

2025 - 2027

FRESHWATER FISHING

REGULATIONS
SYNOPSIS



EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2025 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2027



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REGULATION CHANGES

Message from the Honourable Randene Neill
Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship



The freshets of spring signal the start of a new fishing season in British Columbia when the melting snow and ice replenish streams and rivers. Our freshwater fishing industry supports thousands of fishers, fishing guides and people working in the hospitality, tourism and transport service industries. British Columbia's tranquil lakes, rushing rivers and scenic splendour have all the ingredients to merit its status as a premier recreational fishing destination and I hope the fishing season marks a rich and rewarding experience for you this year.

B.C.'s abundance of sport fish—rainbow, coastal cutthroat, westslope cutthroat, eastern brook and kokanee—make trout the most popular species group for freshwater recreational fishing. And we've been giving this species a helpful nudge annually to boost its populations. Over the spring and fall of 2024, our hatcheries raised and released 6.14 million trout and kokanee into 668 lakes across British Columbia. The fish are stocked from fry to catchable size to support the provincial recreational fishing program.

Everyone—from beginners to avid fishers—has access to freshwater fisheries. We've been investing in trails, boat launches and fishing docks by leveraging funding and support from provincial and regional governments and from local fishing clubs. We've worked with our partners at Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC (FFSBC) to place a number of docks around the province to increase angler access. One hundred percent of angling revenue through licences goes to FFSBC and Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation (HCTF) to improve opportunities and conservation of B.C.'s fishing resources.

Last year, the detection of whirling disease meant watercraft and angling closures of all waterbodies in Yoho and Kootenay national parks until March 31, 2025, to reduce the spread of aquatic invasive species. In May 2024, B.C.'s chief veterinarian issued a "Pull the Plug" order, making it mandatory for all boat or other watercraft operators to pull the plug before moving any watercraft between water bodies to ensure aquatic invasive species do not spread through human error or negligence. Additionally, it's important to follow the responsible practice of "Clean, Drain, Dry" on your watercraft, trailers and gear—anything that's been in contact with the water—after leaving the water. This measure will help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species that threaten native fish like trout, their ecosystems and the recreational fishing they support.

Every two years, we review and publish the Province's freshwater fishing regulations. The 2025 regulations in this publication are valid from April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2027.

Here's to a great season! "Gone fishing" may be a sign you'll see more often in your communities, with more than 300,000 anglers buying licences in B.C in the past year.

Sincerely,

Randene Neill
Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship

How to Use the Freshwater Fishing Regulations Synopsis

When fishing in B.C., you must follow:

1. PROVINCIAL REGULATIONS AND LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

Find these general regulations on [pages 5-10](#)

2. REGIONAL REGULATIONS

Find these regulations at the beginning of each regional chapter.

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3. WATER-SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

There may or may not be special regulations which apply to a specific lake or stream. Here's how to find out:

Look in the Water-Specific Tables in the region where the lake or stream is located.

A. If the lake or stream you plan to fish **does not appear** in the Water-Specific Tables, no special regulations are in effect. Therefore, you must only follow:

- The Provincial Regulations AND
- The Regional Regulations for the Region.

B. If the lake or stream you plan to fish **does appear** in the regional Water-Specific Tables, you must follow:

- The Provincial Regulations,
- The Regional Regulations for the Region, and/or
- The Water-Specific Regulations.

Regulations on Tributaries: If the * symbol is listed next to a lake or stream listed in the Water-Specific Regulations Tables, then those regulations also apply to any tributary streams that flow into that lake or stream (see [page 4](#)).

Regulations that have changed from the previous published version of the synopsis are **no longer** highlighted in colour.



4. IN-SEASON REGULATION CHANGES

In-season regulation changes may have been adopted after this synopsis was published.

Changes will be posted on the Freshwater fishing regulations in B.C. website, gov.bc.ca/FishingRegulations.

Receive Notifications of Regulation Changes

To receive notifications about in-season regulation changes as well as other important notices about fishing in B.C., visit gov.bc.ca/FishingRegulations and subscribe.

Angling, Hunting, and Trapping Public Engagement

The public can review and provide feedback on proposed changes to angling, hunting, or trapping regulations through the provincial Angling, Hunting and Trapping Public Engagement website, online at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/fishing-hunting/ahte>

YOU AND THE LAW

The British Columbia Freshwater Fishing Regulations Synopsis is for general information purposes only. Where there is a discrepancy between this Synopsis and the Regulations, the Regulations are the final authority. Regulations are subject to change, such as in-season regulation changes described above, and it is the responsibility of an individual to be informed of the current regulations.

Questions? Contact any of the following, listed on the first page of each Regional chapter:

- Fish and Wildlife Regional Office
- Conservation Officer Service
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada



Front Cover: Autumn Fishing at Whitetail Lake, Kootenay Region, BC by Sidney Cupido
Back Cover: The Fight Below at Elk River, Kootenay Region, BC by Mike Anderson

Regulation Changes for 2025-2027

PROVINCE WIDE

Regulations have been updated to simplify how anglers prove they are licensed.

- Effective April 1, 2026 when fishing or transporting dead fish, anglers can state their Fish and Wildlife ID (FWID) number to show they hold (or previously held) the following authorizations*:
 - Basic angling licence
 - Classified water licence
 - White sturgeon conservation licence (applies to fishing only)

*Anglers must still carry and produce their licence (paper or digital copy) as proof of Conservation Surcharge Stamps. When a retention record is required, anglers must carry a paper copy.

REGION 1 - VANCOUVER ISLAND

- Regan Lake, Flora Lake and Lizard Lake - Remove waterbody specific quotas and gear restrictions.
- Nanaimo River - Changes to no fishing zone upstream of the Cedar Road bridge.
- Heber River – Watch for in-season changes to no fishing regulation.

REGION 2 - LOWER MAINLAND

- Various urban lakes - Implementation of single barbless hook restrictions for Western Painted Turtle protection.

- Cultus Lake - Changes to Kokanee daily quota.
- Alta Lake - Changes to trout/char daily quota.
- Brem River - Implementation of seasonal closure upstream of 2nd set of falls.

REGION 3 - THOMPSON

- Regulations on several lakes in the region have been simplified to regional regulations.
- Several lakes in the region have increased ice fishing opportunities.
- Changes to rainbow trout daily quota as well as gear restrictions to increase angling opportunities.

REGION 4 - KOOTENAY

- Columbia Lake and Columbia River - Implementation of unlimited bass quota.
- Elk River (upstream of Elko Dam) and all tributaries - Changes to bull trout quota.
- Kootenay Lake (main body) - Allowing a person in a boat to angle with more than one fishing line.
- Windermere Creek, Bugaboo Creek and Spillimacheen River - Burbot catch and release year-round.

- Moyie Lake - Changes to burbot release period/dates.

In-Season Changes:

- Changes to select Kootenay

Lake tributaries' no fishing and no quota regulations.

REGION 5 - CARIBOO

- Boar Lake, Donnely Lake, Quesnel Lake and Paddy Lake - Changes to trout daily quota and gear restrictions.

REGION 7A - OMINECA

- Anzac River - Changes to no fishing areas and fly fishing only areas.
- Hobson Lake, Verdant Lake, and Wicheeda Lake - Changes to rainbow trout daily quota.
- Stellako River - Changes to seasonal closure.

REGION 7B - PEACE

- Muncho Lake and Williston Lake - Changes to lake trout daily quota.
- Simpson Lake - Changes to no fishing and daily quota

REGION 8 - OKANAGAN

- Ellison Lake - New implementation of yellow perch daily quota.
- Kettle and West Kettle Rivers (including tributaries) - Changes to no fishing dates
- Vinson Lake - Open to ice fishing.

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For an online copy of this synopsis or to check for in-season regulation changes go to:
gov.bc.ca/FishingRegulations



We welcome your suggestions.
Please send comments to:
The Synopsis, Wildlife and Ecosystems Branch
Email: fishandwildlife@gov.bc.ca

How to Read the Regional Water-Specific Tables

The Regulations listed in the Water-Specific Tables are EXCEPTIONS or ADDITIONS to the Regional Regulations. What follows is an explanation of the information in each column of the tables:

1		2		3	
WATER BODY MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS			
ALICE LAKE	* ➔	2-7	No powered boats Bull trout (char) release		
ALOUETTE LAKE		2-8	No vessels in swimming areas, as buoyed and signed; speed restriction (8 km/h) at S. end of lake, S. of a line drawn from the BC Parks boat ramp to signs on the E. side of the lake		

1 Water-Specific Regulations

This column lists waters with restrictions not covered by the Regional Regulations.

An asterisk symbol (*) means the regulation applies to tributary streams as well.

A fish symbol (➔) means the lake is stocked. Not all stocked lakes are listed in the Water-Specific Regulations Tables. For a complete list of stocked lakes in B.C. go to gofishbc.com/Where-to-Fish

A (cw) symbol means that this is a Classified Water; see [page 7](#).

2 Management Unit (M.U.)

This column lists one or more Management Unit's only as a reference to help you locate your target lake or stream and to distinguish waters in a region with the same name. Not all applicable M.U.'s may be listed. Consult the B.C. Recreational Atlas or Regional maps for Management Unit boundaries.

3 Exceptions to the Regional Regulations

Catch and Release: You may fish for the named species, but you must release any that you catch. You must return your fish to the water as quickly and carefully as possible (see "Proper Fish Handling", [page 75](#)).

Tributaries: when all regulations cited apply to both the named body of water and its tributaries, an asterisk (*) is placed in the first column. When only some regulations apply to the tributaries then an asterisk is placed after the relevant regulation cited in this column.

No fishing for: you may not deliberately fish for the species named even if your intention is to release any fish that you may catch. If you accidentally catch a fish of the species named, you must release it as quickly and carefully as possible (see "Proper Fish Handling", [page 75](#)).

Bait Ban: the use of natural bait (see definition of bait on [page 8](#)) is prohibited in waters with a bait ban. Bait may be banned

year round or seasonally. During the period when bait is banned it is banned for all angling and for all species.

Single Hook: it is prohibited to angle with a hook with more than one point on waters that are subject to a single hook regulation. Single hook regulations may be in place year round or seasonally. Where single hook regulations are in place on a water body it applies to angling for all species. Often single hook regulations are combined with barbless hook regulations and termed "single barbless hook".

Barbless Hook: it is prohibited to use a hook with a barb on waters subject to a barbless hook regulation. Barbless hook regulations may be in place year-round or seasonally. Where barbless hook regulations are in place on a water body, it applies to angling for all species. Often barbless hook regulations are combined with single hook regulations and termed "single barbless hook".

Dates: regulations may apply for all or part of the year. **When no date is listed, the regulations apply all year.** Start and end dates are inclusive.

Youth/Disabled Accompanied Waters

Authorized Angler: A person that is under 16 years of age or a disabled resident.

Companion: A person who accompanies and attends an authorized angler. A person must not angle in a Youth/Disabled Accompanied Water unless the person is an authorized angler or a companion to an authorized angler. An authorized angler can be accompanied by up to two companion anglers.

Boating Regulations

Boating regulations are adopted for either fisheries management or public safety reasons. The various regulations include:

- **No angling from boats:** you may use

a boat or other floating device for transportation in these waters, but you may not angle from that boat.

- **No angling from powered boats:** you are not allowed to angle from a boat equipped with a motor on these waters.
- **No powered boats:** boat motors of all types (internal combustion, steam and electric) are prohibited on these waters.
- **Electric motor only:** you may use only battery-powered electric motors - max 7.5 kW. All other types of motors (internal combustion, steam) are prohibited on these waters. In addition, wind or human propelled craft may be used.
- **Engine power regulations:** boat motors cannot exceed the engine power (given in kilowatts) listed in the "Exceptions" column.
- **Speed regulations:** boats equipped with motors cannot exceed the speed limit listed in the "Exceptions" column.
- **No towing:** do not tow a person on water skis, a surf board or other water toy.
- **No vessels:** boats and rafts of all types are prohibited.

Please note: most boating regulations are the responsibility of Government of Canada, **Marine Transportation.** They are published here as a courtesy to anglers but, due to space limitations, may not be complete. For more information:

Marine Transportation
Office of Boating Safety
700-800 Burrard St
Vancouver BC V6Z 2J8
Phone: 604-666-2681
Email: TC.PAC.TM.OBS-BSN.TC@tc.gc.ca

All anglers of any age must comply with all regulations set out in this Synopsis as well as any in-season changes as made public by the Ministry. The regulations described in this Synopsis do not apply to tidal waters.

Licence Fees

All annual licences are valid for the current licence year, April 1st to March 31st, commencing on the date purchased. Licences are not transferrable. Taxes not included in fees listed below.

LICENCE TYPE	RESIDENT*	NON-RESIDENT*	NON-RESIDENT ALIEN*
Basic Licences			
Annual Angling Licence	\$41.15	\$62.87	\$91.44
One Day Angling Licence	\$11.43	\$22.86	\$22.86
Eight Day Angling Licence	\$22.86	\$41.15	\$57.14
Annual Licence for Disabled	\$1.14	★	★
Annual Licence for Age 65 Plus	\$5.71**	★	★
Conservation Surcharge Stamps (see page 7)			
Steelhead	\$28.57	\$68.57	\$68.57
Non-Tidal Salmon	\$17.14	\$34.29	\$34.29
Kootenay Lake Rainbow Trout	\$11.43	\$22.86	\$22.86
Shuswap Lake Rainbow Trout	\$11.43	\$22.86	\$22.86
Shuswap Lake Char	\$11.43	\$22.86	\$22.86
White Sturgeon Conservation Licences (see page 7)			
Annual	\$28.57	\$68.58	\$68.58
One Day	\$9.14	\$17.14	\$17.14
Eight Day	\$17.14	\$34.29	\$34.29
Classified Waters Licences (see page 7)			
Classified Waters Licence (annual)	\$17.15	★	★
Class I Waters Licence	★	\$45.72/day	\$45.72/day
Class II Waters Licence	★	\$22.86/day	\$22.86/day

* See definitions of “Resident”, “Non-resident”, and “Non-resident Alien” on page 80. Members of the Canadian military, students returning to B.C., and youth under 18 returning to B.C. to reside with a parent or guardian who is a resident, may be eligible to purchase licences at the resident rate. For more information, contact **FrontCounter BC online** or by phone at 1-877-855-3222.

** BC resident anglers aged 65 and over have the option to purchase an annual basic licence at the reduced rate of \$5.71 or at the full BC resident rate of \$41.15. 100% of licence sales revenue goes to the Freshwater Fisheries Society of B.C. and the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation; purchasing your licence at full cost supports these organizations and can help with the conservation of the provinces freshwater fish resources and improve future angling opportunities. There is no difference in the angling opportunities available for the full price and reduced rate licences.

★ Not available. See “Classified Waters Licences”, page 7.

NOTES: You may buy as many One Day and Eight Day Licences (covering 8 consecutive days) as you need, but only ONE Annual Licence.

Most licence fees include a conservation surcharge administered by the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation.



Buying a Licence

Fishing Licensing in WILD

Freshwater fishing licensing will be issued through the Wildlife Information and Licensing Data system (WILD) as of the 2026-27 licence year which starts April 1, 2026.

WILD is the system used for fishing and hunting licensing services in B.C. Visit gov.bc.ca/wild to access WILD.

Fish and Wildlife ID (FWID):

An FWID is a permanent number linked to your electronic profile in WILD. You need an FWID to access WILD and buy fishing licences. **There is no cost to obtain an FWID.** You must only have one FWID.

- **If you already have an FWID** (for hunting etc.) use your existing FWID to buy fishing licences in WILD.
- **If you previously had a B.C. Resident Hunter Number**, an FWID has already been assigned to you. To find your FWID number, log in to WILD using your Hunter Number, last name and date of birth, or provide these details to an agent (in person) at Service BC, FrontCounter BC or a participating vendor location. You may also call the FrontCounter BC Contact Centre at 1-877-855-3222.
- **If you do not have an FWID or Hunter Number**, register for an FWID online in WILD or in person at Service BC, FrontCounter BC or a participating vendor location. Once registered, you will receive your FWID immediately and you can purchase fishing licences.

Proof of Identity and Authorization

When fishing, you must produce your angling licence and photo ID, on request of an officer. For basic angling licences, classified waters licences and white sturgeon conservation licences, you may either:

- state your FWID, or
- produce your licence (paper or electronic).

For conservation surcharge stamps, paper or electronic licences are acceptable however a paper licence is required when retaining:

- hatchery steelhead
- chinook
- Shuswap Lake char or rainbow trout
- Kootenay Lake rainbow trout

If you are 16 years of age or older:

- You must have a valid basic licence to sport fish for any species of fish in

non-tidal waters (including salmon) - see definition of “fish” on [page 80](#).

- You must purchase appropriate supplementary licences and stamps.
- You must carry your paper licence while sport fishing when a conservation surcharge stamp retention record is required and, if asked, produce it for inspection by a conservation officer, fishery officer, RCMP constable, park ranger in a park, or an officer under the Wildlife Act.
- Basic and supplementary licences and stamps are not valid in National Parks.

If you are under 16 and a resident of B.C.:

- You may sport fish without any licence or stamp (but must abide by the regulations).
- You do not need to be accompanied by a licence holder.
- You are entitled to your own quota of fish.

If you are under 16 and not a resident of B.C.:

- You do not require any licence or stamp to sport fish, but you must be accompanied by a person 16 years or older who holds the appropriate licences and stamps.
- Any fish you keep must be counted as part of the catch and possession of your accompanying licence holder.
- If you want to catch and keep your own quota of fish, you must buy a licence and any necessary supplementary licences and stamps.

If you are a resident of B.C. and disabled:

You may qualify for a basic freshwater angling licence at the reduced fee of \$1.14. For additional information or an application form contact or attend a Service BC or FrontCounter BC office, or go to www.gov.bc.ca/Fish-Licence-Fee-Reduction.

NOTE: Refunds will not be issued for licences already purchased at the full price.

Indigenous Fishing in Non-tidal Waters

First Nations have established aboriginal rights to harvest fish from non-tidal waters for food, social and ceremonial purposes in their traditional areas, and treaty First Nations have treaty rights in relation to harvesting fish in non-tidal waters. Such uses of fish from non-tidal waters must be sustainable, and harvesting methods must not jeopardize safety or the use and enjoyment of property. Any fishing from non-tidal waters for sale or barter, in whole or in part, is not legal, except

as authorized by regulation or where there is a demonstrated aboriginal or treaty right to do so.

Under the Wildlife Act “Indian” means a person who is defined as an Indian under the Indian Act (Canada).

If you are an Indian and a resident of B.C., you are not required to obtain any type of fishing licence or stamp to sport fish in non-tidal waters.

Indians who are residents of B.C. and wish to fish in non-tidal waters outside their traditionally used areas must do so in accordance with the Freshwater Fishing Regulations.

If an individual is in doubt regarding traditional fishing in a non-tidal water, they should be in contact with the appropriate First Nations officials and the regional Fisheries Program staff to discuss specific situations.

Métis:

A reminder that all Métis individuals intending to sport fish in non-tidal waters are required, under the Wildlife Act, to hold appropriate angling licences and stamps, and comply with all angling regulations.

Where to Buy a Licence

Freshwater Angling Licences are available online. WILD lets anglers register for and purchase angling licences online at any time.

To buy your licence online in WILD, go to www.gov.bc.ca/wild

Licences can also be purchased in person at a Service BC, FrontCounter BC, or licence vendor locations. For a list of locations, go to www.gov.bc.ca/buy-hunting-fishing-licences.

Lost licences

- You cannot go fishing without a valid licence.
- If you already have a valid licence do not buy a new licence. You are only permitted one annual angling licence per licence year.
- To get a copy of your existing licence, you can:
 - Log in to WILD with your FWID to reprint or save a copy from your online profile,
 - Visit a Service BC or FrontCounter BC location,
 - Visit a participating licence vendor (a fee may apply).
- If you reprint your licence, your current licence years retention record (see next page) must be transferred to the new copy.

Conservation Surcharges

Your basic angling licence can be validated with up to five annual Conservation Surcharge Stamps described in detail below, plus a White Sturgeon Conservation Licence.

The stamps are valid for the licence year (April 1 to March 31).

If a copy of your basic licence is reprinted, all your retention records must be transferred to the new copy.

Steelhead

Your basic licence must be validated with a Conservation Surcharge Stamp if you fish for steelhead anywhere in B.C. (whether you keep or release your catch). In addition, a Steelhead Stamp is mandatory when fishing on most Classified Waters during certain specified periods, even when fishing for species other than steelhead. Refer to the regional tables for dates and exceptions.

