

Fishing Areas

1. Koskimo Bay (Cliff Point to Koskimo Island)
 - May, June
 - Occasionally good for blueback, Chinook, & pinks
 - Good on both points on flood tide
 2. Koprino (Monday Rock – Koprino Island)
 - December to August – good for Chinook
 - May to August – good for coho
 - Check depth chart and fish along the edge of the dropoff, either tide
 - Late July to Early August
 - Evening flood often produces good coho on shoal area around Koprino Island
 3. Mahatta (Koskimo Island to Salmon Island)
 - Large shelf here is good producer of pinks and cohos, and year round, occasional large Chinooks
 - Best time is on the flood, along the shelf
 - On the ebb tide, fish deep along the dropoff
 - Good area to buzzbomb or bucktail
 - Mid-August
 - Middle of the sound is a holding area for chum
 - 4-7. Drake Island to Varney Bay
 - ** Main feeding and holding area for fish in the sound**
 - Area 4 – All species, best on ebb & fish deep
 - Area 5 – Best on flood for coho; June-September
 - Area 6 – Best on flood
 - Usually trolling at 50ft. deep produces Chinook year round
 - Co and Pinks May to October
 - Area 7 – Good on both tide changes, but best on high slack & first hour of the ebb. for all species. Chinook year round, with pinks & coho
 - May to October—(check Varney Bay closure)
- *Strong Tidal currents prevail between Area 6 & 7 – USE CAUTION!***
8. May to July – a few pink & coho
 - Year round – holds Chinook
 - Line up the points of the large bay here and troll from 50-120ft. deep, both tides
 9. Late August – chum holding area
 - Year round – Chinook & the odd coho
 - Both tides, troll from the old mine dock to the buoy
 10. Late September – fair for coho
 - Spin Casting with buzzbombs or zingers
 - Late July to August – great for pinks and cohos
 - Bucktailing & spin casting lures work best on shoreline

Information Sites:

For sport fishing regulations in and around Port Alice, check the latest regulations for Area 27 (Quatsino, Lawn Point, Topknot Point) and Area 127, 126 and 125 (offshore from Winter Harbour) at the Department of Fisheries and Ocean's

<http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/>

Salmon Limits, Openings and Closures Area 27 & 127 (Cape Scott /Quatsino)

<http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/rec/tidal-maree/a-s27-eng.html>

Freshwater Fishing Regulations

<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish/regulations/>

Recreational Fishing Licences

<http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/rec/licence-permis/index-eng.htm>

Recreational Licence Fees & Duration

	Fee:	Fee:
	Non-Resident	Residents
Annual Licence, Adult (16-64 yrs old.)	\$106.05	\$22.05
Annual Licence, Senior (65 yrs +)	\$106.05	\$11.55
Annual Licence, Juvenile (Under 16 yrs)	Free	Free
5-Day Licence	\$32.55	\$16.80
3-Day Licence	\$19.95	\$11.55
1-Day Licence	\$7.35	\$5.51
Salmon Conservation Stamp (annual)	\$6.30	\$6.30

Rumble Beach Marina

1120 Marine Drive, Port Alice, B.C.

250-209-2665

<http://portalice.ca/residents/rumble-beach-marina>



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Fishing Tips

Quatsino Sound, Neroutsos Inlet, and Rupert Arm

This information sheet is to introduce you to good fishing on the North Island. The Sport Fishing Guide (BC Tidal Waters) should be consulted and local Department of Fisheries & Oceans officers contacted to receive current information on closures, quotas and interpretation of regulations.



Pink (Humpback) salmon



- On even numbered years, pink salmon arrive in large numbers. These feisty fish are voracious feeders and put up strong fights.
- In June when they first appear, herring strip, red & white flashtails or pink Henry Smith Specials work well behind a small dodger or flasher. In July & August, try a bright pink hoochie. For fly fishermen, a dark red works well with a small silver strip. Spin fishermen do very well with red or pink buzz bombs and zingers or a red 1 oz. Stingzilda.
- Range 3 – 8 lbs. Excellent fresh on a barbeque, smoked or canned.
- NOTE: Early pinks are often mistaken for small Chinook – consult the identification sections of your regulations, so you don't waste your Chinook tags!

Coho (Silver) salmon



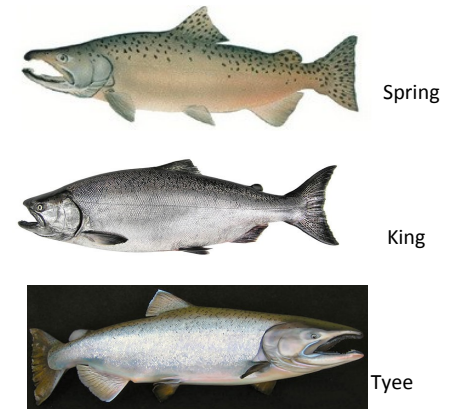
- When the coho are in, the fun begins! These fish are acrobats – they hit hard, dance across the surface and scream the line from your reel!
- In May, coho (or bluebacks as they are called at this time) show up on a hit & miss basis. A green & white, or red & white action flashtail works well, with a flasher and 6 – 8 oz of weight. 4" green or red Apex also fairs well. As you get into July, try herring strip or green hoochies with a flasher. They like the bait presented fast! As August comes around, try bucktailing or spincasting, with a dark stingzilda, a green & white buzz bomb or zinger.
- A general rule of thumb is the later the season, the darker the colour, and get rid of the factory treble hooks – use sharp singles!
- Coho are here from May to October. Range 3 – 25 + lbs. Excellent for steaks, smoking or canning.

Chum (Dog) salmon



- The lowly chum salmon shows in the Sound in late August and continues through October. They have been caught on almost everything from small hoochies to yellow and black buzz bombs – more by accident than design.
- If you manage to hook them, they put up a tremendous fight. Range 5 – 20 lbs. Chum are best well smoked.

Chinook (Spring, King, Tye) salmon



- Just the mention of Chinook salmon, gets the attention of sports fishermen. The word Tye starts excited talk! A tye is a Chinook salmon over 30 lbs and the Rolls Royce of sport salmon
- The local run into the sound starts about July 15th and is closed by Fisheries, the first weekend in August, as a conservation move. The run has fish to 70 + lbs. – these giants are potential Diawa Derby winners!
- Trolling with whole or strip herring is often productive. Dark green or green & blue hoochies also work well, with a flasher. The large green & grey Apex, and large light-coloured plugs have produced well at times.
- Chinook are usually deep, so a downrigger is almost essential. If you don't have one, try 8 oz of weight near the kelp or shoal areas.
- Range 5—30 lbs (20 lb. Fish common) Large Chinook are best smoked while smaller 5—8 lbs are great on the barbeque
- NOTE December – May: excellent feeder Chinook runs are in the Sound, bound mainly for the rivers of Washington and Oregon. Range 5 – 35 lbs., commonly 20 lbs. Best results obtained by trolling 50 – 140 feet deep with green hoochies, strip, or a large green Apex.