

SALMON IDENTIFICATION

**ALL WILD STEELHEAD MUST BE RELEASED
WHEN RELEASING STEELHEAD PLEASE KEEP THEM IN THE WATER**



Wild Steelhead Trout

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

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Wild Coho Salmon

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



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 humped back
- 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



Sockeye Salmon

- White gums & mouth
- No spots on back (sometimes have few speckles)
- No spots on tail



DFO Fishery Openings/Closures: 1-866-431-FISH (24 hrs) Web <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca>

Before landing your fish, please make sure you have identified it properly. If it can not be retained, do not remove it from the water. Long exposure to air significantly reduces spawning capabilities and increases mortality.



**The Steelhead Society of B.C.
www.steelheadsociety.org**

**Conservation Officer 24 Hr
Hotline:
1-877-952-7277**

Please familiarize yourself with fish species identification before you go fishing. All wild steelhead must be released with care. Be sure to check DFO and MOE fishery notices to confirm area-specific regulations and retention opportunities. Strict catch and release applies year-round to some systems.

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