

◆SPORT FISHING◆

Tahsis and Tahsis Inlet lead to the internationally famous fishing grounds of Nootka Sound and Esperanza Inlet. Tahsis has a full service marina and two smaller marinas, plus a Municipal Dock and boat launch with sani dump, washrooms, potable water, telephone booth, and boat trailer parking.

◆SALT WATER FISHING◆

Tahsis is an ideal base from which to pursue the salt-water fish of the Pacific, Esperanza Inlet and Nootka Sound. Various times of the year feature Chinook, Coho, sockeye, pink, and chum salmon. In addition there are many varieties of tasty bottom fish such as halibut, ling cod, sole, greenling, sea bass, red snapper, cabezon, and several other varieties of rockfish. Herring and shellfish (crabs, prawn and clams) are also bountiful in these waters.

There are important salmon feeding grounds fronting Bajo reef, major salmon-holding areas in Nootka Sound and Tlupana Inlet, and productive salmon areas in outer Esperanza Inlet.

Tahsis is located roughly halfway between two great fishing areas — Nootka Sound and Esperanza Inlet — and only a short hop to Kyuquot Sound. Within an hour, one can be fishing for Salmon in any number of known fish producing hot spots.

◆AUGUST FISHING DERBY◆

Westview Marina hosts the August Fishing Derby on the Friday and Saturday of the 3rd weekend in August. There are thousands of dollars in prizes, and net proceeds go to the Tahsis Salmon Enhancement Society. Visit their website for details on the derby: www.westviewmarina.com



2004 Derby winner Zack Miller (right)

◆FRESHWATER FISHING◆

There are good freshwater fishing opportunities all within an hour's drive of Tahsis. Please check the freshwater sport fishing synopsis for current regulations. Some of the lakes have stocked Rainbow and Cutthroat trout, as well as wild fish.



Locally the Tahsis, Perry and Leiner Rivers have some sea run Cutthroat (November through April), summer run Steelhead and Chinook, Coho and Chum salmon in the fall months.

Between Gold River and Tahsis there are good angling opportunities for Steelhead and Trout at Conuma River, Sucwoa River, and Canton Creek, as well as good salmon returns of Chinook, Coho, and Chum Salmon early September through October. Malaspina Lake has Rainbow and Cutthroat Trout up to 2 pounds. It's a steep but short climb down to Ceepeecee Lake (1/4 of a kilometer climb down from an old logging road 3 kilometres south of town) but well worth it for Cutthroat Trout up to 2 pounds. The best time for lake fishing is during the spring and fall as the summer months can be hot, and warm waters drive fish to deeper waters.

Fly-in lakes, such as Crawfish Lake on Nootka Island and Power Lake northwest of Kyuquot, offer excellent Cutthroat Trout up to 4 lbs year round. Fly fishing is preferred for saltwater fishing for Cutthroat in all estuaries, but favoured areas are the head of Espinoza Inlet, the Estuary of Park Creek in Queen Cove, and the mouth of Gayle Creek in Mary Basin, south shore. Park Creek and Park Lake have Cutthroat and occasional Steelhead.

For updated regulations on retention of Chinook or Coho salmon in the Conuma River please check with the Fisheries office in Campbell River. Fisheries notices are also posted along the river and on the Tahsis Post Office bulletin board, and are available online (see below),

Watch for bears, especially in the fall months when the salmon are spawning. Remember to make noise when walking through the bush, and always leave a bear or any wild animal an easy escape route.

◆FISHING REGULATIONS◆

For Tidal Sport Fishing Regulations for Areas 125 (Tahsis Inlet, Nootka Sound and Esperanza Inlet) and Area 25 (Offshore from Nootka Sound and Esperanza Inlet), check at the Department of Fisheries and Ocean's website:

http://www-comm.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pages/sfg/areas/area125_e.htm

http://www-comm.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pages/sfg/areas/area25_e.htm

Freshwater Regulations are also available:

http://www-comm.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pages/freshwater/regions/region1_e.htm

Tide Charts (select Zeballos) are available:

<http://tides-marees.gc.ca>

Sport fishing regulations and fishing licenses are also available at local Marinas and Head Bay Station.

Tide charts are available at Tahsis Building Supply.