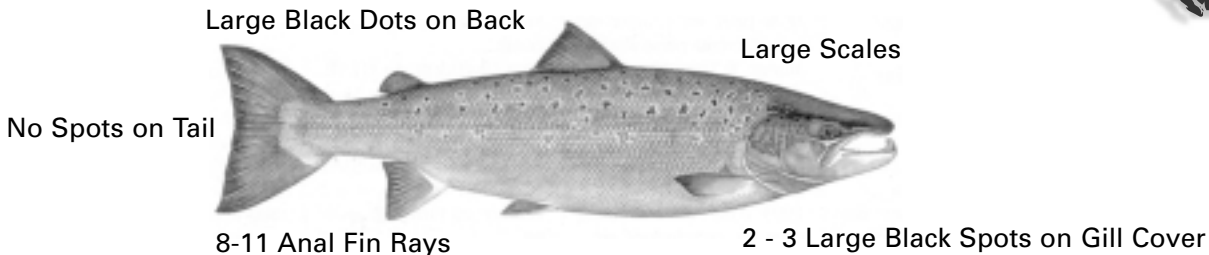


# Exotic Alert: Atlantic Salmon in B.C.



## Report Atlantic Salmon Catches 1-800-811-6010

The Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks encourages anglers to report the catch of Atlantic salmon in lakes and streams near the west coast of the province. Anglers are asked to pay special attention to salmon with unusual spotting and eroded fins.

### Atlantic salmon can be identified by:

- 8-11 anal fin rays (Pacific salmon have 11-13 rays)
- very noticeable, large, black spots on the gill cover (not common on native salmon)
- large scales and black spots on the back
- may have very noticeably eroded or worn fins from containment in net-pens

Report any captures or sightings of Atlantic salmon to the Pacific Biological Station in Nanaimo, 1-800-811-6010. The entire fish (including entrails) should be saved, preferably frozen, for positive identification and biological sampling, with as much information as possible regarding date, location and method of capture.