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Community

Fish for the Future July 8

Event features demos, viewing opportunities

Learn about the Fraser River estuary the fun way!

The public is invited to the fourth annual Fish for the Future on Saturday, July 8, in Steveston.

This community festival is part of the National Fishing Week, which aims to create more responsible anglers and bring public awareness to conservation.

This year's Fish for the Future will once again take place at the No. 2 Road Pier (London's Landing) in Steveston, at the south end of No. 2 Road behind the bike park.

It is a quiet pier that is surrounded by marshland, which is usually populated

with bird life.

The festival runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A limited number of rods and reels will be available for young participants who do not have the equipment. Fishing experts will be on site to assist those who are eager to learn about fishing. This year's festival will feature the following activities:

■ **Fly tying workshop:** Match the hatch! Use the feathers available to create artificial flies that resemble aquatic insects! Flytying instructors will instruct you as you come up with your own creation!

■ **Fly casting demo:** Fly casting is a challenging art. Learn the tricks to gain the extra 10 feet that you have been longing for.

■ **Aquatic critter viewing:** Test your entomology by identifying the insects that swim in the pond display.

■ **Juvenile salmon viewing:** The Seymour Salmonid

Society will be displaying some juvenile coho salmon that are raised at the hatchery.

■ **Birds of prey:** The Orphaned Wildlife Rehabilitation Society (OWL) will be displaying a few local bird species such as the bald eagle.

■ **Fish picture colouring:** Colour the fun fish pictures that are available at this station.

■ **The fishy station:** Learn about the fish that live in the Fraser River and Georgia Strait. Collect all six Pacific salmon cards, four rockfish cards and four trout cards!

■ **Fantastic draw prizes:** Buy a ticket for an instant draw!

Admission is free! Pre-registration is not required. Juvenile (age 16 or under) fishing licences are free and available at the event.

For more information, visit the official website, www.fishingwithrod.com/fft.



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Families can check out displays of juvenile salmon.