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Getting Ready for Spring Fishing

Ice fishing is starting to wind up, and the first signs of spring are beginning to show; that means stillwater fishing is just around the corner. Are you ready for the season ahead?

Maintain your fishing gear

Brian Chan gives a rundown on how to [maintain your fishing gear](#) to make sure everything is in working order before your first outing. This is also a great time to do an inventory of tackle and restock your tackle box.

Get ready for ice-off

Lower-elevation lakes in B.C.'s southern Interior can start to see the ice breaking up as early as late March. Predicting when ice-off will happen on a particular lake is tricky, and depends on many factors such as the wind, overnight temperatures, water temperatures, snowpack, and the size of the lake. If your timing is right, however, fishing can be quite productive after ice-off but before spring turnover. Check out our [blog](#) with top tips for fishing during this period.

Looking for inspiration about destinations?

For Vancouver or Fraser Valley residents looking for a daytrip or overnight getaway, there are many lakes within a few hours' drive in the Merritt-Kamloops region that have excellent fishing. Nick Basok shares a few of his [top fishing spots](#) around Merritt, along with tackle and techniques you'll need for early-spring fishing success.

We're Hiring

Position: Manager, Fish Health Lab

Location: Duncan, B.C.

We are seeking a Fish Health Lab Manager to join our team in Duncan, B.C. on a full-time basis. This position is responsible for the direction and management of the FFSBC Fish Health Laboratory and for developing and implementing a provincial Fish Health Management program. This program covers all FFSBC fish hatchery operations, fish inventories and the province-wide stocking program.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

BC Outdoors Show

Calling all outdoor enthusiasts! Join us at the [BC Outdoors Show](#) from March 22 to 24, 2024 at the Chilliwack Heritage Park, just off Highway 1. This all-ages show celebrates the best of fishing, hunting, and the outdoors. The Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC will have a booth at the event - pop by and say hi!



Image: Sarah Stephenson

Burbot: B.C.'s Freshwater Cod

Better known by many anglers as freshwater ling, lingcod, or loche, burbot (*Lota lota*) are the only freshwater member of the cod family. Known for their delicious, delicate flesh (they make fantastic fish and chips!) and sometimes impressive size, burbot are found in all major inland watersheds in B.C., including lakes, streams, and rivers. On the blog, we take a closer look at the history of this interesting species, current research projects, and where to fish for them in B.C.

[Burbot blog](#)