This stamp is available with all annual and short-term basic licences. The steelhead stamp is valid for a licence year. **You must immediately record your retention of hatchery steelhead on your basic angling licence.** Please retain your basic licence for the entire licence year as you may be requested to complete an annual steelhead survey.

NOTE: The annual province-wide quota for hatchery steelhead is 10. All wild steelhead must be released. See definition of "hatchery trout" and "wild trout" on [page 80](#).

Non-Tidal Salmon

Your basic licence must be validated with a Conservation Surcharge Stamp to keep a salmon of any legal size or species (other than kokanee) from non-tidal waters. A stamp is not required if you release all salmon caught. **You must immediately record your retention of adult chinook salmon on your basic angling licence.**

For definition of adult chinook see [page 77](#).

For regulations related to angling for salmon in B.C. visit the Fisheries and Oceans Canada website at www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/index-eng.htm or by email: info@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

Kootenay Lake Rainbow Trout

Your basic licence must be validated with a Conservation Surcharge Stamp to keep rainbow trout over 50 cm from the main body of Kootenay Lake. **You must immediately record your retention on your basic angling licence.**

No Conservation Surcharge Stamp is required if you release all Kootenay Lake rainbow trout over 50 cm.

Shuswap Lake Char

Your basic licence must be validated with a Conservation Surcharge Stamp to keep char over 60 cm (Lake trout and Bull trout) caught in Shuswap Lake. **You must immediately record your retention on your basic angling licence.**

No Conservation Surcharge Stamp is required if you release all Shuswap Lake char over 60 cm (Lake trout and Bull trout).

Shuswap Lake Rainbow Trout

Your basic licence must be validated with a Conservation Surcharge Stamp to keep rainbow trout over 50 cm from Shuswap Lake, Little Shuswap Lake, South Thompson River between Shuswap Lake and Little Shuswap Lake, Seymour, Anstey and Salmon Arms and Mara Lake. **You must immediately record your retention on your basic angling licence.**

No Conservation Surcharge Stamp is required if you release all Shuswap Lake rainbow trout over 50 cm.

White Sturgeon

You must purchase a **White Sturgeon Conservation Licence**, in addition to your basic licence, if you fish for white sturgeon in the Fraser River Watershed (including tributaries) from the CPR Bridge at Mission to and including Williams Lake River in the Cariboo. This is a catch-and-release only fishery - all sturgeon must be released. See Guidelines for Angling White Sturgeon in B.C. at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/fishing-hunting/fishing/recreational-freshwater-fishing-licence/conservation-surcharges>. Please note that this is the only white sturgeon fishery in the province's non-tidal waters.

Classified Waters Licences

The classified waters of B.C. are highly productive trout streams. These streams are classified as either **Class I** or **Class II** and are listed in the Water-Specific Tables for each Region. The Classified Waters Licensing System was created to protect the unique fishing opportunities provided by these waters, which contribute significantly to the province's reputation as a world-class fishing destination.

Anglers are required to hold a basic angling licence and a Classified Waters Licence when fishing on a stream during the period when it is classified.

This licence is required in addition to the basic angling licence and any other stamps required by regulation. Also note that a

Steelhead Conservation Surcharge Stamp

is required at all times when fishing for steelhead, or when fishing classified waters during the period when steelhead are known to be present. The specific times when a Steelhead Stamp is mandatory are listed in the Water-Specific Tables for each Region.

If you are a B.C. resident:

Your Classified Waters Licence permits you to angle in all classified waters throughout the licence year. This means you can fish on any Class I or Class II water in the province during the year.

If you are a NON-GUIDED "Non-Resident" or NON-GUIDED "Non-Resident Alien":

Your Classified Waters Licence for Class I or Class II waters is sold on a per day basis and is date and water-specific. Although anglers may purchase as many Classified Waters Licences as they wish, **each licence may not exceed 8 consecutive days. A first-come-first-serve booking system is in place for these Kootenay Class II waters: Michel Creek, Skookumchuck Creek, and the Wigwam River.**

If you are a GUIDED "Non-Resident" or a GUIDED "Non-Resident Alien":

Your Classified Waters Licence for Class I or Class II waters is sold on a per day basis and is date and water-specific. If guided check with your angling guide before purchasing your licence as a valid angling guide number must be entered to purchase a guided licence. Although anglers may purchase as many Classified Waters Licences as they wish, **each licence may not exceed 8 consecutive days.**

EXCEPTION: Non-Resident Aliens (whether GUIDED or NON-GUIDED) may only purchase one Classified Waters Licence for the Dean River per licence year.

NOTE: Non-guided Non-Resident Aliens wishing to fish the Class I - Main Section of the Dean River should refer to [pages 42 and 44](#) for details.

Is Your Angling Guide Licensed?

Anglers who use the services of an **unlicensed** angling guide risk being convicted of an offence.

Provincial Regulations

Anglers securing the services of an Angling Guide can be certain that person is licensed by:

- Asking to see their current Angling Guide Licence (or Assistant Angling Guide Licence); OR
- Confirming their status by contacting FrontCounter BC (FCBC) at one of the following:
 - By Phone: Toll free at 1-877-855-3222, from outside North America ++1-778-372-0729
 - By Email: FrontCounterBC@gov.bc.ca

Family Fishing Weekend

An annual celebration of fishing that coincides with Father's Day weekend each year. The provincial government waives the requirement for residents of Canada to buy or carry a non-tidal (freshwater) basic licence during the Father's Day weekend in June, and the Friday immediately prior. The federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, which manages tidal waters, also offers the opportunity to go saltwater fishing for free. This is a great opportunity to get together with family and friends and try fishing!

Anglers must still adhere to catch quotas and regulations. And if you plan to fish for species that require a conservation surcharge stamp (steelhead, Shuswap Lake rainbow trout and char, Kootenay Lake rainbow trout, white sturgeon, and salmon in both tidal and non-tidal waters); or angle Classified Waters (highly productive trout streams; listed as Class I or Class II waters in the water-specific tables of the fishing regulations) you are still required to purchase the appropriate licence(s) and conservation surcharge stamps.

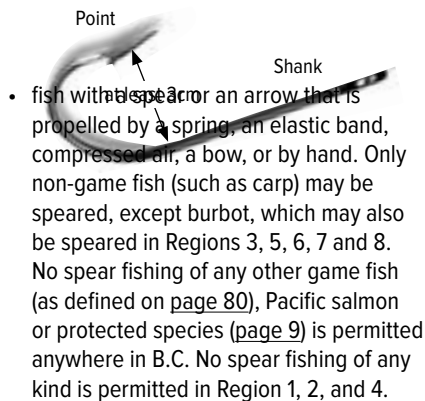
Allowable Fishing Methods

Your basic fishing licence entitles you to:

- angle with one fishing line to which only one hook, one artificial lure OR one artificial fly is attached.
- angle with a downrigger, provided the fishing line is attached to the downrigger by a quick-release mechanism.
- ice fish with one line and one lure, artificial fly or other terminal attractor. It is your legal responsibility to warn other people of the existence of your ice hole and remove your ice hut before ice breakup.
- fish with a set line. You may only fish with a set line (an unattended line) in lakes of Region 6 and Region 7A. You are allowed to use only one line with one hook (no smaller than 3 cm from point to shank -

see below). **Any game fish that you catch other than burbot must be released.** Set lines must be marked with angler's name, address, and telephone number.

- **Set Line Hook** (shown 1/2 size)



- trap crayfish with any number or size of traps for personal consumption. You must release all fin fish caught in your trap. To help sustain crayfish populations, you should release any crayfish that are less than 9 cm in total length as well as those bearing eggs or young.

All other methods of taking fin fish and crayfish are illegal. It Is Unlawful To....

- **Use barbed hooks** or a hook with more than one point in any river, stream, creek or slough in B.C. (Note: the use of barbed hooks in lakes is permitted, unless noted in the Regional Water-Specific Tables).
- **Angle with a fishing line to which more than one artificial fly is attached** (i.e., to use "dropper flies").
- **Use a light** in any manner to attract fish, unless the light is submerged and attached to the fishing line within 1 m of the hook.
- **Fish with nets**, including dip nets, minnow nets, gill nets or cast nets.
- **Snag (foul hook) fish** (see definition, page 80). Any fish willfully or accidentally snagged must be released immediately.
- **Angle with more than one line, EXCEPT** a person who is **alone in a boat on a lake** may angle with two lines.
- **Place any fishing gear in any water**

during a No Fishing period.

- **Angle with a fishing line to which more than 1 kg of weight is attached** (this does not apply to downrigger weights).
- **Waste the fish you catch.** If your fish is not suitable for eating or if possession is illegal because of quotas, size limits or closed seasons, return the fish quickly and gently to the water.
- **Release fish in a harmful manner** if you are not going to keep your catch. Follow the catch and release tips on page 75.
- **Buy, sell or barter** or attempt to buy, sell or barter any fish caught by sport fishing.
- **Damage or interfere with a trap set for furbearers.** If you believe the trap has been set illegally, report it to a Conservation Officer.
- **Have any live fish in your possession in the wild**, or move any live fish or live aquatic invertebrates around the province, or transplant them into any waters of B.C. Do not keep angled fish alive in a "livewell" or other device, or on stringers, and never use live fish as bait or release your aquarium fish to the wild. "High-grading" is illegal.
- **Enter or cross cultivated land, posted land, private land, or Indian Reserve land without proper permission.**
- **Please refer** to additional restrictions and requirements on pages 8-10.

Rules on Bait Usage

"Bait" is any foodstuff or natural substance used to attract fish, other than wood, cotton, wool, hair, fur or feathers. It does not include fin fish, other than roe. It includes roe, worms and other edible substances, as well as scents and flavourings containing natural substances or nutrients.

Roe... you must not have more than 1 kg of roe (fish eggs) in your possession for use as bait unless the roe was obtained from a commercial source that lawfully obtained that roe, or you have in your possession the freshly dressed fish from which the roe in excess of 1 kg was taken. Carry a receipt with you if you purchased roe from a commercial source.

Aquatic invertebrates... you may use freshwater invertebrates (e.g., aquatic insects and crayfish) in streams as bait unless a bait ban applies. No person shall use as bait or possess for that purpose any freshwater invertebrate (this includes the aquatic stage of any insect, such as dragonfly

nymphs or caddisfly larvae) at a lake.

Chumming... attempting to attract fish by depositing any substance in the water, is prohibited.

Fin fish... means all fish other than crustaceans, echinoderms, molluscs, shellfish, and marine mammals. The use of fin fish (dead or alive) or parts of fin fish other than roe is prohibited throughout the province, with the following exceptions: You may use the head of fin fish or the headless body of fin fish as bait, only:

- (a) when sport fishing for sturgeon in Region 2 only on the Fraser River, Lower Pitt River (CPR Bridge upstream to Pitt Lake), Lower Harrison River (Fraser River upstream to Harrison Lake), or
- (b) when set lining in lakes of Region 6 or in lakes of Zone A of Region 7.

Quotas

For all game fish, there is a quota or limit on the number of fish you may retain.

Refer to the Regional Chapters for additional information on regional and water-specific quotas.

Daily quota... the maximum number of fish of a given species, group of species, or size class that you may retain in one calendar day.

Possession quota... no more than twice the daily quota unless otherwise specified (see definition, [page 80](#)).

Monthly quota... the maximum number of fish that you are allowed to retain in one calendar month.

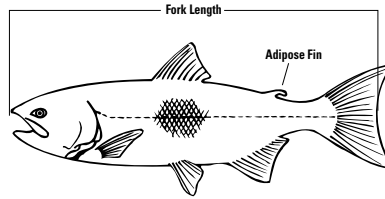
Annual quota... the maximum number of fish that you are allowed to retain in one licence year (April 1 to March 31).

Quotas are not cumulative: you cannot possess a quota from each region that you fish. As a general guideline, never have in your possession while at or near any lake or stream, more fish than the allowable quota for that lake or stream. Check the Regional Regulations and Tables for daily catch quotas for B.C. sport fish.

Size Limits

Size limits protect fish of certain sizes.

Measure your fish from the tip of the nose to the fork of the tail to determine its legal length.



Size limits are listed with quotas in the Regional Regulations and in the Regional Water-Specific Tables. If you catch a fish protected by a min. or max. size limit, release it as quickly and carefully as possible (see "Proper Fish Handling," [page 75](#)).

Minimum size limits allow fish to spawn at least once before they can be caught and kept. **There is no general minimum size limits for trout/char in B.C. waters, EXCEPT** where specifically indicated in the Regional Daily Catch Quotas or for waters listed in the Regional Water-Specific Tables.

Maximum size limits allow larger fish to be released to provide future fishing opportunities.

Protected Species

It is illegal to fish for, or catch and retain any of the fish listed below.

If you accidentally catch one, you must release it right away where you captured it. The fish on this list are considered to be at risk in Canada and are legally protected by federal statutes.

Cultus Lake Sculpin

Enos Lake Stickleback

Misty Lake Stickleback

Nooksack Dace

Paxton Lake Stickleback

Rocky Mountain Sculpin

Shorthead Sculpin

Salish Sucker

Vananda Creek Stickleback

Vancouver Lamprey

Western Brook Lamprey (Morrison Creek population)

White Sturgeon (Nechako, Upper Fraser, Kootenay and Columbia populations)

For more information on protected species, please visit Environment Canada's website at www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/species-risk-public-registry.html.

Fluctuating Lake & Reservoir Levels

Water levels in lakes and especially reservoirs, can fluctuate over the year. These

fluctuations result in a change in the location of stream mouths (please check the definition of "streams" and "stream mouths" on [page 80](#)). Note that a stream flowing through the drawdown portion of a reservoir basin is still considered to be a stream, not part of the reservoir. Anglers are reminded that lake and stream regulations may differ.

No Fishing Areas

Most waters in B.C. are open to fishing for some species 24 hours of the day, every day of the year.

There are five basic exceptions:

- No fishing areas: See Regional Tables. No Fishing in the water specific tables apply to all species, are year round and apply to the entire water body (unless otherwise noted);
- Within Ecological Reserves (this page);
- Within 23 m downstream of the lower entrance to any fishway, canal, obstacle or leap;
- Within a 100 m radius of any government facility operated for counting, passing or rearing fish (e.g., fishway, fish hatchery) unless otherwise designated; and
- Within National Parks unless a specific location is identified as being open (see "National Parks" on this page).

Not all No Fishing areas are signed in the field. Make sure you read the Regional Regulations for the area in which you will be fishing. If you have any questions, contact the local Fish and Wildlife Regional Office.

Ecological Reserves

Fishing is prohibited in Ecological Reserves in B.C. A complete list of ecological reserves is available from BC Parks headquarters at:

PO Box 9398, STN PROV GOVT
Victoria BC V8W 9M9

or on the BC Parks website:

bcparks.ca/conservation/ecological-reserves/.

BC Parks

Individuals visiting a Provincial Park, Conservancy, Recreation Area or Protected Area should be aware that the Park Act and its regulations apply, as do the sport fishing

regulations in this Synopsis.

NOTE: The use of horses, motor vehicles, motorcycles, snowmobiles, other self-propelled vehicles, or bicycles is generally prohibited in Provincial Parks, Conservancies, and Recreation Areas except where specifically authorized. All motorized vehicles on park roads must be licensed. The use of aircraft to arrive or depart from some parks is restricted. Activities in parks may be regulated by signs posted on site. More information can be found at BC Parks website bcparks.ca/

National Parks

The seven National Parks within British Columbia are: Kootenay, Yoho, Glacier, Mount Revelstoke, Pacific Rim, Gwaii Haanas and Gulf Islands.

Freshwater fishing is prohibited in National Parks unless opened under the National Parks Fishing Regulations. Where open, anglers require a National Park Fishing Permit to fish in park waters.

A provincial angling licence is not valid unless otherwise stated for any fresh water within National Parks or National Park Reserves.

National Park Fishing Permits and Regulations are available at park visitor centres and at some local commercial outlets. The National Parks Fishing Regulations may also be viewed at www.pc.gc.ca by selecting a park and clicking on “Activities,” then “Fishing,” or by contacting Parks Canada at 1-888-773-8888.

All fresh waters within **Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve and Gulf Islands National Park Reserve** are closed to fishing.

For further information, please contact Parks Canada or visit <https://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/rec/restricted-restreint-eng.html>.

Keeping and Transporting Your Catch

To comply with the law, follow these simple guidelines when you clean and transport your fish in non-tidal water (for all species except salmon).

- **Do not can, bottle or fillet fish** caught by sport fishing in non-tidal waters except at your permanent residence (commercial canning of these fish is not permitted).
- **Leave the head, tail, and all fins on your catch** until you get them to your permanent (ordinary) residence. We suggest you immediately remove the gills

and internal organs of any fish you keep to reduce spoilage.

- **Do not freeze fish together in an unrecognizable block.**
- Please refer to the fish cleaning guidelines in “Angling Safety in Bear Country” on [page 76](#).
- The management of salmon fisheries in B.C., in both tidal and freshwater, is the responsibility of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO). Information about packaging and transporting salmon is available at <https://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/rec/salmon-saumon-eng.html>.

Transporting and Exporting Fish

In order to enforce quotas and size limits, our officers **must be able to count, measure and identify your catch.**

If you caught the fish yourself you must:

- Keep your angling licence handy while travelling - FWID and ID are acceptable if a Conservation Surcharge Stamp and catch retention record were not required for your catch.
- Transport or possess no more than your legal limit.
- Ensure your fish can be identified, counted and measured if necessary (see “Wrap it Right”).

If you are transporting fish for someone else:

- Obtain and carry a signed letter from that person with the following details: the angler’s name, address, telephone number and fishing licence number; when and where the fish were caught; the date and place at which you were given the fish; the number, species and size of the fish that you have been given and the name and address of the person to whom the fish are to be delivered.
- If you will be exporting the fish from B.C., carry the letter and ensure that it is available for inspection by fishery enforcement and/or customs officers if requested to do so.

If someone else caught the fish and gave it to you for your personal consumption:

- Keep in your possession a signed letter from the angler until you have eaten the fish.
- The letter should list the name, address and telephone number of the angler who

gave you the fish; the number, species and size of the fish; and when and where the fish were caught.

Angling Guides in British Columbia Who Needs an Angling Guide Licence?

In British Columbia, a person commits an offence if a person does not hold a valid angling guide or assistant angling guide licence and acts as a “**guide for fish**” or offers to do so.

A person acts as a “**guide for fish**” when a person does one or more of the following activities for compensation or reward (either received or promised):

1. Accompanies another person and assists that person to angle; OR
2. Attends another person at or near an angling site in a way that directly or indirectly assists that person to angle; OR
3. Transports another person to and from an angling site, or between angling sites, for the purpose of angling.

It is also an offence for an angling guide to employ another person to “**guide for fish**” if that person does not hold an assistant angling guide licence.

NOTE: There are **exemptions** from the angling guide licensing requirements for certain uses of aircraft and motor vehicles for commercial purposes. There are also exemptions for some fishing school operations. For more information about angling guide requirements and exemptions, please contact a Fish & Wildlife Regional Office.

