





# Area 25/125 Esperanza Inlet 2011 COHO OPENINGS AND OTHER CLOSURES

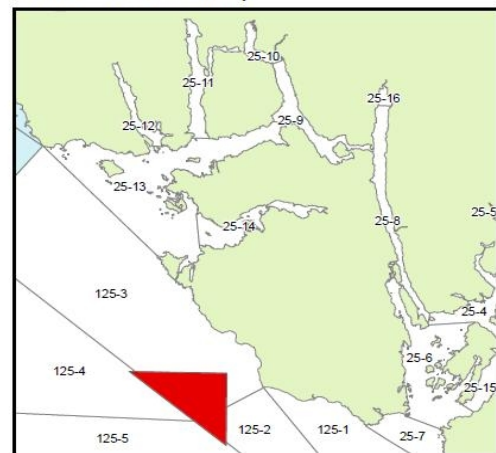


### Area 25/125 General Info:

- Jan 1 - May 31 Coho Non-Retention
- June 1 - Dec 31 Two (2) Coho per day, hatchery marked only (Unless otherwise specified)

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	June 1 - July 14 July 15 - Oct. 15 Oct 16 - Dec 31	Two (2) Coho per day Salmon Non-Retention Areas Four (4) Coho per day
	June 1 - July 14 July 15 - Oct. 15 Oct 16 - Dec 31	Two (2) Coho per day Finfish Closure Four (4) Coho per day
	Jan. 1 - Dec. 31	Finfish Closure - Refer to PFMA Map (Rockfish Conservation Area)
	Area 26/126	Refer to Area 26/126 Public Notices

### PFMA Overview Map



Visit the DFO Pacific Region Recreational Fishing website at [www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/rec](http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/rec)  
 General Fishing Information Line 1-866-431-3474 (1-866-431-FISH)  
 Local DFO Office 250-283-9075



Fishers are reminded that Chinook Conservation measures are implemented annually on the west coast of Vancouver Island in this area from July 15 until October 15. These measures consist of fin fishing closed areas and salmon non retention areas. See below for descriptions of the closures in this area.

## Area 25/125 Esperanza Inlet

Unless otherwise indicated below, prior to the July 15th implementation of both fin fish and salmon non retention closures all areas within Esperanza Inlet are open to the retention of two (2) Coho per day inside (or shoreward of) the Coho Boundary line. The

Esperanza Inlet Coho boundary line commences at Tatchu Point, continues to the Middle Reef Light Buoy, then to Ferrer Point.

Effective June 1 until August 31 the daily limit for Coho salmon is two (2) in the following waters:

- Sub areas 25-8 to 25-12, 25-14, 25-16 and that portion of sub area 25-13 inside (easterly) of a line from Tatchu Point, thence to the Middle Reef Light Buoy, thence to a marker northeasterly of Ferrer Point and, *(these areas are indicated on the map as the light blue area)*

Effective September 01 until December 31 the daily limit for Coho salmon is four (4) in the following waters:

- Sub areas 25-8 to 25-14, and 25-16 *(these areas are indicated on the map as the light blue area includes light blue crossed hatch area)*

Effective June 1 until August 31 the daily limit for Coho salmon is two (2) hatchery marked Coho only in the following waters:

- Area 125 (offshore) and that portion of Sub Area 25-13 seaward of the line that begins at Tatchu Point thence to Middle Reef Light Buoy then to Ferrer Point and,

Effective September 01 until December 31 the daily limit for Coho salmon is four (4) hatchery marked Coho in the following waters:

- Area 125 (off shore waters)

## Fin Fishing Closed Areas:

Effective July 15 to October 15 the following waters are closed to fishing for fin fish:

The head of Tahsis Inlet (sub area 25-16) and that portion of subarea 25-8 north of a line from Mozino Point to a boundary sign on the opposite shore of Tahsis Inlet, and the upper half of Zeballos Inlet (sub area 25-10). *(indicated on the map as the pale orange areas)*

## Salmon Non Retention Areas:

Effective July 15 through October 15, the following waters are closed to salmon fishing:

Port Eliza (sub area 25-12) and Espinoza Inlet (sub area 25-11) from boundary signs at the entrance to both inlets. Zeballos Inlet and Hecate Channel inside or northerly and easterly of a line from Steamer Point Light on Nootka Island to a boundary sign on the opposite shore. *(indicated on the map as the grey areas)*

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Refer to the following website link for a description of the Area and Subarea maps:

[www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/maps-cartes/areas-secteurs/index-eng.htm](http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/maps-cartes/areas-secteurs/index-eng.htm)

**Sport anglers are encouraged to participate in the Salmon Head Recovery Program by labelling and submitting heads from adipose fin-clipped (hatchery marked) Chinook and Coho salmon. The location of the Head Recovery Depots can be found at:**

[www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/rec/tag-etiquette/prize-prix-eng.htm](http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/rec/tag-etiquette/prize-prix-eng.htm)

## **CLOSURE TO FISHING FOR ALL FINFISH**

Sites designated as *Rockfish Conservation Areas* are closed to fishing for all finfish (including salmon). **Area 25 has one (1) Rockfish Conservation Area located off Bajo Reef.** For more information regarding Rockfish Conservation Areas go to the DFO website:

[www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/rec/restricted-restreint/rca-acs-eng.htm](http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/rec/restricted-restreint/rca-acs-eng.htm)

## **NOTES**

The combined aggregate daily limit for Pacific Salmon is four (4) per day.

The possession limit is twice the daily limit.

When fishing for salmon, anglers are required to use barbless hooks.

## **DEFINITIONS**

**Hatchery marked or marked”** means a fish that has a healed scar in place of the adipose, pelvic, or pectoral fin, or in place of a maxillary.

**Don't Hesitate to Report Fishing Violations 1-800-465-4336**

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