



Second Annual Tofino Saltwater Classic Fishing Derby Raises \$25,000 For Community Initiatives

NHL's Brendan Morrison Hosts West Coast Vancouver Island Fundraiser

Tofino, British Columbia, Canada, July 18, 2011 – Canadian professional ice hockey centre, [Brendan Morrison](#) with the Calgary Flames of the National Hockey League, today announced that the [Tofino Saltwater Classic Fishing Derby](#) held July 16 – 17, 2011, raised \$25,000 to support four Tofino community initiatives — Wickaninnish Community School Library and Healthy Snack Program, Tofino Salmon Enhancement Program, Tofino Hospital Foundation and Tofino Parks and Recreation Program.

In its second year, the Tofino Saltwater Classic welcomed 98 anglers competing for \$12,000 in cash prizes. Award categories and winners were:

Largest Chinook Salmon (tie for first and second place): 34.55 pounds
Winners: Shaun Karp and Anthony Kelly
Prize: \$4,200.00 each

Second Largest Chinook Salmon: 34.25 pounds
Winner: Mark Kosick
Prize: \$1,200.00

Largest Halibut: 79.9 pounds
Winner: Matt Harbour
Prize: \$1,200.00

Largest Coho Salmon: 9.6 pounds
Winner: Sean Peach
Prize: \$1,200.00

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“I’m very happy with the results of this year’s derby,” said Tofino Saltwater Classic Fishing Derby host, Brendan Morrison. “We had a record number of participants, exceeded last year’s fundraising amount, and we had a lot of fun fishing in Tofino waters that are loaded with salmon. It is great to see an abundance of fish coming back to this area to sustain salmon stocks for years to come.”

In addition to participant registration fees, the Tofino Saltwater Classic raised funds at a silent auction hosted by Morrison following the first day of the derby, and by private Tofino donations from Tofino residents and business owners.

Dates for the 2012 Tofino Saltwater Classic will be announced in early 2012.

About the Tofino Saltwater Classic

In its second year, the Tofino Saltwater Classic fishing derby was created by the National Hockey League’s (NHL) Brendan Morrison as a fundraiser for Tofino community initiatives. Participant entry forms and other information can be found at www.tofinosaltwaterclassic.com.

About Tofino

Tofino is a year-round travel destination on the rugged west coast of Vancouver Island in British Columbia, Canada. Bounded by the open Pacific Ocean, [Pacific Rim National Park Reserve](#) and the [Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Reserve](#), Tofino is known for its miles of pristine beaches and unparalleled adventures, including whale and wildlife watching, saltwater and freshwater fishing, surfing, kayaking, boating, hiking, and winter storm watching. www.tourismtofino.com

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