How to Become an Angling Guide

Review information on basic eligibility, the Angling Guide Exam, and the subsequent steps to obtaining an Angling Guide Licence at: www.gov.bc.ca/angling-guide-licence



REGIONAL REGULATIONS

Regulations that have changed from the previous published version of the synopsis are **no longer** highlighted in colour. Please review the Water-Specific Tables and Regional and Provincial Regulations.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Fish and Wildlife Regional Office

(250) 751-7220
2080A Labieux Rd
Nanaimo BC V9T 6J9

Conservation Officer Service

Please call 1-877-952-7277 for recorded information or to make an appointment at any of the following Field Offices: Black Creek, Campbell River, Duncan, Nanaimo, Port Alberni, Port McNeill, and Victoria

RAPP

Report All Poachers and Polluters
Conservation Officer 24 Hour Hotline
1-877-952-RAPP (7277) or rapp.bc.ca

Please refer to [page 78](#) for more information

Salmon Information:

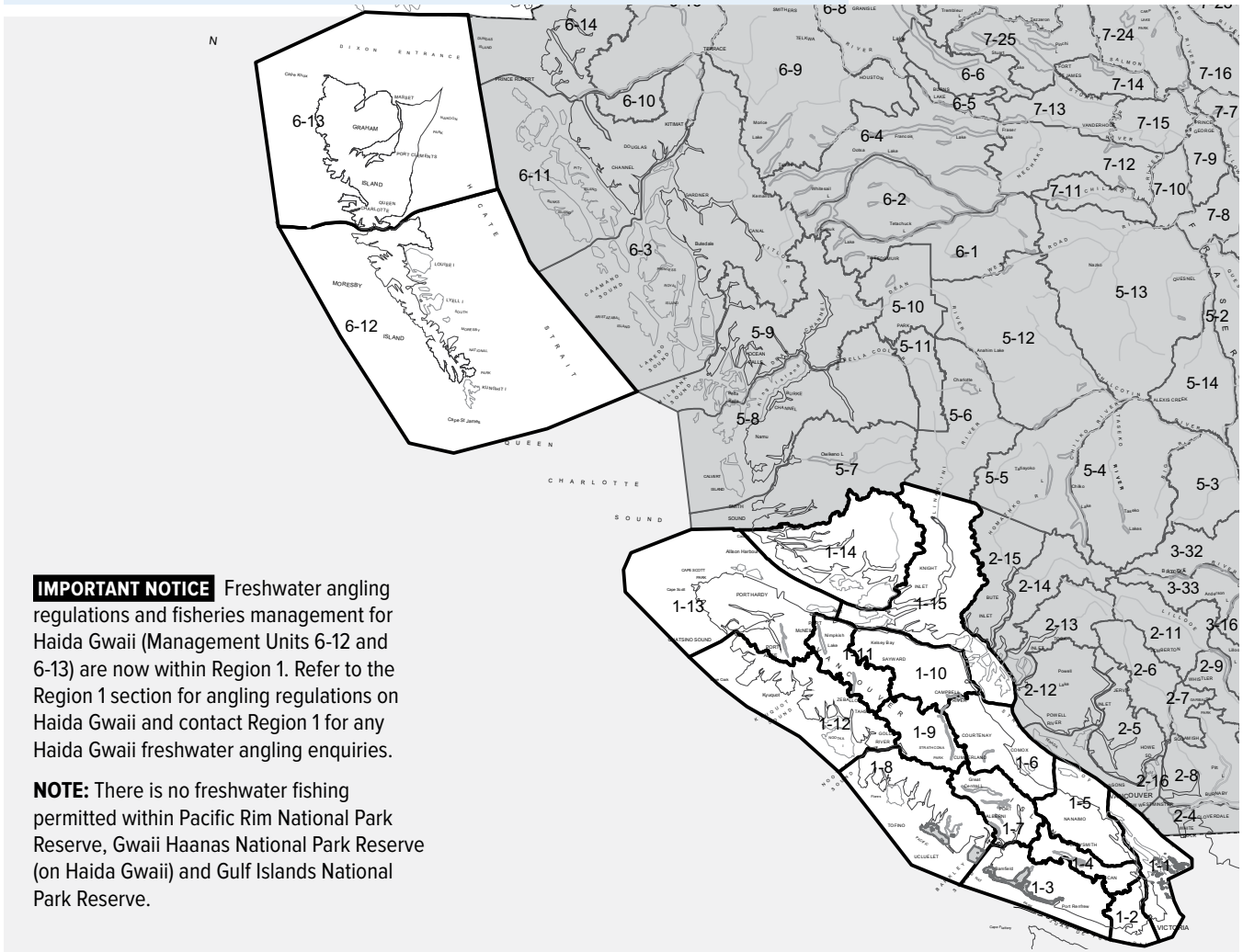
Fisheries and Oceans Canada District Offices (DFO)

Central Coast
(Bella Coola): (250) 799-5345
Campbell River: (250) 850-5701
Daajing Giids: (250) 559-4413
(formerly Queen Charlotte City)
Duncan: (250) 746-6221
Gold River: (250) 283-9075
Masset: (250) 626-3316
Nanaimo: (250) 754-0230
Port Alberni: (250) 720-4440
Port Hardy: (250) 949-6422
Tofino: (250) 725-3500
Victoria: (250) 363-3252



STAY UP TO DATE:

Check website for in-season changes or closure dates for the 2025-2027 season at: www.gov.bc.ca/FishingRegulations



IMPORTANT NOTICE Freshwater angling regulations and fisheries management for Haida Gwaii (Management Units 6-12 and 6-13) are now within Region 1. Refer to the Region 1 section for angling regulations on Haida Gwaii and contact Region 1 for any Haida Gwaii freshwater angling enquiries.

NOTE: There is no freshwater fishing permitted within Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve (on Haida Gwaii) and Gulf Islands National Park Reserve.

The Management Unit boundaries on the map above are approximate and for reference to locate waterbodies and regional boundaries. For detailed maps visit www.gov.bc.ca/WildlifeManagementUnits

Regional Regulations

General Regulations

Summer closure: No Fishing in any stream in Management Units 1-1 to 1-6 from July 15-Aug 31 (see water specific regulations table for exceptions).

Single barbless hook: must be used in all streams of Region 1, all year.

Bait ban: applies to all streams of Region 1, all year, with some important exceptions. Check the tables.

Bait ban: applies to all streams in Management Units 6-12 and 6-13, Nov 1-Apr 30.

Region 1 Daily Quotas

(excluding Haida Gwaii)
(See tables for exceptions)

Trout: 4, but not more than

- 1 over 50 cm (2 hatchery steelhead over 50 cm allowed, see table for exceptions)
- 2 from streams (must be hatchery)

And you must release:

- All wild steelhead
- All wild trout from streams
- All char (includes Dolly Varden)

NOTE: There is no general minimum size limit for trout in lakes or hatchery origin trout in streams.

Bass: unlimited (see water specific regulations table for exceptions and mercury advisory on this page).

Crayfish: 25

Kokanee: 5 (none from streams)

White Sturgeon: catch and release only

Yellow perch: unlimited

Haida Gwaii Daily Quotas

(See tables for exceptions):

Trout/char: 5, but not more than

- 1 over 50 cm
- 3 Dolly Varden
- 2 from streams

And you must release:

- Trout/char under 30 cm from streams
- All wild steelhead

Kokanee: 10 (none from streams)

Possession Quotas

Possession quotas = 2 daily quotas

Annual Quotas

Annual catch quota for all B.C.: 10 steelhead per licence year (only hatchery steelhead may be retained in B.C.)

Daily & Annual Quotas for Salmon

Please refer to the NOTICE on [page 77](#) for Salmon Regulations.

Cutthroat Trout Reward Tagging Program

Comox Lake, Cowichan Lake, Horne Lake and Oyster River: \$100 reward tags are being used to assess the cutthroat trout fishery. Refer to [page 76](#) for instructions on what to do if you catch a fish with a reward tag.

⚠️ INVASIVE SPECIES ALERT

Atlantic Salmon

Please refer to the salmon section, [page 78](#)



MERCURY ADVISORY Mercury levels in larger Smallmouth Bass in lakes on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands may be above national guidelines. Mercury levels tend to increase with the size of the fish and larger Smallmouth Bass generally have higher levels of mercury. The general public, especially children and women of child bearing age, including pregnant and breastfeeding women, are recommended to limit their consumption of Smallmouth Bass. More information on mercury in fish and fish consumption can be found in the HealthLinkBC Food Safety: Mercury in Fish at <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthwise/avoiding-mercury-fish>. It is advised to regularly check the online Freshwater Fishing Regulation Synopsis for more up-to-date information at www.gov.bc.ca/FishingRegulations.

Wild Trout Release All streams regulation

Anglers note there is a region wide regulation (**excluding Haida Gwaii**) requiring the release of all wild origin trout in streams. This regulation allows only hatchery origin trout in streams to be harvested. In Region 1, hatchery origin trout from streams can be distinguished from wild origin trout by the presence of a healed scar in place of the adipose fin. Please note, **this regulation does not apply to lakes**. For more information please contact regional fisheries staff at (250) 751-7220.

Wild Origin Trout

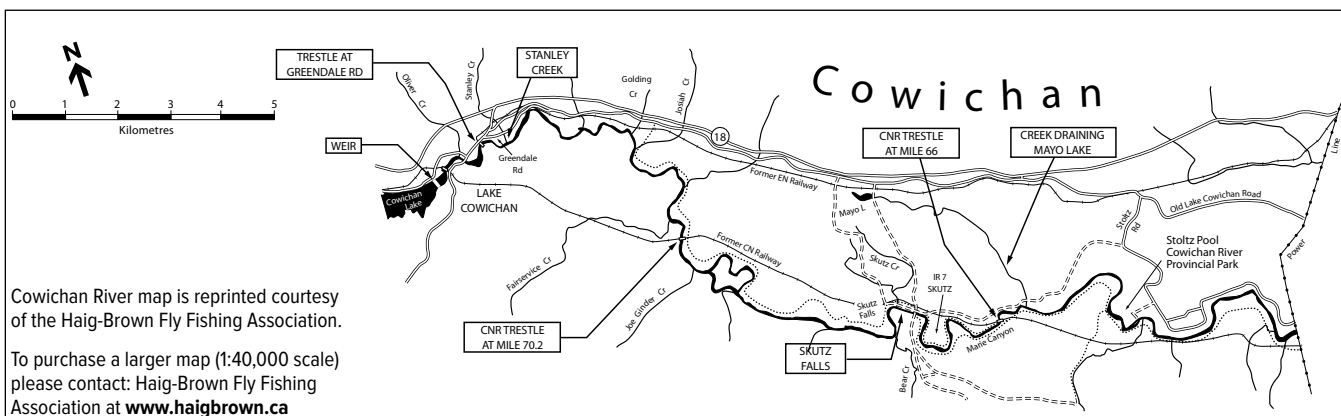


Hatchery Origin Trout



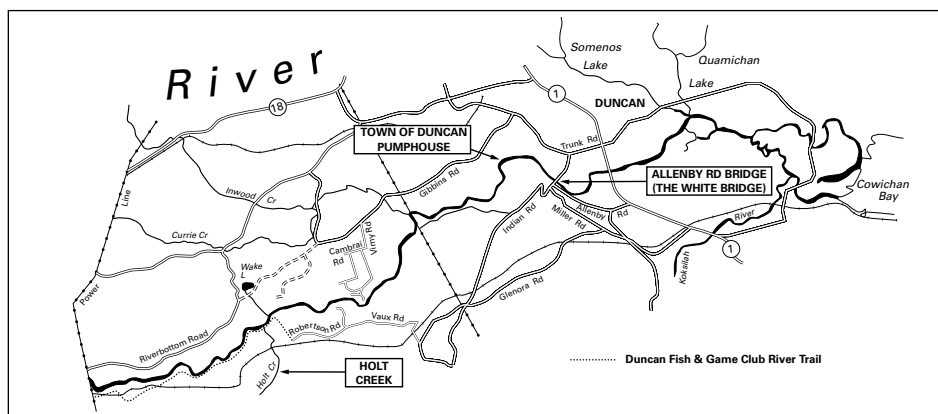
Water-Specific Regulations

WATER BODY MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
ADAM RIVER (except Eve River)	* 1-10	Artificial fly only upstream of Eve River, to Hwy 19 bridge
AHNUHATI RIVER	CW * 1-15	Class II water Apr 1-Oct 31; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Apr 1-June 30
ALICE LAKE	1-13	Bait ban, single barbless hook, no trout over 50 cm
AMOR LAKE	1-10	Trout daily quota = 2
AMOR DE COSMOS CREEK	1-10	No Fishing from upper falls downstream 1 km to (Bear River) logging road bridge 3 km from tidewater No Fishing from mouth to falls about 4 km upstream, Dec 1-May 31
"ANDERSON" LAKE	1-3	Artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook Trout and kokanee catch and release* Unnamed lake in the Walbran Creek Watershed approximately 7 km west/southwest of Mt. Walbran
ANTLER LAKE	➔ 1-9	No powered boats
ARTLISH RIVER	* 1-12	No Fishing upstream of the boundary signs at the bridge crossing approximately 10 km from the mouth, Nov 1-Apr 30
ASH RIVER	1-7	No Fishing from Elsie Lake to Dickson Lake No Fishing from Dickson Falls downstream 30 m to signs
BAINBRIDGE LAKE	1-7	No angling from boats; ♿ Youth/Disabled Accompanied Water year round (see page 4)
BEAR LAKE	1-4	See Cowichan Lake
BEAR RIVER	1-10	See Amor de Cosmos Creek
BEAVER LAKE	➔ 1-1	Smallmouth bass daily quota = 4; engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp), no towing on parts
BENSON RIVER	* 1-13	Fly fishing only
"BIG QUALICUM" RIVER	1-6	See Qualicum River
BLACK CREEK	* 1-6	No Fishing Dec 1-May 31 and July 15-Aug 31
BLACKBURN LAKE	1-1	No powered boats
BLACKWATER LAKE	1-10	Trout daily quota = 2
BONANZA LAKE	1-11	Bait ban, single barbless hook, no trout over 50 cm
BOOT LAKE	➔ 1-10	Bait ban, single barbless hook, trout daily quota = 2
BRANNEN LAKE	➔ 1-5	Speed restriction on parts (60 km/h)
BROWNS RIVER	1-6	No Fishing
BUTTLE LAKE'S TRIBUTARIES	1-9	Fly fishing only; except Thelwood Creek is closed all year
(Lower) CAMPBELL LAKE'S TRIBUTARIES	1-6	No Fishing Feb 1-July 15 including Campbell River between Strathcona Dam and (Lower) Campbell Lake
CAMPBELL RIVER	1-10	No Fishing between Elk Falls and John Hart Dam Power Station
		No Fishing from Strathcona Dam downstream 100 m
		No Fishing from the boundary sign at the end of Maple Street downstream to the boundary sign at the cement block, Aug 1-Oct 31
		No Fishing in any tributaries (except Quinsam River), Dec 1-May 31
		From John Hart Dam Power Station to power line crossing approximately 200 m upstream of Quinsam River confluence: fly fishing only year-round
		Artificial fly only downstream of power line crossing approximately 200 m upstream of Quinsam River: Dec 1-May 31
		No vessels between Elk Falls and John Hart Dam Power Station
CARNATION CREEK	* 1-3	No Fishing
CATHERINE CREEK	1-10	No Fishing
CAYCUSE RIVER	1-3	No Fishing July 15-Aug 31, fly fishing only upstream of and including Hatton Creek
CHEMAINUS RIVER	1-5	No Fishing downstream of Bannock Creek* July 1-Sept 30, No Fishing upstream of Bannock Creek* Dec 1-Sept 30 No Fishing from Copper Canyon Falls downstream 100 m to the fishing boundary signs
CHICADEE LAKE	➔ 1-6	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
CLAUD ELLIOTT CREEK	1-10	No Fishing
CLAUD ELLIOTT LAKE	1-10	No trout over 50 cm; bait ban, single barbless hook
CLEAR LAKE (Quadra Island)	1-15	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
CLUXEWE RIVER	* 1-13	No Fishing upstream of the West Main logging road bridge (approximately 7.5 km upstream of the Hwy 19 bridge), Dec 1-May 31
COLQUITZ RIVER	* 1-1	No Fishing



Water-Specific Regulations

WATER BODY MGMT UNIT	EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
COMOX LAKE	1-6 No wild rainbow trout over 50 cm
CONSORT CREEK *	1-10 No Fishing
COPPER CREEK CW	6-12 Bait ban Nov 1-Apr 30*; cutthroat trout catch and release Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30*; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30*
COURTENAY RIVER	1-6 No Fishing Dec 1-Sept 30; speed restriction on part (8 km/h),
COUS CREEK	1-7 No Fishing Nov 1 - Apr 30
COWICHAN LAKE (including Bear Lake)	1-4 Cutthroat trout daily quota = 2 (none over 50 cm); bait ban and single barbless hook, Nov 15-Apr 15 Speed restriction on parts (8 km/h), plus overall 10 km/h speed restriction within 60 m of shore No Fishing July 15-Aug 31*; No Fishing from weir (dam) at Cowichan Lake's outlet to Greendale Trestle, Nov 15-Apr 15 No Fishing in tributaries upstream of and including Holt Creek
COWICHAN RIVER (see map below)	1-4 Fly fishing only upstream of CNR Trestle (Mile 66) Sept 1-Nov 15 No Fishing downstream of the CNR Mile 66 Trestle between Sept 1-Nov 15 Fly fishing only from signs at Greendale Trestle to CNR Bridge (mile 70.2) Speed restriction (8 km/h) and engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp) on parts
CRAIGFLOWER CREEK *	1-1 No Fishing
CRANE LAKE	1-10 Trout catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook
CRESCENT LAKE	1-10 Trout catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook
CRUICKSHANK RIVER *	1-6 No Fishing
CUSHEON LAKE ➔	1-1 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
DATLAMEN CREEK CW *	6-13 Bait ban Nov 1-Apr 30; Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30
DAVIE RIVER *	1-11 No Fishing downstream of Schoen Lake, Dec 1-May 31
DEENA CREEK CW	6-12 No Fishing upstream of fishing boundary signs at second bridge approximately 5 km upstream of the tidal boundary*; Feb 1-May 31; Cutthroat catch and release; Bait ban Nov 1-Apr 30*; Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30
DICKSON LAKE	1-7 No trout over 50 cm; bait ban, single barbless hook
DIMPLE LAKE	1-3 Trout catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook
DIVER LAKE ➔	1-5 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW; ♿ wheelchair accessible fishing platform located in Diver Lake Park
DONNER LAKE	1-9 No powered boats
DOUGAN LAKE ➔	1-4 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
DURRANCE LAKE ➔	1-1 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
ECHO LAKE ➔	1-6 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW Smallmouth bass daily quota = 4
ELK LAKE ➔	1-1 Engine power restriction on parts - 7.5 kW (10 hp); no vessels on parts, no powered boats on parts, no towing on parts ♿ A wheelchair accessible fishing pier is located on the lake's northwest shore via Brookleigh Road
ELK RIVER (also see Buttle Lake's Tributaries)	1-9 Fly fishing only
ENGLISHMAN RIVER	1-5 No Fishing July 15-Aug 31* No Fishing from lower falls in Englishman River Park to signs approximately 100 m downstream No Fishing downstream of the lower falls in Englishman River Falls Provincial Park to the Top Bridge crossing at the end of Allsbrook Road*; Dec 1-May 31
ESARY LAKE	1-6 Trout catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook
EVE RIVER *	1-10 No Fishing upstream of the fishing boundary signs (near the South Main Bridge crossing) located approximately 5.4 km downstream of the Hwy 19 bridge, Dec 1-May 31
FAIRY LAKE	1-3 Trout daily quota = 1 (none over 50 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook; engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
FAREWELL LAKE	1-10 Trout daily quota = 1 (none over 50 cm); artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
FICKLE LAKE	1-10 No trout over 50 cm; bait ban, single barbless hook
FORBUSH LAKE	1-6 No trout over 50 cm; bait ban, single barbless hook



