

Ocean Fishing

The Port of Bella Coola has long been a reliable departure point for Saltwater Anglers heading out to fish the Central Coast. Cruise through the vertical Glacial Fjords and rugged snow capped peaks to angle for huge Springs, Coho, Halibut, Lingcod, Red Snapper, Rock Cod, Crabs and Jumbo Prawns. All of these species are readily caught at some 'point' during their seasons in the Spring, Summer and Fall between the Port of Bella Coola and the Outside Coast.



Photo courtesy Leonard Ellis

Talk to your local Angling Guide or Charter Boat operator to find out the best times and where to fish for these species. Springs and Coho do not get much bigger anywhere than what are caught on the Central Coast. The Jumbo White Spot Prawns from the deep and extra large Dungeness Crabs from the creek mouths are excellent most all year.

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Bottom Fishing for Barn Door sized Halibut is quite good and you never know what you may hook down in these Glacial Fjords that can be over 600 meters deep. Lunker Lingcod and Red Snappers are available on the rocky shelves and make the best fresh fish and chips



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Charters and Tours

Ocean Going Charter Boats with seasoned Skippers/Guides are available to take you on a day or overnight Charter to the area of your choice to hook the Big Ones!

Marine Day Tours are also available out of the Port to the Hot Springs, Big Tree, Pictographs and for Grizzly/Black Bear viewing. There is so much unique wildlife and scenery to experience in the Glacial Fjords of this Great Bear Rainforest that it can take one a full lifetime to see it all. Enjoy sightings of Seals, Eagles, Otters and occasionally Dolphins and sometimes even Killer Whales on the Marine Viewing Tours. Keep your Cameras Ready!



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Mooring facilities and fuel are available at the Government Wharf/Bella Coola Harbour at the end of Highway 20. The upgraded floats, boat launch, parking, washrooms and laundry facilities are very convenient for boaters. Saltwater and Freshwater fishing licenses are available in Bella Coola. For information on the regulations for Saltwater fishing out of Bella Coola contact the Fisheries and Oceans Canada office in Bella Coola en route to the Government Wharf or at 250-799-5345.