



First Annual Tofino Saltwater Classic Fishing Derby and Fundraiser Slated for July 31 – August 1, 2010

***NHL's Brendan Morrison to Host West Coast Vancouver Island Competition
in Partnership with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 65 Derby;
Fundraiser to Benefit Local School Program and Fish Stock Enhancement Initiatives***

Tofino, British Columbia, Canada, June 23, 2010 – Canadian professional ice hockey centre, [Brendan Morrison](#), most recently with the [Washington Capitals](#) of the [National Hockey League](#), today announced that he will host the First Annual [Tofino Saltwater Classic Fishing Derby](#) to be held in Tofino on the west coast of Vancouver Island, British Columbia, from July 31 – August 1, 2010.

Held in partnership with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 65 annual fishing derby, now in its 23rd year, the Tofino Saltwater Classic is limited to 100 participants and has a \$250 entry fee that includes a celebratory dinner and silent auction hosted by Brendan Morrison on August 1. Anglers will compete for up to \$12,000 in cash prizes awarded in five categories: three largest Chinook salmon, largest Coho salmon and largest halibut. All fish must be caught on rod and reel in accordance with [British Columbia's saltwater sport fishing regulations](#). The remainder of the entry fee proceeds, along with the proceeds from the silent auction, will support a number of Tofino community initiatives including Wickaninnish Elementary School programs and the Tofino Salmon Enhancement Society.

“I have been coming to Tofino since the age of 4 and over the years I have fallen in love with the area, its outstanding sport fishing and all it has to offer families and outdoor enthusiasts,” said Tofino Saltwater Classic Fishing Tournament host, Brendan Morrison. “It’s a privilege to be able to hold this fishing derby in Tofino and to support important community initiatives.”

“The Legion is very excited about partnering with the Tofino Saltwater Classic derby,” said Branch 65 Royal Canada Legion President, Whitey Bernard. “Working together boosts our fundraising efforts and gives even more anglers a great west coast sport fishing experience.”

About the Tofino Saltwater Classic

In its inaugural 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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