Water-Specific Regulations

WATER BODY MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
FRENCH CREEK	* 1-5	No Fishing Dec 1-May 31 and July 15-Aug 31*
FULLER LAKE	➔ 1-5	Smallmouth bass daily quota = 4; electric motor only - max 7.5 kW; ♿ wheelchair accessible fishing platform is located in Fuller Lake Park
GLEN LAKE	➔ 1-2	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW; fishing platform is located in Glen Lake Park
GOLD LAKE	1-9	No trout over 50 cm; bait ban, single barbless hook
GOLD RIVER	1-9	No Fishing upstream of the Muchalat River* (see river specific regulations for Muchalat River)
		No Fishing downstream of the Muchalat River*, Dec 1-Aug 15, but not including the Muchalat or Heber Rivers (see river specific regulations for those waters)
		No Fishing between the cascade falls (located approximately 6.5 km upstream of Muchalat Inlet, UTM 709137E, 5512420N) and fishing boundary signs approximately 80 m downstream
GOLDSTREAM RIVER	* 1-2	No Fishing
GORDON RIVER	* 1-3	No Fishing July 15-Aug 31
GRACIE LAKE	➔ 1-7	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
GRAHAM LAKE	1-6	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
GREAT CENTRAL LAKE	1-7	No Fishing Jan 1-Apr 30, from the dam to fishing boundary signs approximately 50 m upstream (southwest) of the Ash Main Bridge Single barbless hook, no wild rainbow trout over 50 cm
GREEN LAKE	➔ 1-5	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
GREENSTONE CREEK	* 1-10	No Fishing
GUNFLINT LAKE	1-15	Trout catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook; electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
HAGUE LAKE	1-15	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
HARRIS CREEK	* 1-3	No Fishing July 15-Aug 31*; No Fishing upstream of and including Hemmingsen Creek*
HAREWOOD (Extension) LAKE	1-5	Trout daily quota = 2
HASLAM CREEK	1-5	No Fishing
HAWARTH LAKE	1-9	No Fishing
HEALY (Panther) LAKE	1-5	Trout catch and release; fly fishing only, bait ban, single barbless hook
HEALY LAKE'S OUTLET STREAM	1-5	No Fishing
HEBER RIVER	* 1-9	No Fishing
HEMMINGSSEN CREEK	* 1-3	No Fishing
HENRY LAKE	1-5	Trout catch and release; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
HIGGINS LAKE	1-10	Trout catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook
HOLLAND LAKE	1-5	No powered boats
HONNA RIVER	CW * 6-13	Bait ban Nov 1-Apr 30; cutthroat trout catch and release Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30
IDA LAKE	1-11	No trout over 50 cm; bait ban, single barbless hook
ILLUSION LAKES	1-6	No powered boats
JASPER LAKE	1-10	Trout catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook
JOHN HART LAKE'S TRIBUTARIES	1-10	No Fishing Apr 15-July 15 (includes channel downstream of Ladore Dam)
JUNE LAKE	1-7	Trout daily quota = 2
KAKWEIKEN LAKE	1-15	Trout catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook
KAKWEIKEN RIVER	CW * 1-15	Class II water Apr 1-Oct 31; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Apr 1-June 30
KEMP LAKE	➔ 1-2	No powered boats
KEOGH RIVER	1-13	No Fishing downstream of lower fish counting fence near tidewater No Fishing in all parts*, Dec 1-May 31
KINGCOME RIVER	CW * 1-14	Class II water Apr 1-Oct 31; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Apr 1-June 30
KOKISH RIVER	1-11	No Fishing from boundary signs in Kokish canyon to Ida Lake, Nov 1-Apr 30;
		No Fishing from the log boom located approximately 100 m upstream of the IPP intake to signs at the tail of the canyon pool located approximately 250 m downstream
		No Fishing between signs at the IPP tail race confluence downstream approximately 500 m to signs
KOKSILAH RIVER	* 1-4	No Fishing Dec 1-May 31 and July 1-Sept 30
LAKE WESTON ("Weston Lake")	1-1	Trout daily quota = 1 (none over 50 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook; electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
LANGFORD LAKE	➔ 1-2	Smallmouth bass daily quota = 4 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW; fishing platforms are available off Leigh Road and the Nixon Trail
"LINK" RIVER	1-13	See Marble River
LITTLE MAIN LAKE (Quadra Island)	1-15	Bait ban and single barbless hook, Nov 1-Apr 30; electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
LITTLE QUALICUM RIVER	1-6	No Fishing July 15-Aug 31*; No Fishing - All tributaries
		No Fishing from the falls in Little Qualicum Falls Provincial Park downstream to the hatchery fence, Dec 1-May 31
		The standard 100 m closure around a fish rearing facility has been reduced to a no fishing area from the hatchery fence to signs approximately 35 m downstream
LIZARD LAKE	➔ 1-3	Fly fishing only, Sept 1-Nov 30 (where open) electric motor only - max 7.5 kW

TABLE LEGEND:

* Includes tributaries

➔ Stocked Lake, see page 4

CW Classified Waters Licence required to fish Class I or Class II waters, see page 7

♿ Wheelchair Accessible

👤 Youth/Disabled Accompanied Water

Water-Specific Regulations

WATER BODY MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
LIZARD POND		1-7 Trout daily quota = 1; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
LOIS LAKE	➔	1-4 Trout daily quota = 1; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
LONG LAKE (Nanaimo)	➔➔	1-5 Speed restriction on parts (60 km/h); ♿ wheelchair accessible fishing platform is located in Loudon Park
LOON LAKE	➔➔	1-7 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
MACKTUSH CREEK		1-7 No Fishing
MAGGIE LAKE		1-8 No wild rainbow trout over 50 cm; bait ban, single barbless hook
MAHATTA RIVER		1-13 No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30
MAIN LAKE (Quadra Island)		1-15 Bait ban and single barbless hook, Nov 1-Apr 30; Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
MAMIN RIVER	CW *	6-13 Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30 No Fishing upstream of fishing boundary signs on third bridge approximately 10 km upstream of the tidal boundary, Feb 1-Apr 30 Bait ban Nov 1-Apr 30
MAPLE LAKE	➔➔	1-6 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
MARBLE ("Link") RIVER (only between Victoria and Alice lakes)		1-13 Fly fishing only*
MARTHA LAKE	➔➔	1-10 Trout catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook
MATHESON LAKE	➔➔	1-2 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
"MAXWELL LAKE" (Lake Maxwell)		1-1 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
MAYO LAKE	➔➔	1-4 ♿ Youth/Disabled Accompanied Water (see page 4)
MCKENZIE LAKE		1-2 No powered boats
MCNAIR LAKE		1-10 Trout catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook
MEGIN LAKE		1-8 No trout over 50 cm; bait ban, single barbless hook
MICHAEL LAKE		1-5 No powered boats
MILLER CREEK	*	1-6 No Fishing
MINE LAKE		1-15 Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
MISTY LAKE		1-13 No Fishing (located in an Ecological Reserve)
MOHUN CREEK	*	1-10 No Fishing Dec 1-May 31, No Fishing from Menzies Bay logging mainline bridge crossing to Morton Lake
MORTE LAKE		1-15 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
MUCHALAT RIVER	*	1-12 No Fishing Dec 1-May 15; no wild rainbow trout over 50 cm
MYRA LAKE		1-10 No Fishing
NAHMINT LAKE		1-7 No trout over 50 cm; bait ban, single barbless hook; engine power restriction 7.5 kW (10 hp)
NAHMINT RIVER		1-7 No Fishing Nahmint River (upstream and downstream of the lake), Nov 1-Apr 30; fly fishing only upstream of Nahmint Lake when open
NANAIMO RIVER		1-5 No Fishing July 15-Aug 31
		No Fishing from power line crossing at "Bore Hole" upstream to fishing boundary signs at the mouth of Boulder Creek
		No Fishing from the Cedar Road Bridge upstream to the Hwy 19 bridge, Sept 1-Oct 15
		No Fishing upstream of the Hwy 1 bridge*, Dec 1-May 31
		Artificial fly only upstream of the westernmost of the two Nanaimo Lakes, known locally as "Second" Lake, including tributaries
NIMPISH RIVER	*	1-11 No Fishing upstream of Davie River, Dec 1-May 15
NITINAT LAKE		1-3 Note: Nitinat Lake is tidal water; tidal regulations apply and a (federal) Tidal Waters Sport Fishing Licence is required Exempt from July 15-Aug 31 summer closure
NITINAT RIVER	*	1-4 No Fishing upstream of Parker Creek No Fishing between fishing boundary signs approximately 100 m upstream of and downstream of "Red Rock Pool," approximately 2 km (by road) south of the Nitinat River Bridge, Aug 25-Dec 31 No Fishing between boundary signs approximately 50 m upstream of and downstream of the Nitinat River Bridge, Aug 25-Oct 15
NOLA LAKE		1-9 No Fishing
O'CONNELL LAKE		1-13 No trout over 50 cm; bait ban, single barbless hook
OYSTER RIVER	➔➔	1-6 Exempt from July 15-Aug 31 summer closure; No Fishing upstream of the confluence with Little Oyster River*, Dec 1-June 30
PALLANT CREEK	CW *	6-12 Bait ban Nov 1-Apr 30; Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30
PANTHER LAKE		1-5 See Healy Lake
PERRY LAKE		1-12 Trout daily quota = 1 (none over 50 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook
"PETE'S POND" Unnamed lake at the head of San Juan River		1-3 Trout catch and release; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
PRIOR LAKE		1-2 No powered boats
PROSPECT LAKE	➔➔	1-2 Smallmouth bass daily quota = 4; speed restriction on parts (8 and 60 km/h)
PROVOST DAM		1-5 No powered boats
PUNTLEDGE RIVER		1-6 Exempt from July 15-August 31 summer closure
		No Fishing downstream of the BC Hydro diversion dam (approximately 3.5 km downstream of Comox Lake) to the base of Stotan Falls (approximately 450 m downstream of the Duncan Bay Mainline logging road)
		No Fishing between fishing boundary signs approximately 100 m upstream and downstream of the confluence with Morrison Creek
		No Fishing from fishing boundary signs located 50 m upstream of the BC Hydro generating station tailrace to signs located 75 m downstream of the Puntledge River hatchery fence (total distance approximately 500 m)
		No Fishing tributaries
		Fly fishing only upstream of the BC Hydro diversion dam (approximately 3.5 km downstream of Comox Lake), including tributaries

Water-Specific Regulations

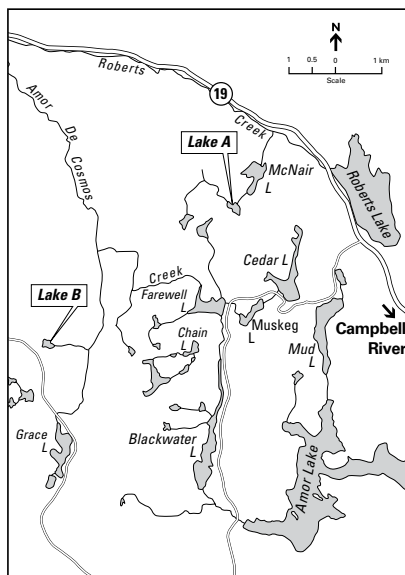
WATER BODY MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
PUNTLIDGE RIVER	1-6	Exempt from July 15-August 31 summer closure
		No Fishing downstream of the BC Hydro diversion dam (approximately 3.5 km downstream of Comox Lake) to the base of Stotan Falls (approximately 450 m downstream of the Duncan Bay Mainline logging road)
		No Fishing between fishing boundary signs approximately 100 m upstream and downstream of the confluence with Morrison Creek
		No Fishing from fishing boundary signs located 50 m upstream of the BC Hydro generating station tailrace to signs located 75 m downstream of the Puntledge River hatchery fence (total distance approximately 500 m)
QUALICUM RIVER	1-6	No Fishing tributaries
		Fly fishing only upstream of the BC Hydro diversion dam (approximately 3.5 km downstream of Comox Lake), including tributaries
		No Fishing downstream of boundary signs located approximately 100 m downstream of the hatchery counting fence
		No Fishing from the upper hatchery weir (located 125 m downstream of the E&N Trestle) to boundary sign: located approximately 100 m downstream of the hatchery counting fence, Aug 15-Oct 15. Refer to page 6 for updated regulations related to non-tidal salmon
QUATSE RIVER	1-13	No Fishing tributaries
		Single barbless hook, no hooks greater than 15 mm from point to shank
		Exempt from July 15-Aug 31 summer closure, ♿ wheelchair accessible fishing platform is located at the hatchery
		No Fishing May 1-June 15
QUENNEL LAKE	1-5	Hatchery steelhead daily quota = 1
		No Fishing upstream of the Quatse River fishway (approximately 1.4 km upstream of Dick Booth Creek), Dec 1-June 15
QUINSAM RIVER	1-6	Bait ban, May 1-Nov 30
		Smallmouth bass daily quota = 4; speed restriction on parts (8 km/h)
REGINALD LAKE	1-6	No Fishing from the fishing boundary signs at power line crossing (approximately 25 m upstream of Quinsam Hatchery weir) to fishing boundary signs approximately 300 m downstream of weir
		No Fishing from the falls situated downstream of Middle Quinsam Lake to the fishing boundary signs at power line crossing (approximately 25 m upstream of the Quinsam hatchery weir), Dec 1-June 30
ROBERTS LAKE	1-10	Exempt from July 15-Aug 31 summer closure; ♿ wheelchair accessible fishing platform is located near the Hwy 28 Bridge
ROGERS CREEK	1-7	Trout catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook
ROSELLE LAKE	1-11	No trout over 50 cm; bait ban, single barbless hook
ROSEN LAKE (Read Island)	1-15	No Fishing Dec 1-Apr 30
ROWBOTHAM LAKE	1-5	Trout daily quota = 2
ST. MARY LAKE	1-1	No powered boats
SALMON RIVER	1-10	Trout catch and release; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
SAN JUAN RIVER	1-3	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
SEYMOUR RIVER	1-14	No Fishing upstream of Kay Creek
SHAWNIGAN LAKE	1-2	No powered boats upstream of confluence with White River; speed restriction (10 km/h) from estuary to confluence with White River
SOMASS RIVER	1-7	No Fishing upstream of Fleet River, No Fishing July 15-Aug 31*
		Class II water Aug 15-Oct 31* ; Steelhead Stamp not required unless fishing for steelhead
		Smallmouth bass daily quota = 4; Speed restrictions on parts (8 and 65 km/h)
SOOKE RIVER	1-2	No Fishing between the tidal boundary at Papermill Dam to boundary signs approximately 1.0 km upstream (Falls Road Gravel Pit and the southern most end of Collins Farm/Arrow Vale Campground on Hector Road), Aug 25-Nov 15
		Bait ban, June 1-Aug 24
		Engine power restriction 7.5 kW (10 hp)
SPIDER LAKE	1-6	Fly fishing only downstream of Sooke River Falls, Sept 1-Nov 30
SPROAT LAKE	1-7	No Fishing July 15-Aug 31*; No Fishing from the base of the lower "potholes" falls to signs approximately 100 m downstream
SPROAT RIVER	1-7	Smallmouth bass daily quota = 4; no powered boats
		Cutthroat trout catch and release, no wild rainbow trout over 50 cm; single barbless hook
STAMP RIVER	1-7	No Fishing from Sproat Lake to fishing boundary signs approximately 300 m downstream of Hwy 4, June 15-Nov 15
		Bait ban, May 1-Oct 31
		No Fishing between fishing boundary signs 200 m upstream of and 500 m downstream of Stamp Falls, June 15-Nov 15
		No Fishing from the confluence with Ash River upstream to the Great Central Lake dam*, Jan 1-Apr 30
STEWART LAKE	1-10	Bait ban all year upstream of signs at "Girl Guide Falls" (approximately 250 m upstream of the mouth of Beaver Creek)*
		Bait ban downstream of signs at "Girl Guide Falls" (approximately 250 m upstream of the mouth of Beaver Creek), June 1-Aug 24
STOCKING LAKE	1-5	Engine power restriction 7.5 kW (10 hp), on parts
"STOWELL LAKE" (Lake Stowell)	1-1	No trout over 50 cm; bait ban, single barbless hook; electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
STRAMBERG LAKE	1-15	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
STRATHCONA PARK WATERS	1-9	Trout catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook; electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
TADJISS LAKE	1-4	No powered boats on any water within Strathcona Park except Gold, Upper Campbell and Buttle lakes
TAYLOR RIVER	1-7	Trout daily quota = 1; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
THELWOOD CREEK	1-9	Fly fishing only
THETIS LAKE	1-1	No Fishing
TLELL RIVER	6-13	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
		Bait ban Nov 1-Apr 30; Cutthroat trout catch and release
TLOOLS LAKE	1-9	Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30
TLOWILS LAKE	1-10	Tidal waters regulations apply to waters downstream of tidal boundary sign located 1.5 km upstream of Hwy 16 Bridge
		No Fishing

Water-Specific Regulations

WATER BODY MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
TOQUART LAKE	1-8	No trout over 50 cm; bait ban, single barbless hook
TOQUART RIVER	* 1-8	Fly fishing only upstream of the Toquart mainline logging bridge when open; No Fishing upstream of the boundary sign located near the falls approximately 800 m downstream of Toquart Lake (including the Upper Toquart River) between Nov 1-May 31. Note: this includes the river upstream of the lake
TOY LAKE	1-7	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
TRENT RIVER	* 1-6	No Fishing Dec 1-May 31 and July 15-Aug 31
TSABLE RIVER	* 1-6	No Fishing Dec 1-May 31 and July 15-Aug 31
TSABLE LAKE	1-6	Trout catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook
TSITIKA RIVER	1-10	No Fishing upstream of Catherine Creek, Nov 1-Apr 30, fly fishing only downstream of Catherine Creek.
TSOLUM RIVER	* 1-6	No Fishing
UNNAMED LAKE "A" - MAP A (below)	1-10	Trout catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook
UNNAMED LAKE "B" - MAP A (below)	1-10	Trout catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook
UNNAMED LAKE "C" - MAP B (below)	1-10	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
UNNAMED LAKE "D" - MAP B (below)	1-10	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
UNNAMED LAKE "E" - MAP B (below)	1-10	Trout catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook
UNNAMED LAKE "F" - MAP B (below)	1-10	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
UNNAMED LAKE "G" - MAP B (below)	1-10	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
UNNAMED LAKE "H" - MAP B (below)	1-10	Trout catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook
UNNAMED LAKE "I" - MAP B (below)	1-10	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
VILLAGE BAY LAKE	1-15	Bait ban and single barbless hook, Nov 1-Apr 30 Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
WAHPERTO CREEK	1-14	No Fishing within 100 m downstream of the falls situated approximately 4.5 km upstream of Wakeman River
WAKEMAN RIVER	CW * 1-14	Class II water Apr 1-Oct 31; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Apr 1-June 30
"WESTON LAKE"	1-1	See Lake Weston
WESTWOOD LAKE	➔ 1-5	Smallmouth bass daily quota = 4 ♿ wheelchair accessible fishing platform is located in Westwood Lake Park
WHITE RIVER	* 1-10	No Fishing between fishing boundary signs at the salmon viewing pool No Fishing upstream of the Sayward Road Bridge crossing, Nov 1-Apr 30
WILLEMAR LAKE	1-6	No trout over 50 cm; bait ban, single barbless hook
WOWO LAKE	➔ 1-6	Trout daily quota = 2; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
YAKOUN RIVER	CW * 6-13	No Fishing from Yakoun Lake downstream approximately 13 km to fishing boundary signs, Oct 1-Apr 30 Bait ban Nov 1-Apr 30 Cutthroat trout catch and release No powered boats Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30
ZEBALLOS LAKE	1-12	No Fishing
ZEBALLOS RIVER	* 1-12	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30

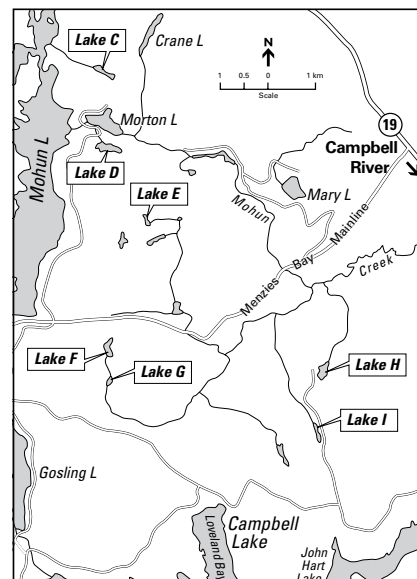
NOTE: If a lake or stream is NOT listed here, then only the Provincial Regulations (pages 8-10) and the Regional Regulations (page 13) apply. Regulations that have changed from the previous published version of the synopsis are **no longer** highlighted in colour. Check for any in-season changes at: www.gov.bc.ca/FishingRegulations.

