

# SALMONID IDENTIFICATION

**CLOSED TO RETENTION THROUGHOUT REGION 2 (LOWER MAINLAND)**



**Wild Steelhead Trout**

- White gums, mouth & tongue
- Numerous small round spots across back
- Large square tail with many linear spots



**Wild Coho Salmon\***

- White gums, light mouth, black tongue
- Many spots along back
- Forked tail with spots on upper lobe only

\*\*\*Hatchery Coho may be kept in most areas. Always verify open times and limits with official fishery notices.

Please familiarize yourself with fish species identification before fishing. All wild Steelhead and wild Coho must be released with care. Always check DFO/MOE fishery notices for official openings & closures, retention opportunities, and angling regulations.

*If you don't know – let it go!*

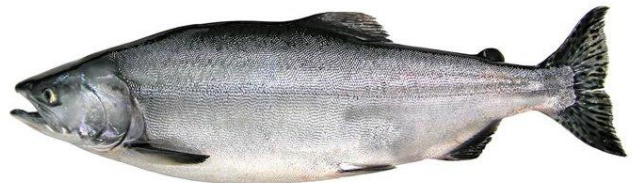
**DFO Fishery Openings/closures: (604) 666-8266 (24 hrs) Web: <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca>**

**Chinook Salmon**



Dark gums & mouth  
Many large speckles across back  
Spots on both lobes of tail

**Pink Salmon**



Dark gums, light mouth  
Large spots across back (males' back is humped)  
Several large oval spots on both lobes of tail

**Chum Salmon**



White gums & mouth  
No spots on back or tail  
Calico markings/vertical bars across body  
(faint on fresh fish)

**Sockeye Salmon**



White gums & mouth  
No spots on back (some may have a few small speckles)  
No spots on tail



**The Steelhead Society of B.C.**

[www.steelheadsociety.org/donate](http://www.steelheadsociety.org/donate)

Conservation Officer 24 hour hotline: 1-877-952-7277

(Report all Poachers and Polluters)

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