



Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC

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BC's Stocked Lakes on Google Earth

7 Basic Steps:

1. Ensure you have a high speed internet access and Download Google Earth at <http://earth.google.com>
 - o *Tip: Internet Explorer is the preferred browser for the file layer we have created.*
2. Follow the links on www.gofishbc.com, we have many launching pages such as Stocking Reports and Go Fishing.
3. Once you are at *GoFishBC on Google Earth*, click on the **Stocked Lakes and Streams file link.**

The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu with 'Go Fishing', 'Stocking Reports', 'Programs & Events', 'Fin Facts', 'About Us', 'Translate', 'SLC', and 'Intranet'. Below the menu is the 'GoFishBC on Google Earth' section, which includes a 'Download Google Earth (Free)' button and a table of links. The table has three rows: 'Stocked Lakes and Streams', 'Family Fishing Waters', and 'FFSBC Fish Rearing Facilities'. The first row is highlighted, and a red arrow points to the 'Stocked Lakes and Streams' link. Below the table are links for 'What is KML?', 'System Requirements', and 'Google Earth Tutorial (basic usage)', followed by system requirements for minimum and recommended configurations. At the bottom, there are links for 'print page', 'email page', 'feedback', and 'privacy', along with a copyright notice for 2004-2009.

Stocked Lakes and Streams	
Family Fishing Waters	more information
FFSBC Fish Rearing Facilities	more information

4. Choose Open, and Google Earth will auto-launch with the file **releases.kmz** as a new Place on the left menu pane of Google Earth.



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5. The contents of the layer can be accessed by clicking on the blue text links or by clicking on the folder. The layer folders can be opened and closed by clicking on the small 'plus' sign to the left of the folder name. This allows you the ability to see some or all of the contents for each folder.
 - *For instance, if you just want to see the kokanee stockings in the Cariboo region, turn off all the other species and Regions leaving only the Cariboo region and kokanee lakes checked.*
6. The structure of the folder directory for this releases layer is by
 - Fisheries Management Region (ie. Lower Mainland)
 - Species (ie. Rainbow Trout)
 - Lake name (ie. Lafarge Lake)
7. Click on the icon for the stocked lake to view the information available. There will be links to Lake Report and other useful fisheries information. You will also see nearby lakes as the elevation changes getting closer to your selected point of interest. Use the feature such as driving directions to find how to get there!

Got a question about a stocking? fish@gofishbc.com

Google Earth Info at: <http://www.gofishbc.com/kml>