MAP "A"



Map A

MAP "B"



Map B

REGION 2 - Lower Mainland

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Surrey BC V3R 1E1

Conservation Officer Service

Please call 1-877-952-7277 for recorded information or to make an appointment at any of the following Field Offices: Mission, Powell River, Sechelt, and Squamish

RAPP

Report All Poachers and Polluters
Conservation Officer 24 Hour Hotline
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Please refer to [page 78](#) for more information

Salmon Information:

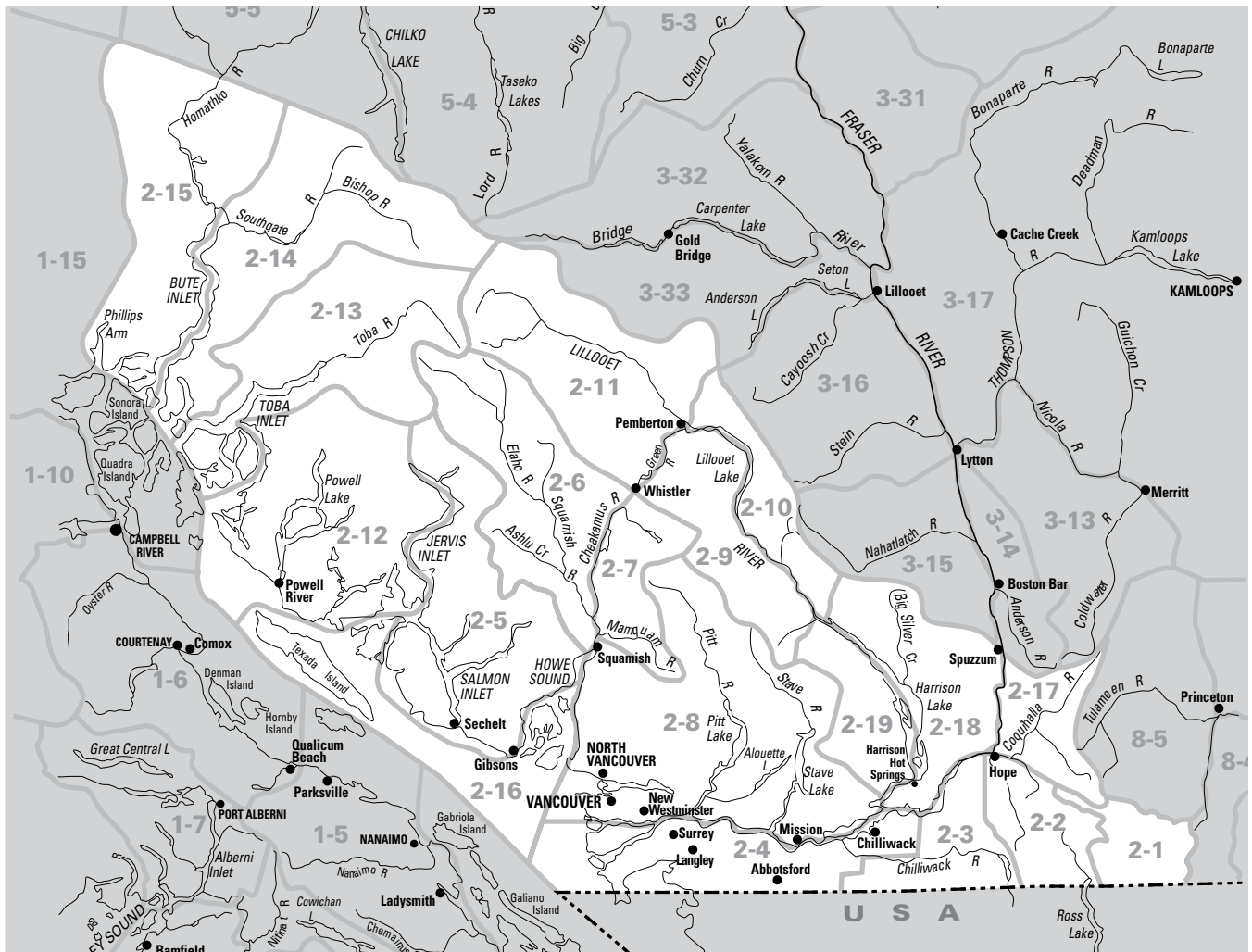
Fisheries and Oceans Canada District Offices (DFO)

Chilliwack:	(604) 824-3300
Delta:	(604) 666-8266
Langley:	(604) 607-4150
Squamish:	(604) 892-3230
Steveston:	(604) 664-9250
Vancouver:	(604) 666-0384



STAY UP TO DATE:

Check website for in-season changes or closure dates for the 2025-2027 season at: www.gov.bc.ca/FishingRegulations



The Management Unit boundaries on the map above are approximate and for reference to locate waterbodies and regional boundaries. For detailed maps visit www.gov.bc.ca/WildlifeManagementUnits

Regional Regulations

General Regulations

No Fishing: in any lake in the UBC Malcolm Knapp Research Forest near Maple Ridge.

Single barbless hook: must be used in all streams of Region 2, all year. See definition of “angling” and “streams” on [page 80](#).

Dead fin fish as bait: only permitted in Region 2 when sport fishing for sturgeon in the Fraser River, Lower Pitt River (CPR Bridge upstream to Pitt Lake), Lower Harrison River (Fraser River upstream to Harrison Lake). See [page 8](#) for details.

Steelhead fishing in the Lower Mainland

Region: Your basic licence must be validated with a Conservation Surcharge Stamp if you fish for **steelhead** anywhere in B.C. See [page 6](#) for details.

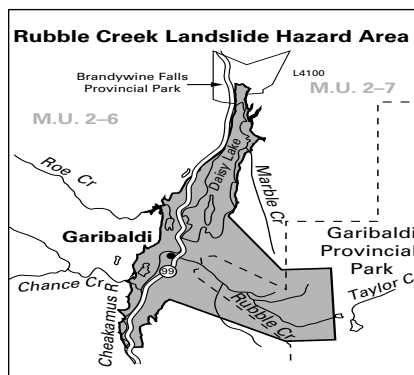
When you have caught and retained your daily quota of hatchery steelhead from any water, you must stop fishing that water for the remainder of that day.

Protected Species: it is illegal to fish for or catch and then keep protected species. In Region 2, these include:

- Nooksack dace
- Salish sucker
- Green sturgeon
- Cultus Lake sculpin

See [page 9](#) for details.

NOTICE TO ANGLERS The area known as the Rubble Creek Landslide Hazard Area is a high risk slide area. People who fish in this area do so at THEIR OWN RISK.



Region 2 Daily Quotas

(See tables for exceptions)

- Trout/char:** 4, but not more than
- 1 over 50 cm (2 hatchery steelhead over 50 cm allowed)
 - 2 from streams (must be hatchery)
 - 1 char (bull trout, Dolly Varden, or lake trout), none under 60 cm

And you must release:

- Wild trout/char from streams
- All wild steelhead
- Hatchery trout/char under 30 cm from streams

NOTE: There is no general minimum size limit for trout in lakes

Bass: 20 (excluding Mill Lake - see [page 24](#) for quota)

Crappie: 20

Crayfish: 25

Kokanee: 5 (none from streams)

Whitefish: 15 (all species combined)

White Sturgeon: CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY

- Fraser River: CLOSED TO ALL FISHING in the Fraser areas of Jespersen’s Side Channel, Herrling Island Side Channel and Seabird Island north Side Channel, May 15-July 31 (to view a map of this area see [page 26](#)).

Possession Quotas

Possession quotas = 2 daily quotas

Annual Quotas

Annual catch quota for all B.C.: 10 steelhead per licence year (only hatchery steelhead may be retained in B.C.)

Daily & Annual Quotas for Salmon

Please refer to the NOTICE on [page 77](#) for Salmon Regulations.

Stave River Steelhead Marking

Maxillary (jaw) clipping is being used to assess hatchery release strategies. Refer to [page 76](#) for instructions on what to do if you catch a maxillary clipped fish.

⚠️ INVASIVE SPECIES ALERT

Atlantic Salmon

Please refer to the salmon section, [page 78](#)



Tidal Boundaries on Rivers in Region 2

NOTE: Provincial freshwater regulations apply upstream of these boundaries and Federal tidal regulations apply downstream of these boundaries:

Brunette R.: Burlington Northern Railway Bridge

Campbell R.: Burlington Northern Railway Bridge

Capilano R.: CN Railway Bridge

Coquitlam R.: Mary Hill Bypass Bridge

Fraser R.: CPR Bridge at Mission

Kanaka Cr.: CPR Bridge

Nathan Cr.: CN Railway Bridge

Nicomel R.: Burlington Northern Railway Bridge

Pitt R.: CPR Bridge

Serpentine R.: Burlington Northern Railway Bridge

Seymour R.: CN Railway Bridge

Squamish R.: a line running true west from the tip of the Squamish Dyke (“Windsurfer Spit”)

Stave R.: CPR Bridge

West Cr.: CN Railway Bridge

Whonnock Cr.: CP rail line

York Cr.: CP rail line

NOTE From one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise fishing is prohibited on portions of the Fraser, Harrison, and Pitt Rivers (see Water-specific Tables for details). To find out the time of sunrise and sunset consult a local newspaper or the National Research Council of Canada website at nrc.canada.ca/en/ for a sunrise-sunset calculator.

Water-Specific Regulations

WATER BODY MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
ALICE LAKE	➔ 2-7	No powered boats
ALOUETTE LAKE	2-8	Bull trout (char) catch and release No vessels in swimming areas, as buoyed and signed; speed restriction (8 km/h) at south end of lake, south of a line drawn from the BC Parks boat ramp to signs on the east side of the lake
ALOUETTE RIVER	* 2-8	No Fishing upstream of the fishing boundary signs located at 49° 14.790'N and 122° 32.080'W, near the southern boundary (chain-link fence) of the Alouette River Management Society No Fishing upstream of 216 th Street (including North Alouette River), May 1-June 30; no powered boats on mainstem
ALPHA LAKE	➔ 2-9	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
ALTA LAKE	➔ 2-9	No Fishing Dec 1-Mar 31 Trout/char daily quota combined = 2, no trout over 40cm, no more than 1 char (none under 60 cm) Kokanee catch and release, bait ban, single barbless hook; speed restriction (12 km/h)
ANDERSON CREEK	* 2-4	No Fishing
ANGUS CREEK	2-5	No Fishing
ASHLU CREEK	2-6	Bait ban
BEAR (Mahood) CREEK	* 2-4	No Fishing upstream of 152 nd Street (Johnson Road)
BEAR LAKE	2-18	No powered boats
BIG SILVER CREEK	2-18	No Fishing May 1-June 30
BIRKENHEAD LAKE	2-11	Bull trout (char) catch and release
BIRKENHEAD RIVER	* 2-11	Bait ban
BREM RIVER	* 2-13	No Fishing from the upstream edge of 1st falls (situated approximately 1.5 km from the river's mouth) to a point 100 m downstream No Fishing upstream of 2nd set of falls (situated approximately 2.5 km upstream of Hillis Creek confluence) Nov 1-June 30 Artificial fly only upstream of 2 nd set of falls (situated approximately 2.5 km upstream of Hillis Creek confluence) Bait ban
BROTHERS CREEK	* 2-8	No Fishing
BROWNING LAKE	➔ 2-8	No powered boats
BRUNETTE RIVER	2-8	No Fishing upstream of Burnaby Lake or from Cariboo Dam to Salamander Creek; steelhead catch and release
BRUNETTE RIVER'S TRIBUTARIES	2-8	No Fishing
BURNABY LAKE	2-8	Single barbless hook; No powered boats
BURNABY LAKE'S TRIBUTARIES	2-8	No Fishing
CAMPBELL RIVER	* 2-4	No Fishing upstream of 12 th Avenue No Fishing downstream of 12 th Avenue Apr 1-June 30 No Fishing between two white triangular fishing boundary signs downstream to pedestrian bridge at the foot of Stayte Road, Aug 15-Sept 30 No Fishing from 21:00 hours to 05:00 hours each day, Aug 1-Dec 31
CAP SHEAF LAKES	2-16	Single barbless hook
CAPILANO RIVER	* 2-8	No Fishing upstream of fishing boundary signs at footbridge situated approximately 100 m downstream of the fish fence Bait ban, Aug 1-Oct 31; steelhead catch and release
CASE LAKE	2-16	Single barbless hook
CEDAR LAKE	2-2	See Sumallo River
CHAPMAN CREEK	2-5	No Fishing May 1-June 30 No Fishing from the falls to 100 m downstream (falls are located approximately 550 m upstream of the power line crossing)
CHEAKAMUS RIVER	2-7	Bait ban
CHEAM LAKE	2-3	No Fishing
CHEEKYE RIVER	* 2-7	No Fishing (including Brohm Creek)
CHEHALIS LAKE	2-19	No wild trout over 50 cm, 1 bull trout over 60 cm
CHEHALIS LAKE'S TRIBUTARIES	2-19	No Fishing
CHEHALIS RIVER	* 2-19	No Fishing from boundary signs at outlet of Chehalis Lake to main logging road bridge approximately 2.4 km downstream of Chehalis Lake No Fishing downstream of the main logging road bridge situated approximately 2.4 km downstream of Chehalis Lake, May 1-31
CHILLIWACK LAKE	2-4	No wild trout over 50 cm, 1 bull trout over 60 cm No Fishing upstream from a line between two fishing boundary signs on either side of the Chilliwack River 100 m downstream of the confluence of the Chilliwack River and Slesse Creek No Fishing downstream of a line between two fishing boundary signs on either side of the Chilliwack River 100m downstream of the confluence of the Chilliwack River and Slesse Creek to Tamihi Rapids Bridge, Apr 1-June 30 No Fishing downstream of Tamihi Rapids Bridge to Vedder Crossing Bridge, May 1-June 30 Downstream of Vedder Crossing Bridge: (a) fly fishing only, bait ban, hatchery rainbow trout catch and release (50 cm or less), and hatchery cutthroat catch and release, May 1-31; (b) No Fishing June 1-30; (c) hatchery rainbow trout of any length 50 cm or less: daily quota = 4, July 1-Apr 30
CHILLIWACK / VEDDER RIVERS (does not include Sumas River) (see map on page 24)	* 2-4	
CHILQUA SLOUGH	2-8	Speed restriction (8 km/h)
COGBURN CREEK	* 2-18	No Fishing May 1-June 30
COLVIN CREEK	2-5	No Fishing
COQUIHALLA RIVER	* 2-17	No Fishing upstream of the northern entrance to the upper most railway tunnel, Nov 1-June 30 (see map on page 24) Fly fishing only; bait ban upstream of the northern entrance to the upper most railway tunnel, Jul 1-Oct 31 No Fishing downstream of the southern entrance to the lower most railway tunnel, Apr 1-Oct 31 No Fishing at Othello Tunnels from the northern entrance to the upper most railway tunnel to the southern entrance of the lower most tunnel; approximately 700 m length Trout/char (including steelhead) catch and release, bait ban, downstream of the southern entrance to the lower most railway tunnel, Nov 1-Mar 31

TABLE LEGEND:

* Includes tributaries

➔ Stocked Lake, see page 4

♿ Wheelchair Accessible

♿ Youth/Disabled Accompanied Water

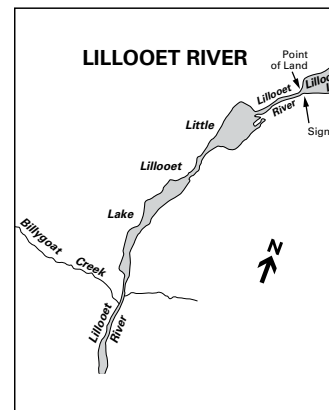
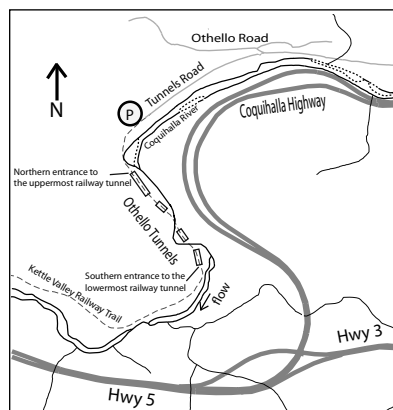
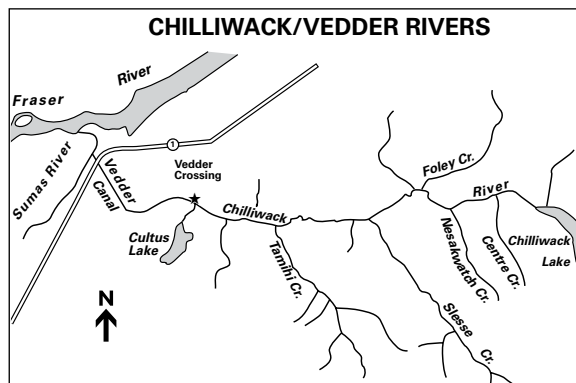
Water-Specific Regulations

WATER BODY MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
COQUITLAM RIVER	2-8	No Fishing upstream of Mary Hill Bypass Bridge, May 1-June 30; No powered boats on parts Hatchery trout daily quota = 2 (20-30 cm only), from Lougheed Highway Bridge to Mary Hill Bypass Bridge, July 1-Oct 15
COMO (Welcome) LAKE	➔ 2-8	Trout/char daily quota = 2; single barbless hook
CORBOLD CREEK	2-8	Bait ban
COUGAR CANYON CREEK	2-4	No Fishing
CRANBERRY LAKE	2-12	Single barbless hook; No powered boats
CULTUS LAKE	2-3	No wild trout over 50 cm, 1 bull trout over 60 cm; no vessels on parts; speed restriction (5 km/h) at north end, as buoyed and signed Kokanee catch and release
DAVIS LAKE	2-8	No powered boats
DEER LAKE (Burnaby)	➔ 2-8	Trout/char daily quota = 2; single barbless hook; no powered boats
DEER LAKE (Sasquatch Park)	➔ 2-18	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
DODD LAKE	2-12	Wild trout/char daily quota = 2 (no wild trout over 40 cm); single barbless hook
EAGLE CREEK	* 2-8	No Fishing
ELAHO RIVER	2-6	Bait ban
ELGIN CREEK	* 2-4	No Fishing
EMILY ("TURTLE") LAKE	2-16	Single barbless hook
"ERROCK" ("Squakum") LAKE	2-8	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp); official name: Lake Errock
FERGUS CREEK	* 2-4	No Fishing
FLORENCE LAKE	2-8	Trout/char catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook
FOLEY LAKE	2-3	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
FRANCIS LAKE	➔ 2-19	No powered boats
FRASER RIVER (upstream of the CPR Bridge at Mission)	2-4	Dead fin fish may be used for bait only when fishing for sturgeon (see page 8 in the Provincial Regulations) No Fishing in the area bounded by a line commencing at a fishing boundary sign located at the eastern end of Landstrom Bar (Scale Bar) to a fishing boundary sign on the opposite bank of the river, thence to a fishing boundary sign at the southern end of Croft Island, thence to a fishing boundary sign on the nearest bank of the river in a westerly direction, thence following the bank of the river in a westerly direction to the Point of Commencement, May 1-Oct 31 No Fishing in the Jespersion's Side Channel, Herring Side Channel, and Seabird Island north Side Channel May 15-July 31. See page 26 for a map of the No Fishing areas No Fishing for steelhead Fraser River Mainstem Aug 15-Dec 31 Boats less than 20 m in length, under power or anchored, must not impede the passage of commercial vessels
FROSST CREEK	2-3	No Fishing Oct 15-Apr 15
GARDEN BAY LAKE	2-5	Single barbless hook; Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
GOAT LAKE	* 2-12	No Fishing Nov 1-Mar 31
GRACE LAKE	➔ 2-19	No powered boats
GREEN LAKE	2-9	No Fishing Dec 1-Mar 31 Kokanee, trout and char catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook; speed restriction on parts (10 km/h) and no towing on parts
GREEN TIMBERS LAKE	➔ 2-4	Trout/char daily quota = 2
HARRISON LAKE	2-18	No wild trout over 50 cm, 1 bull trout over 60 cm; speed restriction (10 km/h) at south end, as buoyed and signed No Fishing from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise, tributaries not included
HARRISON RIVER (from the Fraser River upstream to Harrison Lake)	2-18	Dead fin fish may be used for bait only when fishing for sturgeon (see page 8 in the Provincial Regulations) Speed restriction or no powered boats in small bays along the river as signed
HASLAM LAKE	2-12	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
HASTINGS CREEK	* 2-8	No Fishing
HATZIC LAKE AND SLOUGH	* 2-8	No Fishing for Sturgeon in Hatzic Lake; speed restriction on parts (8 and 50 km/h)
HICKS LAKE	➔ 2-18	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
HOPE SLOUGH	2-8	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
HORSESHOE LAKE	2-12	Wild trout/char daily quota = 2 (no wild trout over 40 cm); single barbless hook
HOTEL LAKE	➔ 2-5	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
HYDE CREEK	2-8	No Fishing
HYLAND CREEK	* 2-4	No Fishing upstream of 152 nd Street (Johnson Road)
INDIAN RIVER	2-8	Bait ban, Dec 1-Sept 30
INLAND LAKE	* 2-12	No Fishing Nov 1-Mar 31*; single barbless hook, Apr 1-Oct 31 No cutthroat trout 40 cm or more; engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
IRELAND LAKE	2-12	Wild trout/char daily quota = 2 (no wild trout over 40 cm); single barbless hook
IVEY (Horseshoe) LAKE	➔ * 2-11	No Fishing Dec 1-Mar 31; trout/char catch and release, bait ban, single barbless hook
JERRY SULINA PARK POND	2-8	Single barbless hook
"JONES" LAKE	2-3	See Wahleach Lake
KANAKA CREEK	2-8	No Fishing May 1-June 30 No Fishing from Cliff Park Falls to 112 th Avenue
KAWKAWA LAKE	2-17	No Fishing Dec 1-Feb 28 Kokanee daily quota = 4
KHARTOUM LAKE	2-12	Wild trout/char daily quota = 2 (no wild trout 40 cm or more), hatchery rainbow trout (see diagram on page 13) = 6; single barbless hook Rainbow trout/hatchery steelhead quota = 6 in the aggregate
KLEIN LAKE	2-5	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW ; ♿ wheelchair accessible

