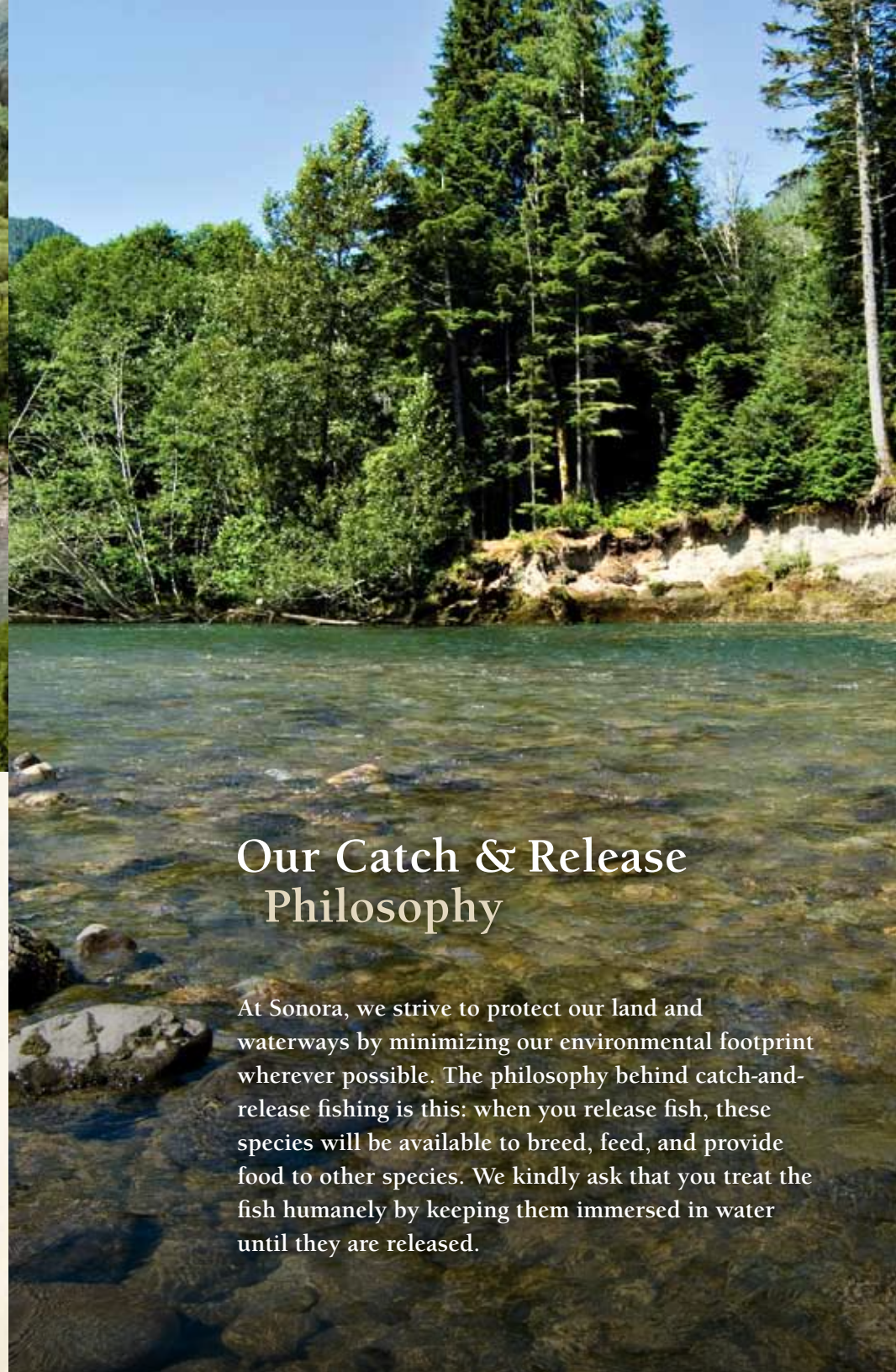


## RIVER FLY FISHING
























Rich with wildlife and beautiful landscapes, the Phillips River is a unique and spectacular destination for west coast fly fishing.

Your fishing experience will begin aboard one of our state-of-the-art boats. The Phillips camp is 30 minutes by boat from Sonora Resort. After a short van ride along an old logging road, you will arrive at the pristine Phillips River. Your guide will help you find the perfect spot to cast your line. With ever-changing tides, each trip to Phillips River is a unique experience.

