

FISHING

North Coast

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Anglers have encountered both incredible weather and good fishing. The late May fishery has produced a consistent number of spring salmon in the 15- to 26-pound range. The larger fish are slowly starting to show up in the waters of Langara Island, with anglers catching a dozen tyees (30-plus pounds) in the past few days.

There has been an abundance of wildlife sightings. Orcas by the hundreds, humpback whales, sea lions, eagles and the occasional porpoise have entertained everyone while waiting for the next salmon to take the line.

The hot spots for fish have been erratic as each tide change seems to be producing a different location of choice. Both the east and west sides of Langara Island have been producing fish in shallow waters with cut-plug herring set out 15 to 18 pulls on six- to eight-oz. weights delivering the best results. Anglers fishing the afternoon tide change at the Langara lighthouse, Canada's most northwest point, have been catching the majority of their fish on Tomic plugs, in the 602 colour, at 70-80 feet on the downrigger in deeper water.

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