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FRESHWATER FISHERIES SOCIETY OF B.C. LAUNCHES “FISHING IN THE CITY” PROGRAM

Lower Mainland residents will be able to enjoy three unique urban fishing opportunities this spring and summer thanks to the [Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC](http://www.gofishbc.com)'s new [Fishing in the City](#) program. On April 12th, FFSBC staff, aided by a large and enthusiastic group of local Girl Guides and West Vancouver-Capilano MLA Ralph Sultan, celebrated the new program by holding a special “Learn to Fish” program at Rice Lake in North Vancouver and by release 400 “catchable” rainbow trout into the lake. “We know that sometimes it’s difficult to get out of the city to go fishing, so this year we’re bringing enhanced fishing opportunities into the city,” said FFSBC Vice-President Brian Chan.

As part of the Fishing in the City program, the FFSBC will be conducting enhanced trout stocking activities at [Rice Lake](#) in North Vancouver and [Lafarge](#) and [Como](#) lakes in Coquitlam. Each lake will be stocked several times over the course of the spring and fall, and these repeated stockings will ensure that the three lakes offer excellent fishing opportunities for shore-based anglers. The FFSBC has also worked in partnership with local governments to erect special on-site signage providing additional information to anglers, and will running a series of advertisements in local newspapers advising residents about the special fishing opportunity and offering simple, practical fishing tips to would-be anglers.

“While the society stocks dozens of lakes across the Lower Mainland, we hope that these three lakes will offer new fishing opportunities for young and novice anglers or those who want to get back into the sport” said program coordinator Stacy Webb. “Children under the age of 16 can fish for free, and we’ve even reserved fishing at Como Lake for children and seniors.” Adults can purchase a freshwater licence at their local tackle shop or buy one on-line by clicking on the link above.

You can see a short video on the events at Rice Lake produced by Rodney Hsu of **Fishing With Rod** at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MXrw-HdcJQ>. For more information on the lakes involved in the Fishing In the City program, please click [here](#).