## Our Catch & Release Philosophy

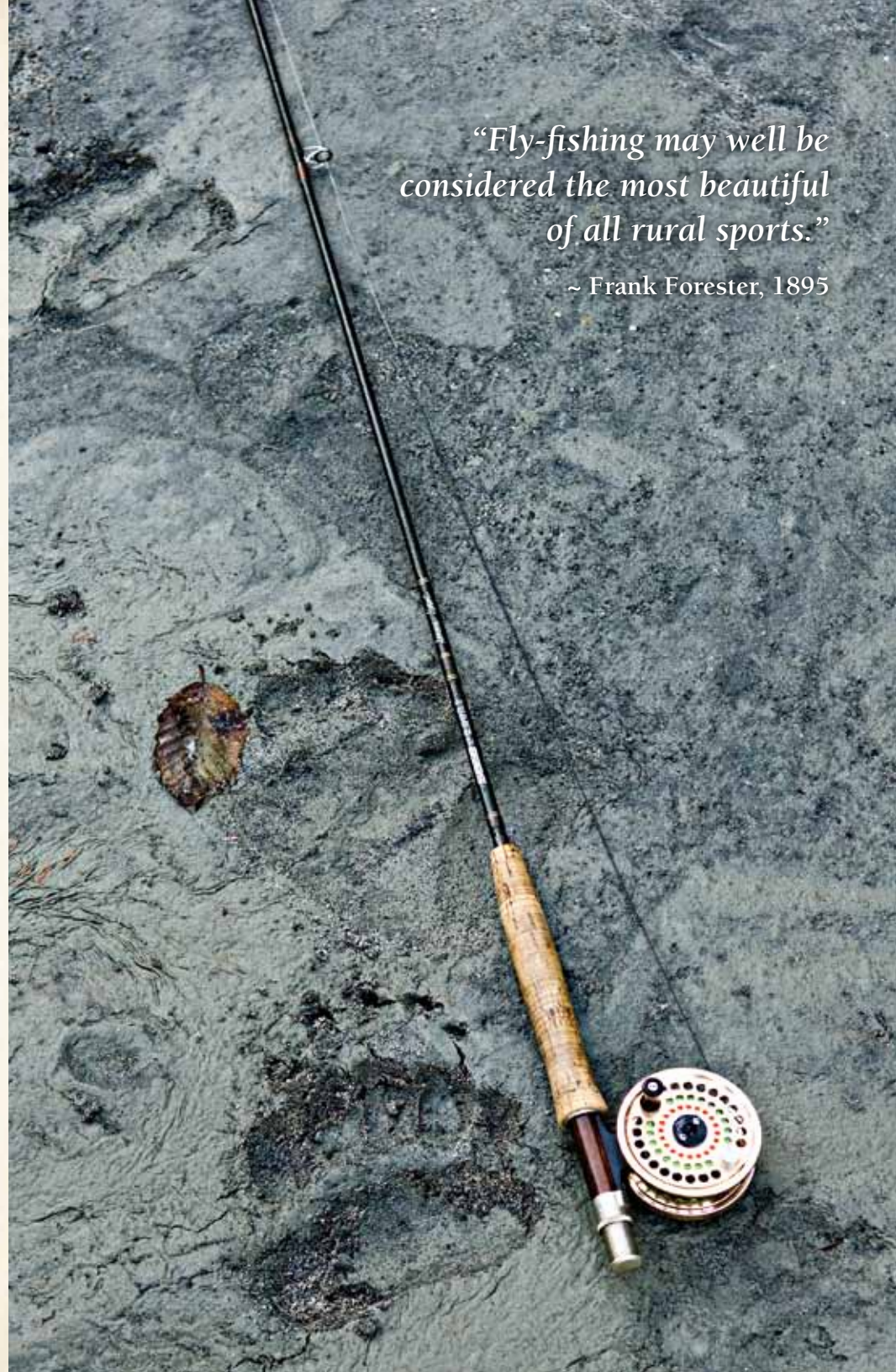
At Sonora, we strive to protect our land and waterways by minimizing our environmental footprint wherever possible. The philosophy behind catch-and-release fishing is this: when you release fish, these species will be available to breed, feed, and provide food to other species. We kindly ask that you treat the fish humanely by keeping them immersed in water until they are released.

