



## Program Information Package

### Kayak Fishing Level 3 - Kayak Fishing Touring

## Program Description

This kayak fishing expedition takes place in Clayoquot Sound, a sea kayaker's paradise, famous for its secluded long and spectacular sandy beaches and old growth forests. This temperate coastal rainforest provides an important refuge and habitat for a significant number of animals including Bald Eagles, Wolves, Ospreys, Humpback Whales and Gray Whales. On this expedition we will be mostly focusing on Coho Salmon, as well as Chinook Salmon, Lingcod and Rockfish.



The trip begins with a water taxi from Tofino to our remote campsite on a beautiful sandy beach located near fantastic fishing spots. After four days of fishing from our kayaks and being fed wonderful meals adapted to your diet, the water taxi will bring us back to Tofino.

## Paperwork Checklist

Please use the following checklist to ensure you have received and reviewed all the required documentation prior to the program start date:

- ✓ Kayak Fishing Level 3 Information Package – please review
- ☐ SKILS Waiver – please sign with your instructor at the beginning of the program
- ☐ SKILS Medical Form – please bring a completed copy to your program
- ☐ Policy and Procedures Document – please review

# Program Logistics

## Who Should Take This Course:

This course is designed for:

- Anglers seeking to become more proficient in fishing from a kayak,
- Anglers and kayakers seeking to develop skills and knowledge for kayak fishing while touring in class 3 waters,
- Kayakers seeking to become more proficient in fishing from their kayak.



## Prerequisites:

Kayak Fishing Level 2 is recommended. Equivalent experience is also accepted.

## Location and Timing:

The evening prior to the expedition, the instructor(s) will meet with the participants in Ucluelet to go over the program logistic. On the first morning at 9:00am, instructor (s) and participants will take a water taxi from Tofino to our remote campsite. The water taxi will pick up the group at the campsite on day 4 at 13:30 for the return to Tofino.

## What's Included:

We work with a small ratio of 1 instructor for 3 participants to ensure a great experience and increase safety. Costs for this program cover the following:

- Water taxi
- Instruction
- Kayaks
- Kayak equipment
- Lures
- Fishing equipment
- Immersion gear
- Safety equipment
- Tents
- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad
- Food
- Drybags
- Advanced wilderness first aid kit
- Kitchen and group cooking equipment
- Water for the entire trip
- 2 expedition tarps
- Camping fees

SKILS will provide you with all the needed equipment. We have a selection of open and close deck kayaks for you to try as well as a wide variety of kayaking and fishing equipment. (Participants will be charged for lost or damaged equipment). We do, however, encourage you to bring the kayaking and fishing equipment that you normally use. If you have a kayak that you are currently using for fishing (or plan to use in the future) bring it to the program so that you can work with your instructor to rig it properly and can learn using the gear that you will be using in the future.

## What you are Responsible For:

Participants are responsible for providing the following things: (\* = optional)

### Fishing License:

- Federal saltwater fishing license for yourself with your salmon stamp. Fishing licenses can be purchased online at [www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/rec/licence-permis/indexeng](http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/rec/licence-permis/indexeng).

### Camping Gear:

- Pillow case\*

### Bathroom:

- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Sunscreen and lip balm with high SPF protection (15 +)
- Toilet paper



**Personal Clothing** - These are just guidelines to assist you with your packing. Feel free to bring more or less as you feel necessary. No cotton please.

#### *Torso*

- Rain Jacket
- 2-3 fleece or wool sweaters/jackets
- 1-2 t-shirts
- 1 wind breaker

#### *Legs*

- Rain Pants
- 2-3 pair pants
- 3 pairs of underwear

#### *Feet*

- 5 pairs warm sock made with synthetics and/or wool
- 1 pair rubber boots

#### *Head*

- 2 wool or fleece caps
- 1 Brimmed hat or baseball cap

#### *Hands*

- 1 pair of fleece or wool gloves
- Paddling gloves or poggies

### Miscellaneous Gear

- Headlamp with extra batteries
- Notebook with pencils and/or pens
- Water bottle
- Pocket Knife
- Sunglasses with good UV protection with retriever strap
- Binoculars\*

Thank you for enrolling in our Kayak Fishing program. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact us at [info@skills.ca](mailto:info@skills.ca).  
We look forward to playing on the water with you!