

ROCKFISH CONSERVATION AREAS

You Can Protect  
British Columbia's Tiger

AND OTHER INSHORE ROCKFISH

Inshore rockfish species live on rocky and glass sponge reefs, do not swim far from their home reefs, and many can live over 100 years! They are very susceptible to overfishing.

Rockfish Conservation Areas (RCAs) help protect declining populations of British Columbia's inshore rockfish species from fishing mortality.

**Most fishing activities, including recreational halibut and salmon fishing, are prohibited in all 164 RCAs.**

**The only permitted fishing activities are:**

Recreational	Commercial
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crab, shrimp and prawn by trap</li> <li>Invertebrates by hand picking or dive</li> <li>Smelt by gillnet</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crab, shrimp and prawn by trap</li> <li>Euphausiid (krill) by mid-water trawl</li> <li>Groundfish by mid-water trawl</li> <li>Herring by gillnet, seine, and spawn-on-kelp</li> <li>Invertebrates by hand picking or dive</li> <li>Salmon by seine or gillnet</li> <li>Sardine by gillnet, seine, and trap</li> <li>Scallop by trawl</li> <li>Smelt by gillnet</li> </ul>
Indigenous Peoples' Food, Social, and Ceremonial (FSC)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Harvest and conservation decisions made by Indigenous governing bodies within FSC allocations</li> </ul>	



▲ Tiger Rockfish

Protecting Fragile Habitat

Some RCAs overlap with Glass Sponge Reef Conservation Areas that prohibit all bottom contact fishing activities (including prawn, shrimp and crab fishing). Fishing gear and boat anchors can destroy these fragile rockfish habitats.

To learn more visit: [Canada.ca/glass-sponge-closures](https://Canada.ca/glass-sponge-closures)

