



## Program Information Package

### Kayak Fishing Level 4 - Extreme Kayak Fishing

## Program Description

This expedition is not for the faint of heart. This expedition will push your mental, physical, tactical and technical skills as well as the adrenaline level. We will be fishing the world-class Big Banks of BC located 10 to 20 nautical miles off the shores of Ucluelet, infamous for its fabulous fishing. Expected conditions are fog, big swells and wind-waves. The fish targeted are Chinook and Coho Salmon as well as Halibut. Expect the unexpected.



## 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 4 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

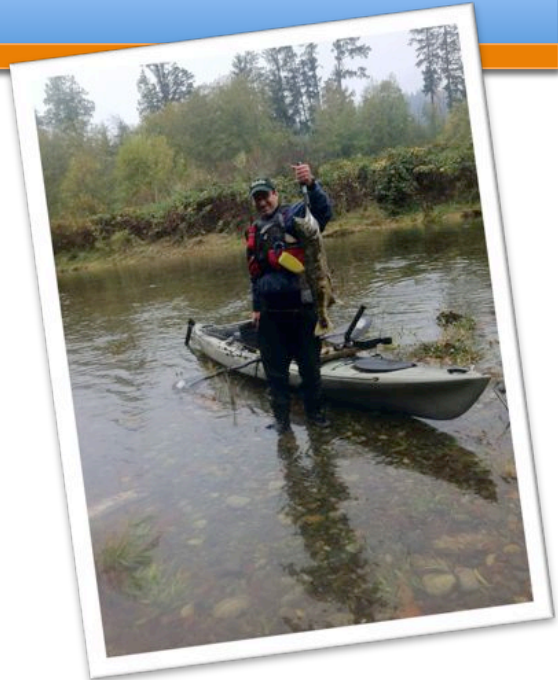
# Program Logistics

## Who Should Participate:

This program is designed for experienced kayakers or kayak anglers who want extreme excitement, world class quality fishing and an outstanding fishing experience.

## Prerequisites:

- Paddle Canada Level 2 skills or,
- Kayak Fishing Level 2 or,
- Kayak Fishing Level 3 or,
- a minimum of 1 day of private training with SKILS to review kayak fishing equipment, strokes, rescues and rough water paddling.



## Program Outline:

The evening prior to the expedition, the instructor(s) will meet with the participants to go over logistics and safety procedures. Participants must be open to adapting our schedule to accommodate weather and sea states conditions. The day of fishing starts by taking a water taxi at 05:00am from Ucluelet to the Big Banks located 10 to 20 nautical miles offshore. The exact location will be determined by the location of the fish! Once the fish are found, we will launch our kayaks from the water taxi; getting in and out of the water taxi can be very challenging. While fishing offshore, the water taxi will be standing by in case of an emergency or deteriorating weather. At the end of our day of fishing the water taxi will bring us back to Ucluelet.

## Cost and What's Included:

For a group of 1 or 2, the cost is \$550 per day plus the cost of the water taxi. For a group of 3 or 4, the cost is \$900 plus the cost of the water taxi. The cost of the water taxi is approximately \$235 per hour when running from Ucluelet to the Big Banks and approximately \$125 per hour when waiting (while we are fishing). Please note that the cost of the water taxi fluctuates with the price of fuel. We work with a small ratio of 1 guide for 2 guests. A group of 3 or 4 guests will have 2 guides. Our small ratio ensures a great experience and increases safety.

Costs for this program cover the following:

- Water taxi
- Instruction
- Kayaks
- Kayak equipment
- Safety equipment
- Lures
- Fishing equipment
- Immersion gear

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 on your own in the future.

## What you are Responsible For:

Participants are responsible for providing the following things:

### 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).

### Personal Gear:

- An extra set of clothes and a bathing suit
- Food and snacks to suit your needs throughout the program
- Accommodation and transportation for yourself



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