



Fred UnLeashed

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Cast off: Undeterred by a little rain, fishing enthusiasts gathered for the launch of the fourth annual Fishing for Kids Charity Tournament presented by the West Coast Fishing Club and held at the Vancouver Airport South Terminal. Attendees at the "Cast-off Breakfast" enjoyed a delicious fisherman's breakfast prepared by chef David Hawksworth before heading over to the Queen Charlotte Islands for the fishing luau. Anglers including Canucks' Willie "Bill Pickle" Mitchell and team owner Paulo Aquilini doled out the \$6,500 entrance fee for the four-day luxury fishing fete benefitting B.C. Children's Hospital and the Canucks Autism Network. Special guest Michael Hoffmann, a patient with B.C. Children's Hospital who was sponsored by Leducor to attend the tournament, fulfilled a lifelong dream of meeting Mitchell at the early morning send-off. Over the past three years, the annual fundraising event has raised over \$1.5 million.