



Protecting Southern Resident Killer Whales in Southern BC Coastal Waters

The Southern Resident Killer Whale population is endangered. There are a number of ongoing threats to their survival including reduced prey availability and increased human disturbance from fishing and boating activities. With responsible fishing practices we can support recovery and protect Southern Resident Killer Whales for generations to come.



3 ways fishers can support recovery of Southern Resident Killer Whales

1

Expect

RESTRICTIONS IN CRITICAL HABITAT

Expect fishing closures and restrictions in Southern Resident Killer Whale critical habitat from the spring to the fall when they are typically present in greater numbers in Southern BC waters. Management measures are implemented to help reduce fishing impacts and protect prey availability.



Stop fishing (do not haul gear) within 1000 metres of killer whales

2

Respect

BEST PRACTICES & REGULATIONS

Stay current with fisheries management measures and respect regulations in BC's coastal waters. Practice responsible fishing and boating habits year-round, wherever you fish. Do your part to support salmon conservation and recovery of the endangered Southern Resident Killer Whale population.



Reduce speed to less than 7 knots when within 1000 metres of the nearest marine mammal



When safe to do so, turn off echo sounders and fish finders

3

Support

LOCAL INITIATIVES

Chinook and Chum salmon are important prey for Southern Resident Killer Whales. There are many opportunities to take part in local initiatives which support salmon and their habitat. For more information visit: DFO Pacific Salmon's website.



It is mandatory to stay 400 metres from killer whales in all southern BC coastal waters

Learn more about fisheries management measures for Southern Resident Killer Whales