

“Got-A-Copy” Sportfishing Guide Summary

*This summary is NOT intended to be a substitute for an official Canadian Fisheries Sportfishing Guide. Available online: http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/recfish/2008SFGTidal_e.pdf. Each fisherman is ultimately responsible for closely following all Canadian Fisheries regulations. This summary does not reflect any “Updates” that may be announced at any time by Canadian Fisheries.

Point to remember: Fisheries enforcement officers patrol the waters in which you will be fishing. A violation can result in a sizable fine, and in some case, also include confiscation of fishing tackle, your boat or other personal property.

Copper Island is well known in the Bamfield community, and the community is very aware of ICECREAM and fishermen that attend ICECREAM. While at ICECREAM, you are an unofficial ‘ambassador’ of Copper Island. Please be honorable in all your activities and incidental contact with ‘locals’ and other people/fishermen, particularly while at Copper Island.

Salmon: Barbless hooks only, maximum 4 salmon of any species per day, 2 day possession limit consisting of:

1/ Chinook: no more than 2 chinook per day, 2 day possession limit (4 chinook maximum).

Area 23: no more than one over 30 inches, plus one under 30 inches

Area 123 (at least 1 mile off shore): any legal Chinook (over 18 inches)

chinook must be recorded on your license immediately after landing it

2/ Coho: no more than 2 coho per day (12 inch minimum), 2 day possession limit (4 coho maximum).

- outside Aguilar/Sanford/Effingham - 2 with adipose fin clipped only

- inside Aguilar/Sanford/Effingham - 2, adipose fin clipped or unclipped

- coho do not have to be recorded

3/ Pink: (“Humpy”): no more than 4 per day, 2 day (8 fish) possession limit.

4/ Chum: no more than 4 per day, 2 day (8 fish) possession limit.

5/ Sockeye: no more than 4 per day, 2 day (8 fish) possession limit.

6/ must be able to identify species after filleted (skin left on, tail preserved)

Ling Cod: 3 per day, 2 day (6 lingcod) possession limit

1/ must be at least 26 inches

2/ must still be at least 21 inches after it’s filleted

3/ must be able to identify species after filleted (skin left on)

4/ lingcod do not need to be recorded

Rockfish: 3 per day (no more than 2 Yelloweye), 2 day (6 rockfish) possession limit

1/ no size limits

2/ must be able to identify species after filleted (skin left on)

3/ be aware of some rockfish conservation areas in Barkley Sound – NO fishing of any kind.

Halibut: – maximum 2 per day, 3 halibut possession limit

1/ no size restrictions

2/ must be able to identify species after filleted (skin left on)

For all of the above, if you cut your fish into pieces when processing, you should label the bag with your name, each piece of fish be numbered and easily ‘re-assembled’ so that the fish’s species can be easily identified.