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WATER BODY MGMT UNIT	EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
KOKOMO LAKE	2-5 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
LAFARGE (Pinetree Gravel Pit) LAKE ➔	2-8 Trout/char daily quota = 2; single barbless hook
LEVETTE LAKE	2-6 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
LIGHTNING LAKE (Manning Park)	2-1 No powered boats
LILLOOET LAKE	2-10 No wild trout over 50 cm, 1 bull trout over 60 cm
LILLOOET LAKE, LILLOOET RIVER *	2-9 Because regional quotas and gear restrictions are different in lakes and streams, please note: the channel between Lillooet Lake and Little Lillooet Lake is part of the Lillooet River. This channel starts at the southern end of Lillooet Lake where it is defined by the point of land on the west side and by a sign immediately across the channel and next to the main logging road on the east. Little Lillooet Lake's lower boundary is approximately 1 km upstream of Billygoat Creek (see map below and Little Lillooet Lake's entry below)
LILY ("Paq") LAKE	2-5 Trout/char catch and release, bait ban, single barbless hook Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
LITTLE CAMPBELL RIVER	2-4 See Campbell River
LITTLE LILLOOET LAKE	2-10 Trout/char catch and release; single barbless hook
LITTLE MUDDY CREEK	2-1 No Fishing
LITTLE STAWAMUS CREEK *	2-8 No Fishing
LIUMCHEN CREEK	2-3 No Fishing downstream of the lower falls
LOIS LAKE	2-12 Wild trout/char daily quota = 2 (no wild trout 40 cm or more), hatchery rainbow trout = 6 Rainbow trout/hatchery steelhead quota = 6 in the aggregate Single barbless hook
LONZO ("Marshall") CREEK *	2-4 No Fishing Feb 1-June 15 Trout/char 20-30 cm in length Jun 16-Jan 31 ♿ Youth/Disabled Accompanied Water year round (see page 4)
LOST LAKE (near Whistler) ➔	2-8 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
LUCILLE LAKE	2-9 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
LYNN CREEK	2-8 No Fishing between fishing boundary signs situated approximately 200 m upstream of and 150 m downstream of Twin Falls Bridge* Bait ban (mainstem only)
MACLEAN PONDS	2-4 No Fishing
MAMQUAM RIVER	2-7 Bait ban
MARSH POND	2-4 No Fishing
"MARSHALL" CREEK	2-4 See Lonzo Creek
MASHITER CREEK	2-7 No Fishing
MCCARTNEY CREEK *	2-8 No Fishing
MCKAY CREEK *	2-8 No Fishing
MCLENNAN CREEK *	2-8 No Fishing
MIAMI CREEK	2-19 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
MIKE LAKE ➔	2-8 No powered boats
MILL LAKE (Abbotsford) ➔	2-4 Trout/char daily quota = 2; bass daily quota = 4; single barbless hook; ♿ wheelchair accessible: paved path to dock with rails
MINNEKHADA MARSH	2-8 No Fishing
MIXAL (Bear) LAKE	2-5 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
MORGAN LAKE	2-8 Trout/char catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook
MORRIS LAKE	2-19 Wild trout/char catch and release; hatchery trout/char daily quota = 2 (none under 30 cm); electric motor only - max 7.5 kW Single barbless hook, bait ban
MORRIS CREEK	2-19 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
MOSQUITO CREEK *	2-8 No Fishing
"MOSS POTHOLE" LAKES	2-18 No Fishing ; unnamed pothole lakes all located east of the power line and approximately 2 km east of Hicks Lake, 3 km south of Deer Lake and 1 km southeast of Moss Lake
NANTON LAKE	2-12 Wild trout/char daily quota = 2 (no wild trout over 40 cm); single barbless hook

Coquihalla River



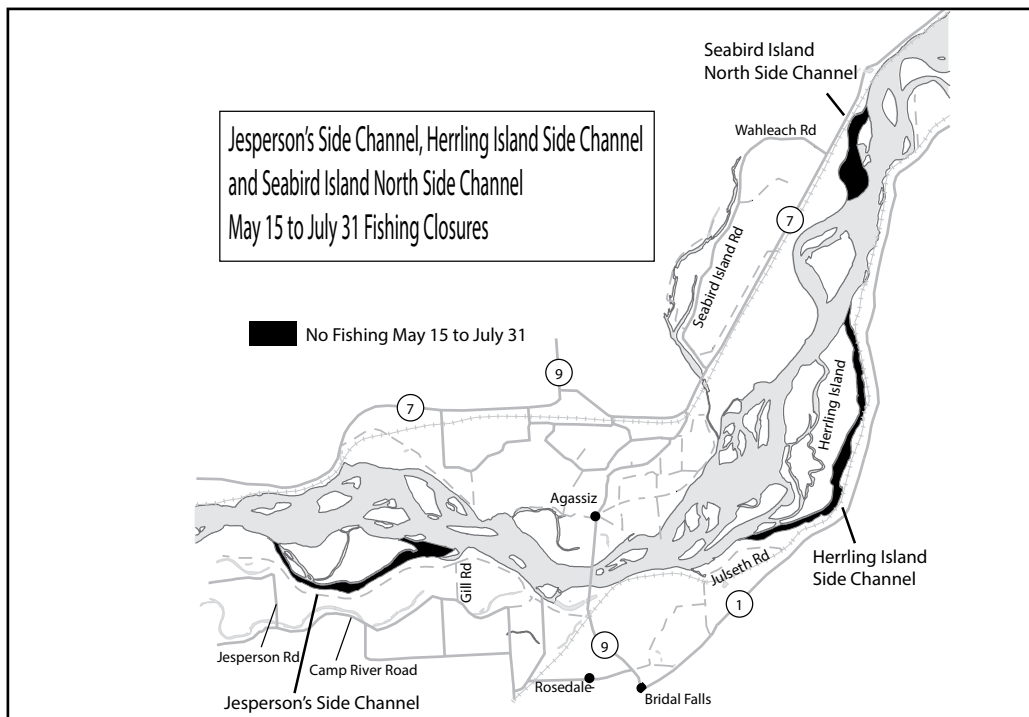
Water-Specific Regulations

WATER BODY MGMT UNIT			EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
NATHAN (Beaver) CREEK	*	2-4	No Fishing upstream of 272 nd Street (Jackman Road) No Fishing downstream of 272 nd Street (Jackman Road), Apr 1-June 30
NELSON CREEK	*	2-8	No Fishing
NICOMEKL RIVER	*	2-4	No Fishing upstream of 208 th Street (Berry Road); No Fishing downstream of 208 th Street, Apr 1-June 30 No Fishing downstream of 208 th Street, from 21:00 hours to 05:00 hours each day, Aug 1-Dec 31 No angling from powered boats upstream of dyke gates, no towing on parts, speed restriction (16 km/h)
NICOMEN SLOUGH		2-8	Speed restriction on parts (8 km/h)
NITA LAKE	➔	2-9	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
NOONS CREEK	*	2-8	No Fishing upstream of railway bridge
NORRISH (Suicide) CREEK		2-8	No Fishing May 1-June 30
NORTH ALOUETTE RIVER	*	2-8	No Fishing upstream of 216 th Street (Fifth Ave), May 1-June 30 No powered boats
NORTH LAKE		2-5	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
PARTINGTON CREEK		2-8	No Fishing
"PAQ" LAKE		2-5	See Lily Lake
PHELIX CREEK	*	2-11	No Fishing
PITT LAKE		2-8	No wild trout over 50 cm, 1 bull trout over 60 cm Wild trout/char catch and release, single barbless hook north of fishing boundary signs (east and west shores) near the head of the lake
PITT RIVER	*	2-8	No Fishing within Garibaldi Park; speed restriction at Grant Narrows (10 km/h) Bait ban upstream of Pitt Lake No Fishing in the Lower Pitt River (CPR Bridge upstream to Pitt Lake) from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise (tributaries not included)
POWELL LAKE	*	2-12	No Fishing Nov 1-Mar 31; no powered boats in One Mile Bay
PRIEST LAKE		2-16	Single barbless hook
RAINY RIVER		2-5	No Fishing May 1-June 30
RICE LAKE (North Vancouver)	➔	2-8	Trout/char daily quota = 2 ♿ wheelchair accessible: excellent path system; see gate attendant for access
RODGERS CREEK	*	2-8	No Fishing
ROLLEY LAKE	➔	2-8	No powered boats
ROSS LAKE (Boundary between Ross Lake and Skagit River is marked by signs)		2-2	No Fishing Nov 1-June 30 Native char catch and release (bull trout and Dolly Varden), trout daily quota = 1 (none under 40 cm), brook trout daily quota = 5 Bait ban; single barbless hook
RUBY CREEK	*	2-5	No Fishing from Ruby Lake to fishing boundary signs approximately 100 m downstream
RUBY LAKE		2-5	No Fishing in the outlet bay within 100 m of the head of Ruby Creek Wild cutthroat trout daily quota = 2 (none 40 cm or more); single barbless hook
SAKINAW LAKE		2-5	No Fishing easterly of a line drawn from a boundary sign located at the north side of the Sakinaw Lake boat launch southwesterly to a boundary sign located at 49° 41.50'N and 123° 58.45'W, Nov 1-Dec 31 No Fishing in "Bear Bay", easterly of a line drawn from a boundary sign located at 49° 40.05'N and 124° 02.13'W due south to a boundary sign on the opposite shore, Nov 1-Dec 31 Kokanee catch and release
SALMON RIVER	*	2-4	No Fishing upstream of 232 nd Street (Livingstone Road) No Fishing downstream of 232 nd Street (Livingstone Road) Apr 1-June 30
SARDIS PARK POND		2-4	Single barbless hook; ♿ Youth/Disabled Accompanied Water year round (see page 4)
SASAMAT LAKE	➔	2-8	No powered boats, May 1-Sept 30; electric motor only - max 7.5 kW, Oct 1-Apr 30
SAYRES (Cedar) LAKE		2-8	Trout/char daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
SCHKAM (Lake of the Woods) LAKE	➔	2-18	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
SCOTIA CREEK	*	2-11	No Fishing
SCOTT (Hoy) CREEK	*	2-8	No Fishing
SERPENTINE RIVER	*	2-4	No Fishing upstream of 168 th Street at Bothwell Park No Fishing downstream of 168 th Street at Bothwell Park, Apr 1-June 30 No Fishing downstream of 168 th Street at Bothwell Park from 21:00 hours to 05:00 hours each day, Aug 1-Dec 31 No angling from powered boats upstream of dyke gates
SEYMOUR RIVER	*	2-8	No Fishing downstream of Seymour Lake
SHOVELNOSE CREEK	*	2-6	No Fishing
SILVER (Silverhope) LAKE		2-2	No Fishing Dec 1-Apr 30; kokanee, trout and char catch and release, bait ban, single barbless hook
SILVERHOPE (Silver) CREEK	*	2-2	No Fishing upstream of Silver Lake, Nov 1-June 30 Fly fishing only and bait ban upstream of Silver Lake, July 1-Oct 31 No Fishing from Silver Lake down to the Bailey Bridge situated approximately 8 km upstream of Hwy 1 Bait ban downstream of Bailey Bridge situated approximately 8 km upstream of Hwy 1
SKAGIT RIVER (boundary between Skagit River and Ross Lake is marked by signs)	*	2-2	No Fishing Nov 1-June 30 Kokanee, trout and char catch and release; bait ban
SOUTH ALOUETTE RIVER		2-8	See Alouette River
SQUAMISH POWERHOUSE CHANNEL		2-6	Bait ban; Squamish River tributary located upstream of Ashlu Creek

Water-specific Regulations

WATER BODY MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
SQUAMISH RIVER	*	2-6 Bait ban
SQUAMISH RIVER'S TRIBUTARIES		2-6 No Fishing tributaries EXCEPT: Ashlu Creek, Cheakamus, Elaho and Mamquam Rivers, and the Squamish Powerhouse Channel
STATLU CREEK	*	2-19 No Fishing
STAVE RIVER		2-8 No Fishing in the Ruskin spawning channel, from the inlet near the dam downstream to the boat ramp crossing No Fishing in the Northrop Spawning Channel, from the intake downstream to where the channel joins the Stave River main, including its tributaries containing the fishway
STAWAMUS RIVER		2-9 Bait ban, Dec 1-Sept 30
STILL CREEK	*	2-8 No Fishing
STRAWBERRY SLOUGH		2-8 Speed restriction on parts (8 km/h)
SUMALLO RIVER	*	2-2 No Fishing Nov 1-June 30
(includes "Cedar" Lake, at Sunshine Valley)		Bait ban
SWELTZER CREEK	*	2-3 No Fishing
TAILLEFER CREEK		2-11 No Fishing May 1-June 30
TAMIHI CREEK		2-3 No Fishing downstream of the falls situated approximately 200 m upstream of Chilliwack River No Fishing upstream of the falls situated approximately 200 m upstream of Chilliwack River, May 1-June 30
TROUT LAKE (Sasquatch Park)		2-18 No powered boats
TROUT LAKE (Sechelt)	➔	2-5 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
TWIN LAKES	*	2-8 No Fishing
VEDDER RIVER		2-4 See Chilliwack River
WAGG CREEK		2-8 No Fishing
WAHLEACH ("Jones") LAKE	➔	2-3 Trout daily quota = 4 (one over 40 cm)
WAHLEACH ("Jones") LAKE'S TRIBUTARIES		2-3 No Fishing
WAUGH (Worm) LAKE		2-5 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
WEAVER LAKE and WEAVER CREEK	➔ *	2-19 No Fishing from fishing boundary signs at log booms on Weaver Lake downstream to where Sakwi Creek enters Weaver Creek Engine power restriction on Weaver Lake - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
WEST LAKE		2-16 Speed restriction (12 km/h)
WHONNOCK LAKE	➔	2-8 No powered boats
WIDGEON CREEK		2-8 No powered boats
WIDGEON SLOUGH		2-8 Speed restriction (5 km/h)
WINDSOR LAKE		2-12 Wild trout/char daily quota = 2 (no wild trout over 40 cm); single barbless hook
WOLF LAKE		2-19 No powered boats

NOTE: If a lake or stream is NOT listed here, then only the Provincial Regulations (pages 8-10) and the Regional Regulations (page 21) apply. Regulations that have changed from the previous published version of the synopsis are **no longer** highlighted in colour. Check for any in-season changes at: www.gov.bc.ca/FishingRegulations.



Fraser River Seasonal Sturgeon Closures

CONTACT INFORMATION

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1259 Dalhousie Dr
Kamloops BC V2C 5Z5

Conservation Officer Service

Please call 1-877-952-7277 for recorded information or to make an appointment at any of the following Field Offices: Clearwater, Kamloops, Lillooet and Merritt

RAPP

Report All Poachers and Polluters
Conservation Officer 24 Hour Hotline
1-877-952-RAPP (7277) or rapp.bc.ca

Please refer to [page 78](#) for more information

Salmon Information:

Fisheries and Oceans Canada District Offices (DFO)

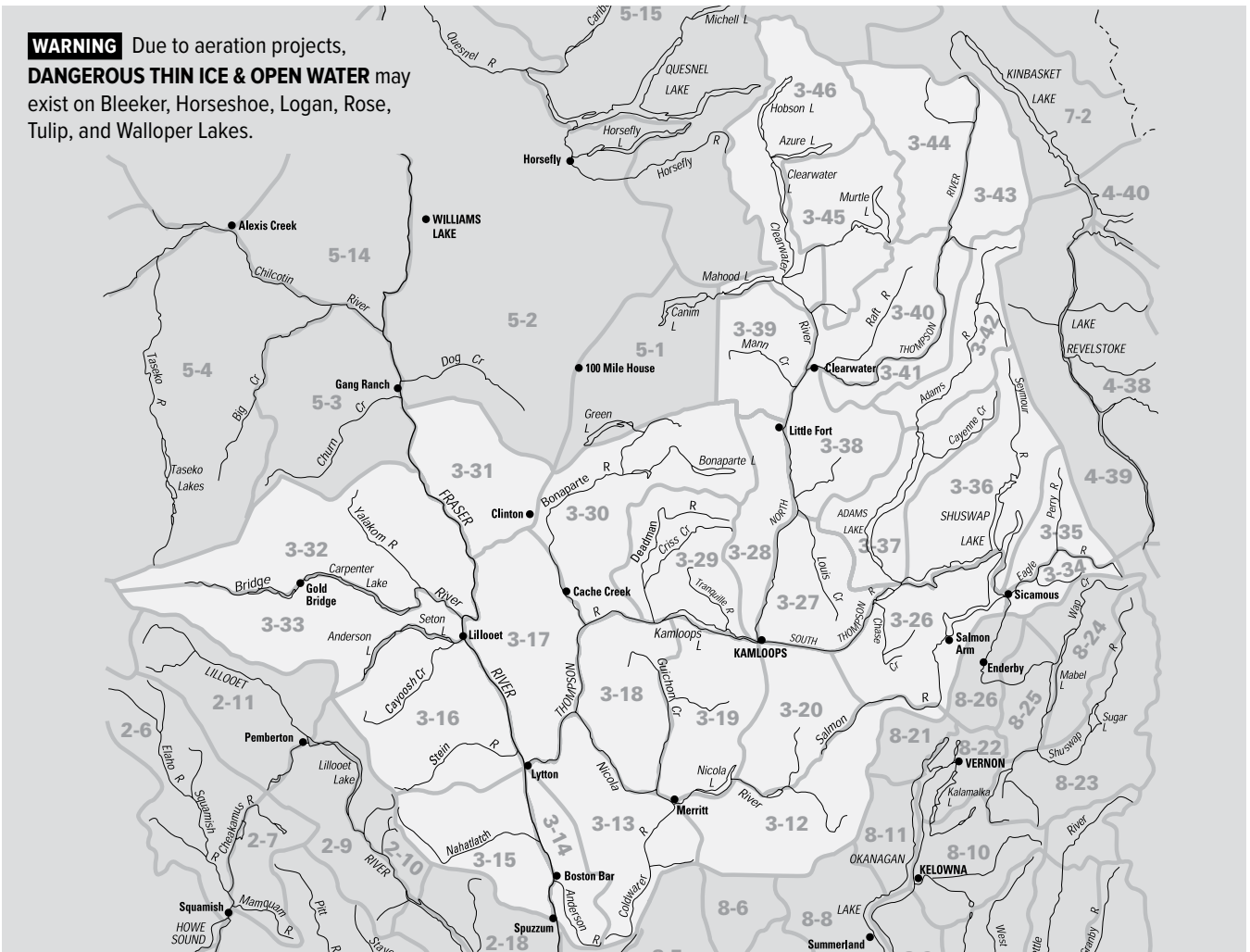
Kamloops: (250) 851-4950
Lillooet: (250) 256-2650
Salmon Arm: (250) 804-7000



STAY UP TO DATE:

Check website for in-season changes or closure dates for the 2025-2027 season at: www.gov.bc.ca/FishingRegulations

WARNING Due to aeration projects, **DANGEROUS THIN ICE & OPEN WATER** may exist on Bleeker, Horseshoe, Logan, Rose, Tulip, and Walloper Lakes.



The Management Unit boundaries on the map above are approximate and for reference to locate waterbodies and regional boundaries. For detailed maps visit www.gov.bc.ca/WildlifeManagementUnits

Regional Regulations

General Regulations

Spring closure: No Fishing in any stream in Region 3 from Jan 1-June 30 (see tables for exceptions). See definition of “streams” on page 80.

Single barbless hook: must be used in all streams of Region 3, all year.

Steelhead fishing: Your basic licence must be validated with a Steelhead Conservation Surcharge Stamp if you fish for steelhead anywhere in B.C. In addition, a Steelhead Stamp is mandatory when fishing most Classified Waters regardless of the species being angled for. Please see page 6 for details.

