

# WESTVIEW MARINA & LODGE APRIL 2009



## THERE WILL BE MORE CHINOOK SALMON TO CATCH IN 2009! WHY?

Stocks are projected to be approximately the same as last year HOWEVER commercial troll fisheries have been dramatically reduced both in South East Alaska (SEAK) and West Coast Vancouver Island (WCVI). Together SEAK and WCVI will catch 90,000 less salmon than last year. This means the sportsfishermen / women will have a significantly higher number of fish available to catch. These fish travel down the coastline of Vancouver Island and will be easily targeted in and off Esperanza Inlet.



## COME EARLY & ENJOY THE BEST!

**Chinook / Spring / King** - just like last year we anticipate large numbers of 5 & 6 year old stock moving into the head waters of Esperanza Inlet. These are huge fish - 35 to 45 pound fish are common with the occasional 45 to 55 pounder. These fish arrive early to mid June and the majority move on by mid to late July. July through September brings the mass of 3 year old fish - the 18 to 25 pound fish. The message is clear if you want lots of big fish from Ferrer Point, the Pins, Rosa, Catala Island, the Honey Hole, and Tatchu. FISH EARLY June to July 15!

**Halibut, Butts, Slabs, Flatties** - the stock is excellent and all indications are that the Department of Fisheries (DFO) will bring the daily catch limit to 2 per day on June 1, 2009. The great news about this is that the halis are often available in the same areas where you will find the early season salmon. So drop to the bottom in your favorite salmon spot and look to catch your halibuts!

**Ling, Ling, Ling** - stocks are presently at their all time high. Large quantity and significant size ling are hanging on every seaward reef. Limits are 3 per day with possession of 6. Season opened April 1 in our area.



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## “STATE OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN”

Presented by Jim Irvine—DFO Institute of Ocean Science  
Presented at the Sport Fishing Advisory Board South Coast Meeting

**RELEVANT POINTS FOR  
WEST COAST VANCOUVER  
ISLAND (WCVI)**

**NOOTKA SOUND /  
ESPERANZA INLET**



- Winds from the west brought colder water temperatures for the winter 2007—2008 and 2008—2009 . Cold temperatures are better for salmon ocean survival.
- Increased numbers of Boreal shelf and subarctic cope pods. Cope pods are critically important in the salmon food chain.
- Pacific sardine (pilchards) stocks remain strong. These fish are a major food source for salmon

- Chinook abundance continues to remain above the 1999 low.
- Coho survival rate anticipated to be improving. Returns are projected to be strong for 2009.

Note: **BOTTOM LINE**

Cool water improves feed....access to more feed improves all cool water fish stocks. Therefore survival and return of salmon should be UP!

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