

Tahsis Sport Fishing Guide

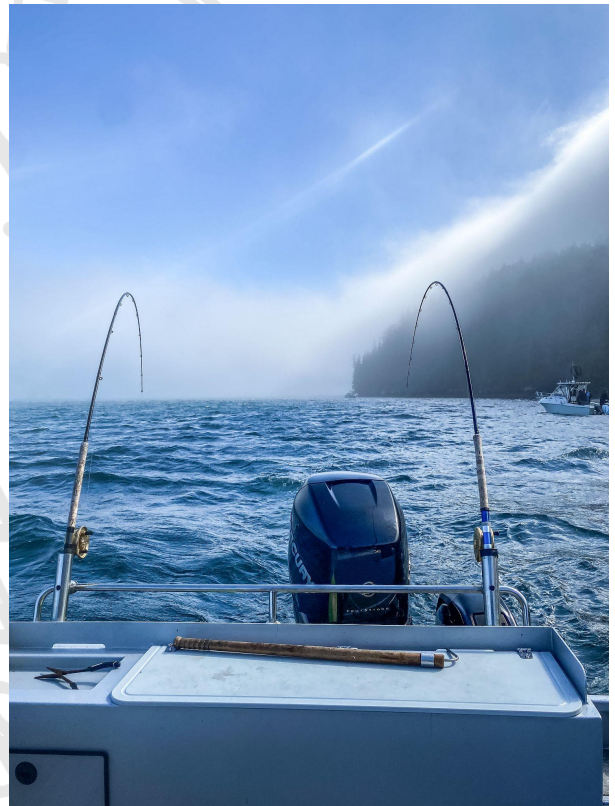
Tahsis and Tahsis Inlet lead to the internationally famous fishing grounds of Nootka Sound and Esperanza Inlet. Tahsis has a full service marina with guided charters, fuel, accommodations, a restaurant, and more, plus a boat launch with sani-dump, washrooms, potable water, telephone booth and boat trailer parking. Hire a guide or bring your own boat and experience the real west coast!

Saltwater Fishing

Tahsis is an ideal base from which to pursue the saltwater fish of the Pacific, Esperanza Inlet and Nootka Sound. Various times of the year feature Chinook, Coho, and chum salmon. In addition, there are many varieties of tasty bottomfish such as halibut, lingcod, sole, greenling, cabezon, and several varieties of rockfish. Herring and shellfish (crabs, prawns, oysters 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 hotspots.



August Fishing Derby

Westview Marina & Lodge 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 to support the volunteer hatchery and to other organizations which support salmon habitat restoration and sport fishing. Visit their website for details on the derby: www.westviewmarina.com

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 the 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 (¼ of a kilometre climb down from an old logging road, 3 kilometers 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 deeper.

Fly-in lakes, such as Crawfish Lake on Nootka Island and Power Lake northwest of Kyuquot, offer excellent Cutthroat trout up to 4 pounds 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 Queens 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 the British Columbia Freshwater Fishing Regulations Synopsis. Be bear aware, especially in the fall months when the salmon are spawning.

Fishing Regulations

Be sure to always check regulations in your area before you head out. For Tidal Waters Sport Fishing Regulations for Areas 25 (Tahsis Inlet, Nootka Sound and Esperanza Inlet) and Area 125 (offshore from Nootka Sound and Esperanza Inlet, visit the Department of Fisheries and Oceans website:

<https://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/rec/tidal-maree/a-s25-eng.html>