Region 3 Daily Quotas

(See tables for exceptions)

Trout/char: 5, but not more than:

- 4 from streams
- 1 over 50 cm
- 1 bull trout (Dolly Varden) or lake trout, none under 60 cm

And you must release:

- ALL STEELHEAD
- Bull trout (Dolly Varden) from streams, Aug 1-Oct 31
- Lake trout from Oct 15-Jan 31

Bass: 0 quota, CLOSED TO FISHING

Burbot: 2

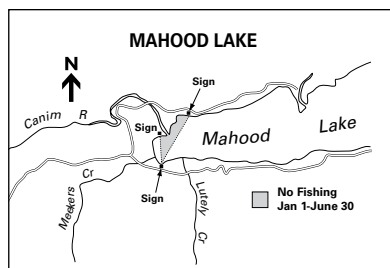
Crayfish: 25

Kokanee: 5 (none from streams)

Whitefish: 15 (all species combined)

White Sturgeon: CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY

Yellow Perch: 0 quota, CLOSED TO FISHING



Possession Quotas

Possession quotas = 2 daily quotas (See tables for exceptions)

Annual Quotas

Annual catch quota for Shuswap Lake (per licence year):

Rainbow trout: 5 over 50 cm

Char-Lake trout and Bull trout (Dolly Varden): 5 over 60 cm

Daily & Annual Quotas for Salmon

Please refer to the NOTICE on page 77 for salmon regulations.

Report Tagged Fish

Please report tagged fish to the Fish and Wildlife Regional Office in Kamloops at 1-800-388-1606. Information should include tag number and colour, fish length and weight, and location of capture. Please leave your name and phone number so we can provide you with details.

Steelhead Management Changes

In response to low abundance of steelhead in the Thompson-Nicola Region, steelhead fisheries in the following waters, and during the following times, are closed:

Thompson River: downstream of signs at Kamloops Lake outlet to the confluence with Fraser River, Oct 1-May 31 (see tables for exceptions)

Fraser River: from Hwy 99 bridge at Lillooet to BC Hydro tail race outflow channel, Oct 1-May 31; and from the confluence with Thompson River to CNR Bridge approximately 1 km downstream, Oct 1-May 31



Nahatlatch River downstream of Nahatlatch Lake and Stein River: from Jan 1-May 31

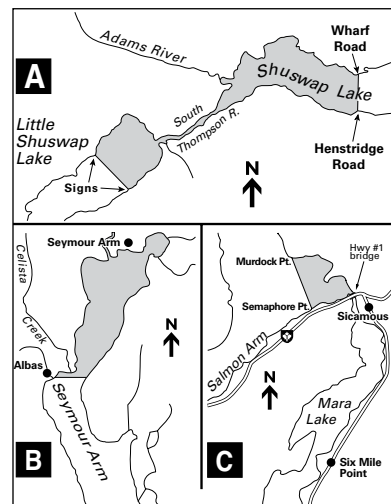
Frances and Hannah lakes: from Jan 1-May 31

Seton River downstream of Seton Lake: from Apr 1-May 31

NOTICE TO ANGLERS It is illegal to fish for bass or perch in the Thompson-Nicola Region. This measure is part of B.C.'s management approach to illegal fish introductions. For details, see page 74.

ILLEGAL MOVEMENT OF LIVE FISH

See important information on page 8.



Water-Specific Regulations

WATER BODY MGMT UNIT	EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
ABBOTT LAKE ➔	3-18 Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; single hook
ADAMS LAKE	3-37 No Fishing north of a line drawn due west from mouth of Momich River, Mar 15-June 30 Lake trout catch and release, Oct 15-Jan 31 Daily quota = 1 bull trout or lake trout (no bull trout under 80 cm or lake trout under 60 cm) Single barbless hook
ADAMS RIVER (upstream of Adams Lake)	3-37 Rainbow trout daily quota = 2 (none under 30 cm); bait ban Bull trout (Dolly Varden) daily quota = 1 (none under 80 cm), July 1-30 and Nov 1-Dec 31
ADAMS RIVER (downstream of Adams Lake)	3-37 No Fishing from Sept 1-Oct 31 between fishing boundary signs in the vicinity of the public salmon viewing platforms in Tsutswecew Provincial Park Rainbow trout and char catch and release; bait ban; no powered boats
ALBREDA RIVER	3-43 No Fishing
ALICE CREEK	3-46 No Fishing Jan 1-Sept 30
ANDY LAKE ➔	3-27 Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; single hook; electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
ANSTEY RIVER	3-36 Rainbow trout and char release; bait ban
AYLMER (Star) LAKE	3-27 No Fishing (provincial broodstock lake)
AZURE LAKE	3-46 Trout daily quota = 2
BIG BAR CREEK	3-31 Exempt from spring closure downstream of Big Bar Lake
BIG BAR LAKE	3-31 Speed restriction (10 km/h) and no towing
BIG O.K. ("Island") LAKE ➔	3-18 No Ice Fishing ; rainbow trout daily quota = 1 (none over 50 cm); artificial fly only, bait ban, single hook
BIRCH LAKE ➔	3-30 Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
BLACKWATER CREEK	3-33 No Fishing
BLEEKER LAKE ➔	3-20 WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!
BLUE LAKE ➔	3-20 Rainbow trout daily quota = 2 single hook
BOB LAKE ➔	3-19 Rainbow trout daily quota = 2
BONAPARTE RIVER	3-30 No Fishing downstream of falls at Bonaparte fishway; no trout under 25 cm downstream of Bonaparte Lake No Fishing from Terzaghi Dam to Yalakom River
BRIDGE RIVER	3-33 No Fishing downstream of Hwy 40 bridge (approximately 6 km north of Lillooet), Mar 31-June 20 No trout under 25 cm; bull trout catch and release upstream of Downton Lake (reservoir)
BROOK LAKE	3-13 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
CALLING LAKE	3-18 Rainbow trout daily quota = 2
CAMPBELL CREEK	3-20 Exempt from spring closure
CANIM RIVER (also in M.U. 5-15)	3-46 Trout/char catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook
CAYOOSH CREEK	3-16 Exempt from spring closure; no trout under 25 cm downstream of falls
CELISTA CREEK	3-36 Rainbow trout and char catch and release; bait ban downstream of the falls
CHASE CREEK	3-26 Exempt from spring closure
CHATAWAY LAKE	3-18 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
CLANWILLIAM LAKE	3-34 Lake trout and bull trout (Dolly Varden) catch and release
CLEARWATER LAKE	3-46 Rainbow trout daily quota = 2
CLEARWATER RIVER	3-40 Downstream of old Clearwater Bridge exempt from spring closure, except No Fishing May 1-June 30 Bait ban (a) from Falls Creek to Mahood River, all year, and (b) from Mahood River to North Thompson River, Sept 1-July 31 3-46 No angling from powered boats downstream of Falls Creek Rainbow trout daily quota = 2 (none over 35 cm), char catch and release
CLINTON CREEK	3-30 Exempt from spring closure
COLDWATER RIVER	3-13 No Fishing Jan 1-Sept 30; no trout under 25 cm; bull trout catch and release
COLDWATER RIVER'S TRIBUTARIES	3-13 See Juliet, July, and Mine Creeks
COMMUNITY LAKE ➔	3-27 No Ice Fishing ; rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single hook
COURTNEY LAKE ➔	3-12 No Ice Fishing ; rainbow trout daily quota = 1 (none over 50 cm); bait ban, single hook
CRAZY CREEK	3-35 No Fishing downstream of the falls, open all year upstream of the falls
CUTOFF VALLEY CREEK	3-30 Exempt from spring closure
DARDANELLES LAKE ➔	3-20 Rainbow trout daily quota = 2
DEADMAN RIVER	3-29 No trout under 25 cm downstream of Mowich Lake
DEEP LAKE ➔	3-28 Trout/char daily quota = 2
DOUGLAS LAKE	3-12 Burbot catch and release
DOWNTON LAKE (Reservoir)	3-33 Bull trout catch and release
DUTCH LAKE ➔	3-40 Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
EAGAN LAKE	3-30 No Fishing Jan 1-Apr 30 Kokanee daily quota = 2; single barbless hook, May 1-Dec 31
EAGLE RIVER	3-34 Rainbow trout and char catch and release; speed restriction (5 km/h) Bait ban downstream of Griffin Lake
EDITH LAKE ➔	3-19 Rainbow trout daily quota = 2
ELEANOR LAKE	3-40 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
ENGLISHMEN LAKE ➔	3-13 Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; single hook

TABLE LEGEND:

* Includes tributaries ➔ Stocked Lake, see [page 4](#) CW Classified Waters Licence required to fish Class I or Class II waters, see [page 7](#) 🧑 Youth/Disabled Accompanied Water

Water-Specific Regulations

WATER BODY MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
ERNEST LAKE	➔ 3-20	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
FATOX LAKE	➔ 3-29	Rainbow trout daily quota = 2
FIFTYNINE CREEK	3-30	Exempt from spring closure
FIFTYSEVEN CREEK	3-30	Exempt from spring closure
FILE CREEK	3-45	Rainbow trout daily quota = 2
FLAPJACK LAKE	3-39	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
FRANCES LAKE	3-15	No Fishing Jan 1-May 31 Single barbless hook
FRASER RIVER	3-14	Exempt from spring closure upstream of Thompson River, except as noted below
		No Fishing for trout in Fraser River mainstem: downstream of Hell's Gate Sept 1-Nov 15, from Hell's Gate to the confluence with the Thompson River from Oct 1-Nov 30, and upstream of the confluence with the Thompson River Oct 1-Oct 31
		No Fishing between fishing boundary signs approximately 6.5 km downstream of Boston Bar to signs 2.8 km downstream of Hell's Gate
		No Fishing from the lower entrance of the fish ladder at Bridge River Rapids to the BC Railway Bridge approximately 2 km north of Lillooet, Mar 31-June 20
		From Hwy 99 bridge at Lillooet downstream approximately 1.2 km to BC Hydro's tail race outflow channel: No Fishing Oct 1-May 31; From the confluence with Thompson River to the CNR Bridge approximately 1 km downstream: No Fishing , Oct 1-May 31; bait ban and no hooks greater than 15 mm from point to shank, Oct 1-Dec 31
		No Fishing for steelhead from the confluence with Spuzzum Creek (Region 3 boundary) to Hells Gate Aug 15-Dec 31 No Fishing for steelhead from Hells Gate upstream to the Region 3 boundary Jan 1-Dec 31
FRED LAKE	➔ 3-19	Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; single hook
GLIMPSE LAKE	3-20	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
GRIFFIN LAKE	3-34	Lake trout and bull trout (Dolly Varden) catch and release
GUICHON CREEK	3-18	No Fishing Jan 1-May 31 No trout under 25 cm downstream of Mamit Lake
GUN LAKE	➔ 3-32	Bull trout (Dolly Varden) catch and release
GYPSUM LAKE	➔ 3-18	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
HAMILTON LAKE	➔ 3-12	♿ Youth/Disabled Accompanied Water April 1-Sept 30 (see page 4)
HAMMER LAKE	➔ 3-30	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
HANNAH LAKE	3-15	No Fishing Jan 1-May 31 Single barbless hook
HAT CREEK	3-17	Exempt from spring closure
HATHEUME LAKE	➔ 3-12	No Ice Fishing ; rainbow trout daily quota = 2; artificial fly only, bait ban, single hook Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
HEFFLEY LAKE (parts of)	➔ 3-27	No towing, speed restriction (15 km/h)
HEMP CREEK	3-46	Exempt from spring closure
HIHIUM LAKE	➔ 3-30	Single hook; engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
HORSESHOE LAKE	➔ 3-20	Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!
ISLAND LAKE	➔ 3-12	Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; single hook
ISOBEL LAKE	➔ 3-28	Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; ♿ Youth/Disabled Accompanied Water Apr 1-Sept 30 (see page 4)
JACKO LAKE	➔ 3-19	No Ice Fishing
JACKPINE LAKE	3-28	Rainbow trout daily quota = 2
JIMMY LAKE	➔ 3-12	Rainbow trout daily quota = 2 (none over 50 cm); single hook Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
JULIET CREEK	3-13	No Fishing
JULY CREEK	3-13	No Fishing
KAMLOOPS LAKE	3-19	Rainbow trout daily quota = 2 (none over 50 cm), bull trout daily quota = 1 (none under 60 cm); single barbless hook
KWOTLENEMO (Fountain) LAKE	➔ 3-17	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
LAC LE JEUNE	➔ 3-19	Speed restriction (20 km/h); ♿ wheelchair accessible
LAJOIE (Little Gun) LAKE	➔ 3-32	Bull trout (Dolly Varden) catch and release; electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
LEIGHTON LAKE	➔ 3-18	No Fishing within 100 m of the mouth of the inlet stream, May 1-Nov 30 No Fishing within 100 m of the Tunkwa Creek outlet, May 1-Nov 30
LITTLE DUM LAKE	➔ 3-28	Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; single hook
LITTLE HEFFLEY LAKE	3-27	No powered boats
LITTLE LAC DES ROCHES (at west end of Lac Des Roches)	3-30	Speed restriction (20 km/h)
"LITTLE PETER HOPE" LAKE (unnamed lake approximately 200 m southwest of Peter Hope Lake)	3-20	No Ice Fishing Bait ban, single hook
LLOYD LAKE	3-30	No Ice Fishing ; rainbow trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
LODGEPOLE LAKE	➔ 3-19	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
LOGAN LAKE	➔ 3-19	Rainbow trout daily quota = 2 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW; WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!
LOLO LAKE	➔ 3-39	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
LOON LAKE	3-30	No Fishing northeast of fishing boundary signs near the mouth of Thunder Creek and the public access site No Ice Fishing within 500 m of outlet stream at southwest end of lake as marked by fishing boundary signs

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WATER BODY MGMT UNIT	EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
LORENZO LAKE	3-39 Rainbow trout daily quota = 2
LOST LAKE (near Taweel Lake)	3-39 Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; single hook
LOWER KANE LAKE ➔	3-13 Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; single hook
LUNDBOM LAKE ➔	3-12 Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; single hook
MACHETE LAKE (including that portion known as "Bear" Lake)	3-30 No Fishing Jan 1-Apr 30 Kokanee daily quota = 2 Single barbless hook
MAHOOD LAKE (see map on page 28 for area closure)	3-46 No Fishing within the fishing boundary signs at the western tip of the lake near the mouth of Canim River, Jan 1-June 30
	Trout/char catch and release, bait ban and single barbless hook: within fishing boundary signs at the western tip of the lake, July 1-Dec 31
	No Fishing within 200 m of the Mahood River outlet, Jan 1-June 30
	Trout/char catch and release, bait ban and single barbless hook: within 200 m of the mouth of the Mahood River outlet, July 1-Dec 31
MAHOOD RIVER	3-46 No Fishing Jan 1-June 30 Downstream of Goodwin Falls: Rainbow trout daily quota = 2 (none over 35 cm), char catch and release; bait ban Upstream of Goodwin Falls: Trout/char catch and release; bait ban
MAKA CREEK	3-13 No trout under 25 cm
MAMIT LAKE	3-18 Burbot catch and release
MARA LAKE	3-26 See Shuswap Lake
MARSHALL LAKE ➔	3-32 Speed restriction (15 km/h)
MCARTHUR ISLAND SLOUGH	3-28 No powered boats from westerly entrance to 12 th Street entrance to Park
MCNOMEE CREEK	3-36 Rainbow trout and char catch and release; bait ban
MELLIN (Jerry) LAKE	3-12 No Ice Fishing ; rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
MENZIES LAKE	3-13 No Fishing
MINE CREEK	3-13 No Fishing
MONTE CREEK	3-20 Exempt from spring closure
MOORE CREEK	3-19 Exempt from spring closure
"MORGAN" LAKE ➔	3-19 No Ice Fishing ; rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook Unnamed lake approximately 1.5 km northwest of Pat ("Six Mile") Lake adjacent to Six Mile Hill Road; also called "Highway" Lake
MURTLE RIVER	3-45 Exempt from spring closure
NAHATLATCH LAKE (east and west)	3-15 Single barbless hook; see page 28 in this section for bull trout daily quota
NAHATLATCH RIVER	3-15 No Fishing from Frances Lake downstream approximately 400 m to fishing boundary signs at the logging bridge
	Downstream of Nahatlatch Lake (including Hannah and Frances lakes; except as noted upstream of), open until Dec 31; No Fishing Jan 1-May 31
	No Fishing downstream of Nahatlatch Lake, Jan 1-May 31
	Trout daily quota = 2 (none under 30 cm)
	No Fishing upstream of Nicola Lake, Jan 1-June 30
	No Fishing downstream of Nicola Lake, Mar 1-Sept 30
NICOLA RIVER	3-13 Trout catch and release downstream of Nicola Lake, Jan 1-Feb 28 No trout under 25 cm downstream of Nicola Lake Bull trout catch and release
NICOLA LAKE	3-19 Burbot catch and release
NISKONLITH LAKE	3-27 Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
"NORMAN" LAKE (unnamed lake approximately 600 m southeast of Durand Lake) ➔	3-19 Rainbow trout daily quota = 2
NORTH THOMPSON RIVER	3-27 Exempt from spring closure Rainbow trout daily quota = 2 (none over 50 cm)
PASKA LAKE ➔	3-19 Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
PASS LAKE ➔	3-29 Rainbow trout daily quota = 2 (none over 50 cm); single hook
PAT ("Six Mile") LAKE ➔	3-19 No Ice Fishing ; rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
PAUL CREEK (downstream of Paul Lake) ➔	3-27 Exempt from spring closure, ♿ Youth/Disabled Accompanied Water year round (see page 4)
PENNASK CREEK	3-12 No Fishing upstream of Pennask Lake
PENNASK LAKE	3-12 No Ice Fishing ; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
PERRY RIVER	3-35 Rainbow trout and char catch and release; bait ban
PETER HOPE LAKE ➔	3-20 No Ice Fishing ; bait ban, single hook
PILLAR LAKE ➔	3-26 Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
PINANTAN LAKE ➔	3-27 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
PLATEAU LAKE ➔	3-20 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
PRESSY LAKE	3-30 Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
PRINGLE CREEK	3-20 Exempt from spring closure
PROSPECT CREEK	No trout under 25 cm Bull trout catch and release
RAINBOW LAKE	3-12 No Ice Fishing ; rainbow trout daily quota = 2, bait ban, single barbless hook
RED LAKE ➔	3-29 No rainbow trout over 50 cm, Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)