Different freshwater species are available within the six-month Sonora season:

SPECIES	May 1 – July 15	July 16 – September 15	September 16 – October 15
Resident Rainbow Trout			
Cutthroat Trout			
Bull Trout			
Dolly Varden			
Steelhead Trout			
Pink Salmon			
Chinook Salmon			
Coho Salmon			

*“Fly-fishing may well be considered the most beautiful of all rural sports.”*

~ Frank Forester, 1895



### Resident Rainbow Trout

Also called 'steelhead,' the resident rainbow trout has colours and patterns that vary depending on age, habitat, and spawning conditions. They are torpedo-shaped with a pink streak along the sides, a white underbelly, and black spots on blue-green backs and fins. The average weight is one or two pounds, but they grow larger as they leave the river systems and feed in the ocean. Steelhead are not as common in the Phillips River.

### Cutthroat Trout

The sea-run and resident cutthroat trout weigh up to three pounds. These fish sport a pointed head and large mouth with a developed teeth and jaw. Dark to olive green, cutthroats have numerous black spots and silver sides. This is an easy fish to identify, due to two yellow or orange lines in the folds of the lower jaw.

### Bull Trout

The bull trout is a long, slim fish with a large head. It is green with silver sides which often have yellow-red spots. Another distinct characteristic is the lack of black spots on the dorsal fin. Bull trout weigh between one and five pounds.

### Dolly Varden

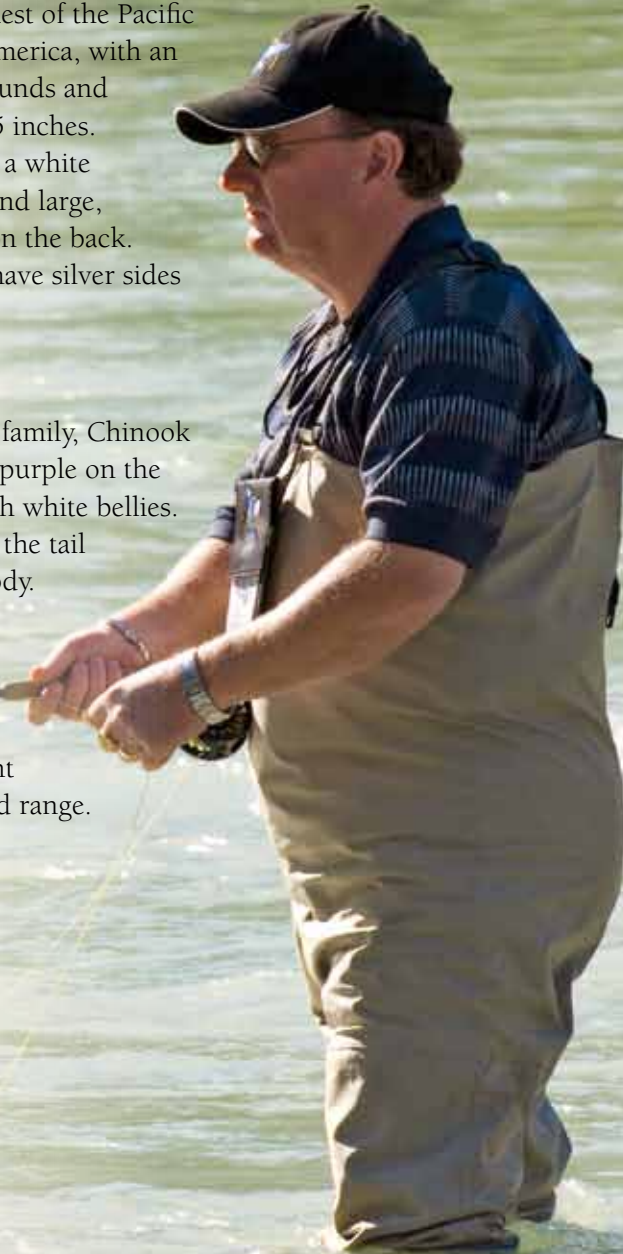
Dolly Varden are silver with an olive-green to brown dorsal fin and red spots on their sides. The light spots on their sides distinguish them from most trout and salmon, which are usually black spotted or speckled. Dolly Varden have an extended lower jaw which hooks upward, fitting into a ridge in the upper jaw. They weigh up to four pounds.

### Pink Salmon

Pink salmon are the smallest of the Pacific species found in North America, with an average weight of four pounds and average length of 20 to 25 inches. They can be identified by a white mouth with black gums and large, oval-shaped black spots on the back. Steel blue to green, they have silver sides and white bellies.

### Chinook Salmon

The largest of the salmon family, Chinook salmon are blue-green or purple on the back and top of head, with white bellies. They have black spots on the tail and upper half of their body. In the Phillips River, Chinook have been found weighing up to 60 pounds. More commonly, they are caught within the 15 to 30 pound range.





  
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