in odd years.

Other Attractions: Displays of life cycle of salmon; literature supplied (with one week's notice).

Contact: Fisheries and Oceans, Box 315, Lillooet, B.C. V0K 1V0

Phone: 256-4525

40 LOON CREEK HATCHERY

Location: Near Cache Creek

Directions: Drive north from Cache Creek on Highway 97 for about 20 km; turn east on Loon Lake Road and proceed 10 km to the hatchery.

Species: Rainbow and kokanee

Best Times: Juvenile rainbow July to mid-September; kokanee, January-April. Open 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. daily; self-guided tours.

Other Attractions: Loon Lake Provincial Park.

Contact: 974 Loon Lake Road, R.R. #1,
Cache Creek, B.C. V0K 1H0 Phone: 459-2454

41 ADAMS RIVER

Location: Near Squilax

Directions: Leave Highway 1 at Squilax, about 10 km east of Chase; follow the signs to Adams River.

Species: Sockeye salmon

Best Times: Sockeye spawn in late October.

Other Attractions: One of nature's great spectacles; every four years an estimated 1.5 to 2.0 million sockeye spawn here; next dominant runs 1998, 2002, 2006, every four years thereafter.

Contact: Fisheries and Oceans, 400 - 555 West Hastings Street, (Station 321),
Vancouver, B.C. V6B 5G3 Phone: 666-6614

42 PINKUT CREEK PROJECT

Location: Fifty km north of Burns Lake.

Directions: From Highway 16, turn north on secondary road at Burns Lake (paved for first 10 km only), and follow posted signs.

Species: Sockeye salmon

Best Times: Adults spawn in September.

Other Attractions: Recreational fishing.

Contact: Box 1180, Burns Lake, B.C. V0J 1E0 Phone/Fax: 847-8132 or 847-8133

43 NADINA RIVER PROJECT

Location: Houston

Directions: West on Highway 16 from Prince George to Houston; turn left 3 km west of Houston onto Morice Forest Road; follow this road past Owen Lake to Nadina Lake turnoff (Tahtsa Road); follow Tahtsa Road for 30 km almost to Nadina Lake; signs will direct you to the Nadina River Salmon Project.

Species: Sockeye salmon

Best Times: Spawning peaks mid-September.

Other Attractions: Life cycle display; literature, film "Life of the Sockeye" available with notice, fishing and camping.

Contact: Fulton River Project, Box 9, Granisle, B.C. V0J 1W0
Phone: 697-2314, Fax: 697-6253

44 FULTON RIVER PROJECT

Location: Ten km south of Granisle

Directions: From Highway 16 turn north on the secondary road at small community of Topley.

Species: Sockeye: world's largest sockeye spawning channel

Best Times: Adult sockeye spawn in September; as many as one-half million fish in channel and river.

Other Attractions: Camping, fishing.

Contact: Box 9, Granisle, B.C. V0J 1W0 Phone: 697-2314 or 697-2424 Fax: 697-6253

45 BABINE RIVER COUNTING FENCE/FORT BABINE ENHANCEMENT

Location: 120 km north-east of Smithers

Directions: 8 km east of Smithers on Highway 16 turn north at Fisheries sign; follow gravel road.

Species: Sockeye, coho, pink and chinook salmon

Best Times: Adult salmon mid-July to October.

Other Attractions: Camping and fishing.

Contact: Fisheries and Oceans, 114-417 2nd Avenue West, Prince Rupert, B.C. V8J 1G8 or Fort Babine Enterprises, Box 2292, Smithers, B.C. V0J 2N0 Phone: 847-8513

46 TOBOGGAN CREEK HATCHERY

Location: Smithers

Directions: West from Smithers on Highway 16 to Toboggan Creek; look for hatchery sign beside road.

Species: Chinook, coho and steelhead

Best Times: Juveniles year-round; adult coho October - November.

Other Attractions: Outdoor activities, spectacular scenery, Driftwood Valley fossil beds, Twin Creeks Falls.

Contact: Toboggan Creek Salmon and Steelhead Enhancement Society, RR 1, Smithers B.C. V0J 2N0 Phone: 847-4458

47 KINCOLITH HATCHERY

Location: Kincolith village 85 km north of Prince Rupert

Directions: Four flights daily from Seal Cove in Prince Rupert, or by boat which leaves Mondays, Fridays from the foot of McBride Street.

Species: Chinook, coho and chum

Best Times: Adult chinook, July-August; coho, October-November; chum in August. Juvenile fish April-June. Tourists welcome.

Other Attractions: Spectacular scenery; hiking, trails.

Contact: Kincolith Indian Band, Kincolith, B.C. V0V 1X0
Phone: 326-4270

48 OLDFIELD CREEK HATCHERY

Location: Prince Rupert on Oldfield Creek

Directions: Driving into Prince Rupert on Highway 16, pass new performing arts theatre and turn left onto Wantage Road. Hatchery is on your right about 900 meters (1/2 mile) from turn. Look for hatchery sign on road.

Species: Coho, pink and chinook

Best Times: Pink salmon and chinook in creek in September; adult coho at hatchery late October-early November. Juveniles year-round.

Other Attractions: Students host tours May-September. Rest of year, please phone ahead to arrange tours. Picnic sites at hatchery, Diana Creek. Two km of nature trails along spawning beds.

Contact: Prince Rupert Salmonid Enhancement, Box 1098, Prince Rupert, B.C. V8J 4H6 Phone: 624-6733

49 KITIMAT RIVER HATCHERY

Location: Kitimat

Directions: Cross Kitimat River bridge, south for 1 km; hatchery located on left side of road.

Species: Chum, coho, chinook, steelhead and cutthroat

Best Times: Chum, chinook August, coho October-November; juveniles February-June.

Other Attractions: Tours of Eurocan pulp and paper mill and Alcan aluminum smelter.

Contact: Box 197, Kitimat, B.C. V8G 2G7
Phone: 639-9888/9788 Fax: 639-9220

50 DEEP CREEK HATCHERY

Location: Terrace

Directions: Drive 2 km north from Terrace (past North West College); look for sign on highway.

Species: Chinook and coho

Best Times: Chinook August-September; coho October-November

Other Attractions: Nature trail.

Contact: Terrace Salmon Enhancement Society, P.O. Box 21, Terrace, B.C. V8G 4A2
Phone: 635-3471

51 BELLA BELLA HATCHERY

Location: Bella Bella

Directions: From Bella Bella, you can take a water taxi or drive towards the Bella Bella Fish Plant on McLoughlin Rd. to hatchery.

Species: Chum and coho

Best Times: Adults, October-November. Juvenile chum mid-April to mid-May; coho year-round. Open 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Other Attractions: Boat rentals available in nearby Shearwater; fishing and scuba-diving.

Contact: Heiltsuk Indian Band, Box 880, Waglisla, B.C. V0T 1Z0
Phone: 957-2661

52 SNOOTLI CREEK HATCHERY

Location: Bella Coola

Directions: Fly to Bella Coola or take Highway 20 west from Williams Lake. There are hatchery signs both east and west on Highway 20 indicating where to turn off for hatchery.

Species: Chum, chinook, steelhead

Best Times: Chum, July-August; chinook and pink, August-September; steelhead, June. Juveniles, February-July.

Other Attractions: Camping and fishing, Tweedsmuir Park, pink and other species may be viewed at the Atnarko spawning channel. Chum are spawned during first two weeks in August at four different sites; the Airport Side Channel, Salloomt River, Thorsen Creek, and Snootli Creek. Fence weirs are put in the water and the fish may be viewed close up.

Contact: Box 95, Bella Coola, B.C. V0T 1C0
Phone: 982-2522 Fax: 982-2971

53 PALLANT CREEK HATCHERY

Location: Moresby Island, Queen Charlotte Islands

Directions: Drive 48 km south of Sandspit on Timber West logging road.

Species: Chum, pink, coho, and steelhead

Best Times: Salmon spawn mid-September-November. Juvenile chum, February-April; coho March-June. Steelhead late October-May.

Other Attractions: Camping and trout fishing on nearby Mosquito Lake and Pallant Creek.

Contact: Box 225, Sandspit, B.C. V0T 1T0
Phone: 559-8695 Fax: 637-2305

54 MASSET BAND/MARIE LAKE HATCHERY

Location: Queen Charlotte Islands; 40 km south of Port Clements on Yakoun River

Directions: Drive south 40 km on MacMillan Bloedel logging road from Port Clements to Queen Charlotte City.

Species: Chinook and coho

Best Times: Adult chinook, September-mid-October; adult coho October-November. Juveniles of both species April to July.

Other Attractions: Picnicking on Marie Lake; fishing on the Yakoun River.

Contact: Old Masset Village Council, Box 189, Masset, B.C.,
V0T 1M0 Phone: 626-5655