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WATER BODY MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
ROCHE LAKE	➔ 3-20	No Ice Fishing ; rainbow trout daily quota = 2; single hook Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW, south of a line bearing true 244° from a point on the southern tip of the largest island in the south arm of Roche Lake to the westerly shoreline and conversely 64° to the easterly shoreline
ROCK LAKE	3-12	No Ice Fishing ; rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
ROSE LAKE	➔ 3-20	⚠ Youth/Disabled Accompanied Water April 1-Sept 30 (see page 4) WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!
ROSS MOORE LAKE	➔ 3-19	Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; single hook
SALMON LAKE	➔ 3-12	No Ice Fishing ; rainbow trout daily quota = 2; artificial fly only, bait ban, single hook
SALMON RIVER	3-26	Rainbow trout and char catch and release, bait ban downstream of Hwy 97 bridge at Falkland
SCOTCH CREEK	3-36	Rainbow trout and char catch and release; bait ban
SETON RIVER (includes BC Hydro Power Canal upstream of the dam up to signs located on Seton Lake)	3-16	Exempt from spring closure No trout under 25 cm downstream of Seton Lake Downstream of Seton Lake, No Fishing Apr 1-May 31
SEYMOUR RIVER	3-36	Rainbow trout and char catch and release downstream of the falls; bait ban
SHUMWAY LAKE	3-20	No Fishing north of fishing boundary signs located at south end of lake, Apr 1-Oct 31
SHUSWAP LAKE (see maps on page 28) (includes Little Shuswap Lake, that part of South Thompson River between Shuswap Lake and Little Shuswap Lake, Seymour, Anstey and Salmon arms and Mara Lake unless stated otherwise)	3-26	No Fishing Mar 15-May 14, and rainbow trout and char catch and release , May 15-Mar 14, in the waters lying west of a line between signs at Henstridge Road and Wharf Road to a line between signs on the south and north shores of Little Shuswap Lake (see map A on page 28)
		No Fishing in the entire area north of Albas, Mar 15-May 14 (see map B on page 28)
		No Fishing east of a line between fishing boundary signs on Murdock and Semaphore points, to Hwy 1 bridge, Mar 15-May 14 (see map C on page 28)
		No fishing in Salmon Arm Bay, west of line between Engineer's Point and Sunnysbrae Point (see map on page 28), for the conservation of chinook and coho salmon stocks, Sept 1-Dec 31 (anglers fishing from the community pier in the city of Salmon Arm are exempt from the closure)
		No Ice Fishing Rainbow trout daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm), annual quota = 5 Char daily quota = 1 (none under 60 cm), annual quota = 5 Bait ban, single barbless hook (anglers fishing from the community pier in the city of Salmon Arm are exempt from the bait ban) Conservation Surcharge Stamp required to catch and keep rainbow trout over 50 cm or char over 60 cm
SICAMOUS NARROWS	3-26	Speed restriction (5 km/h) Exempt from spring closure; rainbow trout daily quota = 2 (none over 50 cm)
SOUTH THOMPSON RIVER	3-20	See Shuswap Lake for part between Shuswap Lake and Little Shuswap Lake
SPIUS CREEK	3-13	No fishing Jan 1-Sept 30; No trout under 25 cm; bull trout catch and release
SPRUCE LAKE	3-32	Trout/char daily quota = 2 (only 1 bull trout - none under 60 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook
STAR LAKE	3-39	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
STEIN LAKE	3-16	No powered boats
STEIN RIVER	3-16	No Fishing Jan 1-May 31; no trout under 25 cm
STUMP LAKE	➔ 3-20	Speed restriction (70 km/h)
TEXAS CREEK	3-16	Exempt from spring closure
THOMPSON RIVER (upstream of Kamloops Lake)	3-28	Exempt from spring closure Rainbow trout daily quota = 2 (none over 50 cm) No Fishing Oct 1-May 31 Trout/char daily quota = 2 (none under 35 cm)
THOMPSON RIVER (downstream of signs at Kamloops Lake outlet to the confluence with Fraser River)	3-13	Additional opening from the CNR Bridge downstream of Deadman River to CNR Bridge upstream of Bonaparte River, May 1-31; trout/char
	3-14	catch and release and artificial fly only, May 1-31
	3-18	Upstream of boundary signs 1 km downstream of Martel: bait ban No angling from boats Downstream of signs at Kamloops Lake: Class II water Oct 1-Dec 31 and Steelhead Stamp mandatory Oct 1-Dec 31 (when open)
THREE VALLEY LAKE	3-34	Lake trout and bull trout (Dolly Varden) catch and release
TRANQUILLE LAKE	3-29	Rainbow trout daily quota = 8; kokanee daily quota = 10
TRANQUILLE RIVER	3-29	Exempt from spring closure
TROUT CREEK (Wells Gray Park)	3-46	No Fishing July 1-Sept 30
TULIP LAKE	➔ 3-20	⚠ Youth/Disabled Accompanied Water April 1-Sept 30 (see page 4) WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!
TUNKWA LAKE	➔ 3-18	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
TUMTUM LAKE	3-42	Bull trout (Dolly Varden) daily quota = 1 (none under 80 cm); bait ban
TUPPER LAKE	➔ 3-18	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
UPPER KANE LAKE	➔ 3-13	Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; single hook
VICTOR LAKE	3-34	Lake trout and bull trout (Dolly Varden) catch and release
WALKER CREEK	3-32	No Fishing
WALKER LAKE	3-12	No Ice Fishing ; rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
WALLOPER LAKE	3-19	WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!
WARREN LAKE	➔ 3-27	Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; single hook
WHITE LAKE	➔ 3-26	No Fishing within 400 m of the mouth of Cedar Creek as designated by signs, Dec 1-June 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 2

NOTE: If a lake or stream is NOT listed here, then only the Provincial Regulations (pages 8-10) and the Regional Regulations (page 28) apply. Regulations that have changed from the previous published version of the synopsis are **no longer** highlighted in colour. Check for any in-season changes at: www.gov.bc.ca/FishingRegulations.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Conservation Officer Service Field Offices

Please call 1-877-952-7277 for recorded information or to make an appointment at any of the following Field Offices: Castlegar, Cranbrook, Creston, Fernie, Golden, Invermere, and Nelson

RAPP

Report All Poachers and Polluters
Conservation Officer 24 Hour Hotline
1-877-952-RAPP (7277) or rapp.bc.ca

Please refer to [page 78](#) for more information

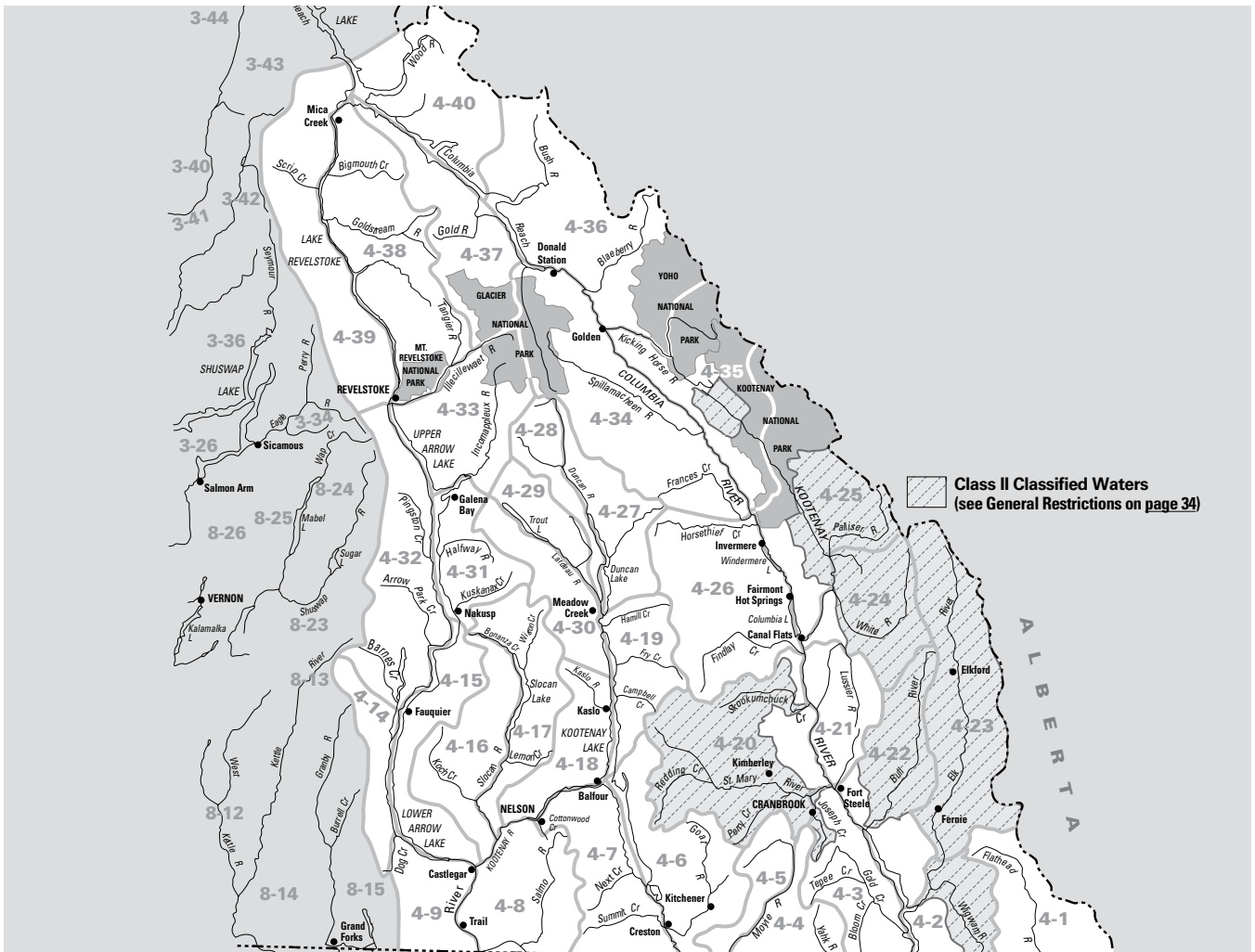
National Parks

Provincial angling regulations and licensing do not apply in the National Parks in this region (see [page 9](#)). Please contact Parks Canada for fishing information at 1-888-773-8888.



STAY UP TO DATE:

Check website for in-season changes or closure dates for the 2025-2027 season at: www.gov.bc.ca/FishingRegulations



The Management Unit boundaries on the map above are approximate and for reference to locate waterbodies and regional boundaries. For detailed maps visit www.gov.bc.ca/WildlifeManagementUnits

Regional Regulations

General Regulations

No Fishing: in any stream in Region 4 from Apr 1-June 14 (see tables for additional closed times or exceptions).

Trout/char release: in streams from Nov 1-Mar 31 (see tables for additional dates or exceptions).

Single barbless hook: must be used in all streams of Region 4, all year.

NOTE: “streams” defined on [page 80](#).

Classified Waters: many East Kootenay Rivers and their tributaries are Classified Waters and require a supplemental Classified Waters Licence, see [page 7](#), map of waters on [page 33](#), and the Water-Specific Regulations tables (see [pages 35-40](#)).

Region 4 Daily Quotas

(See tables for exceptions)

Trout/char: 5, but not more than

- 1 rainbow trout or cutthroat trout over 50 cm
- 2 from streams
- 1 bull trout (Dolly Varden) of any size

Bass: 0 quota, CLOSED TO FISHING (See tables for exceptions)

Burbot: 2

Crayfish: 25

Kokanee: 15 (none from streams), no more than 5 over 30 cm

Northern pike: 0 quota, CLOSED TO FISHING (See tables for exceptions)

Walleye: 0 quota, CLOSED TO FISHING (See tables for exceptions)

White Sturgeon: 0 quota, CLOSED TO FISHING (No exceptions)

Whitefish: 15 (all species combined)

Yellow perch: 0 quota, CLOSED TO FISHING (See tables for exceptions)

Possession Quotas

Possession quotas = 2 daily quotas (See tables for exceptions)

Annual Quotas

Rainbow trout over 50 cm from the main body of Kootenay Lake: 20 per licence year.

Tributaries of Lakes

When fishing the tributaries of the following lakes, check for special regulations in the tables under both the name of the tributary and the name of the lake (such as “Columbia Lake’s tributaries”):

Columbia	Lower Arrow
Connor	Premier
Duncan	Slocan
Kinbasket	Trout
Kootenay	Upper Arrow
Lake Revelstoke	Waneta Reservoir
Little Slocan	Whiteswan

Report your Lake Trout Catch

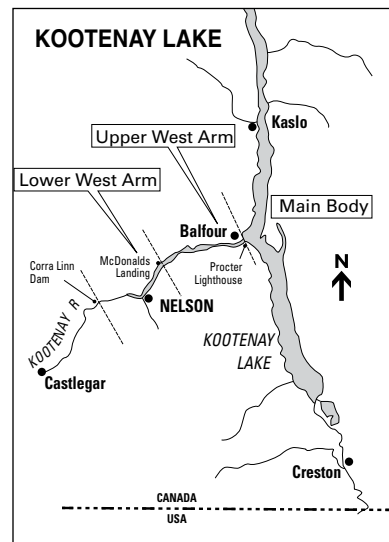
Please report any lake trout you catch in the Kootenay Region to a Ministry office (or see [page 75](#)). Lake trout are not a native fish species in the Kootenays and could impact other native fish populations if they colonize. It is unlawful to transplant fish into any waters in B.C. (see [page 8](#)).

Fish Consumption Reminder

For information on the proper preparation of fish for consumption, please read **Preparing Fish for the Table** on [page 75](#).

Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area

A permit is required for fishing on all waters within the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area, including Six Mile, Leach, Kootenay River and Canal and Duck Lake. For details on acquiring a permit visit www.crestonwildlife.ca or call 250-402-6900.



NOTICE TO ANGLERS It is illegal to fish for bass, perch, pike or walleye in the Kootenay Region, with the exception of certain waters, as listed in the Water-Specific Tables. This measure is part of B.C.’s management approach to illegal fish introductions. For details, see [page 74](#).

KOOTENAY LAKE BOUNDARIES

The **Main Body** of Kootenay Lake is the area east of a line between boundary signs on opposite shores near Balfour Point and Procter Lighthouse.

The **Upper West Arm** of Kootenay Lake is the area west of a line between boundary signs on opposite shores near Balfour Point and Procter Lighthouse to McDonalds Landing (Six Mile).

The **Lower West Arm** of Kootenay Lake is the area between McDonalds Landing (Six Mile) and Corra Linn Dam.

IMPORTANT Kootenay Lake recovery may require in-season regulation changes. Check website for in-season changes or closure dates for the 2025-2027 season at www.gov.bc.ca/FishingRegulations and information about recovery actions and updated bulletins at www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/plants-animals-ecosystems/fish/fish-management/region-4-kootenay.

Water-Specific Regulations

WATER BODY MGMT UNIT			EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
ABRUZZI CREEK	CW	4-23	No Fishing Sept 1-Oct 31; trout/char catch and release and bait ban, June 15-Aug 31 Class II water when open, including tributaries
AKOLKOLEX RIVER	*	4-33	Trout/char catch and release; bait ban
"ALCES" LAKE	➔	4-24	See Moose Lake
ALEXANDER CREEK (upstream of the easternmost Hwy 3 bridge)	CW *	4-23	No Fishing Sept 1-Oct 31 Trout/char catch and release and bait ban, June 15-Aug 31 Class II water when open, including tributaries - Michel Creek classified licence required for non-resident anglers
ALEXANDER CREEK (downstream of the easternmost Hwy 3 bridge)	CW	4-23	No Fishing Sept 1-Oct 31 Trout/char catch and release and bait ban June 15-Aug 31 Class II water when open, including tributaries - Michel Creek classified licence required for non-resident anglers
"ALTA" LAKE		4-3	Bass daily quota = unlimited; yellow perch daily quota = unlimited; unnamed lake 200 m downstream of Bednorski Lake
ARROW LAKES		4-15 4-32	See Upper Arrow Lake
ARROW LAKES' TRIBUTARIES			See Lower Arrow Lake's tributaries and Upper Arrow Lake's tributaries
ARROW PARK (Mosquito) CREEK		4-32	No Fishing
ASHER CREEK		4-30	No Fishing downstream of South Fork (approximately 5 km from Trout Lake), June 15-Oct 31
BAYNES LAKE	➔	4-22	Bass daily quota = unlimited; yellow perch daily quota = unlimited; electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
BEAVER CREEK		4-8	Brook trout daily quota = 8
BEAVER LAKE	➔	4-17	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
BEDNORSKI LAKE		4-3	Bass daily quota = unlimited; yellow perch daily quota = unlimited
BIG FISH (Dunbar) LAKE	➔	4-34	Brook trout daily quota = 20; engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
BIGHORN (Ram) CREEK	CW *	4-2	A tributary of Wigwam River; see Wigwam River*
BOTTS LAKE		4-34	Brook trout daily quota = 20; electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
BOX LAKE	➔	4-15	Brook trout daily quota = 20; electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
BRIDAL LAKE		4-7	No powered boats
BUGABOO CREEK		4-34	Burbot catch and release
BULL RIVER	CW *	4-22	Trout/char catch and release from Galbraith Creek to Van Creek*; Aberfeldie Dam to Tie Mill Dam* and Quinn Creek* Other parts: Trout/char daily quota = 1 (none under 30 cm), June 15-Oct 31 Bait ban, June 15-Oct 31 Class II water when open, including tributaries
BURTON CREEK		4-15	No Fishing from Woden Creek to Hwy 6 bridge, June 15-Oct 31
CADORNA CREEK	CW	4-23	No Fishing Sept 1-Oct 31; trout/char catch and release and bait ban, June 15-Aug 31 Class II water when open, including tributaries - Elk River classified licence required for non-resident anglers
CAMERON SLOUGH		4-21	See Lewis Slough
CARIBOU CREEK		4-15	No Fishing from Rodd Creek to Hwy 6 bridge, June 15-Oct 31
CARIBOU LAKES		4-32	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
CARTWRIGHT LAKE	➔	4-34	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
CEDAR LAKE (near Golden)	➔	4-34	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
CERULEAN LAKE		4-25	Trout/char catch and release; bait ban
CHAMPION LAKES NO. 1 & 2	➔	4-8	No Ice Fishing ; trout/char daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook; no powered boats
CHAMPION LAKE NO. 3	➔	4-8	Open to fishing all year; no powered boats
CHATTER CREEK		4-36	No Fishing
CLELAND LAKE	➔	4-34	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
COAL CREEK (downstream of Old MF&M Railway bridge 7 km upstream of Elk River)		4-23	♿ Youth/Disabled Accompanied Water year round (see page 4) Part described is NOT a Classified Water
COFFEE CREEK		4-18	No Fishing downstream of fishing boundary signs at falls approximately 10 km from Kootenay Lake
COLUMBIA LAKE		4-25	Burbot catch and release; bass daily quota = unlimited; speed restriction (10 km/h) near eastern shore and at south end, as buoyed and signed
COLUMBIA LAKE'S TRIBUTARIES		4-25	No Fishing (except Dutch Creek) No Fishing from Revelstoke Dam downstream to Hwy 1 bridge in Revelstoke No Fishing from a line between the old Robson Ferry landing and a sign on the south river bank, downstream approximately 950 m to the CPR Bridge, Mar 1-June 30 Where angling is permitted: EXEMPT from the regional Nov 1-Mar 31 trout/char catch and release and the regional Apr 1-June 14 closure Bass daily quota = unlimited
COLUMBIA RIVER		4-8 4-15 4-26 4-34 4-38	Kokanee daily quota = 15 from Keenleyside Dam to a line between the old Robson Ferry landing and a sign on the south river bank Walleye daily quota = 16 from Keenleyside Dam to the Washington state border From Keenleyside Dam downstream to the Washington state border and connected reaches: the Kootenay River (Columbia River confluence to Brilliant Dam) and the Pend d'Oreille River (Columbia River confluence to Waneta Dam): Northern pike daily quota = unlimited and bass daily quota = unlimited Burbot catch and release Speed restriction (10 km/h) from Mud Lake to Columbia Lake, no power boats in wetlands, no towing and engine power restriction - 15 kW (20 hp), in main channel from Fairmont to Donald See Upper Arrow Lake for the portion of the Columbia River which may be found downstream of the Hwy 1 bridge in Revelstoke (depending on reservoir level)

TABLE LEGEND:

* Includes tributaries ➔ Stocked Lake, see page 4 CW Classified Waters Licence required to fish Class I or Class II waters, see page 7 ♿ Youth/Disabled Accompanied Water

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WATER BODY MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
CONNOR LAKE	4-23	No Fishing May 1-June 30
CONNOR LAKE'S TRIBUTARIES	4-23	No Fishing Apr 1-June 30
COTTONWOOD LAKE	➔ 4-8	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
CRAWFORD CREEK	4-6	No Fishing
CRAWFORD CREEK	4-33	No Fishing June 15-Oct 31
CRESTON VALLEY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (CVWMA) WATERS	4-6	Bass daily quota = unlimited; yellow perch daily quota = unlimited - applies to all waters within the CVWMA, including Six Mile Lake, Leach Lake, Kootenay River and Canal, EXCEPT Duck Lake (see separate entry) Permit required see note on page 34
CUB LAKE	➔ 4-34	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
CULTUS CREEK	* 4-7	No Fishing downstream of Laib Creek
DEER CREEK	4-15	No Fishing
DOROTHY LAKE	➔ 4-26	♿ Youth/Disabled Accompanied Water year round (see page 4)
DUCK LAKE (permit required see Note on page 34)	* 4-6	Bass daily quota = 3 (only 1 over 40 cm), June 16-May 14; bass catch and release, May 15-June 15 Yellow perch daily quota = 20 No powered boats
DUNCAN LAKE'S TRIBUTARIES	4-27	Bull trout catch and release (includes Upper Duncan River and tributaries)
DUNCAN RIVER	* 4-19	Exempt from spring closure, exempt from regional Nov 1-Mar 31 bull trout catch and release, bait ban Rainbow trout daily quota = 5 (any size), bull trout daily quota = 2 (any size) No Fishing downstream of Duncan Dam to the confluence of the Duncan River and the Lardeau River
DUTCH CREEK	* 4-26	Trout/char catch and release from Ben Able Creek to Columbia Lake and/or River Bait ban, June 15-Oct 31 Burbot catch and release EXEMPT from Columbia Lake's tributaries closure
EAST (Fork) WHITE RIVER	4-24	No Fishing
ECHOES LAKE (near Kimberley)	➔ 4-20	No Ice Fishing ; trout/char daily quota = 1 in the aggregate from both lakes (none under 50 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook
EDWARDS LAKE	➔ 4-2	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
ELK RIVER (upstream of Elko Dam)	CW 4-2 4-23	Bait ban, June 15-Oct 31 Trout/char catch and release June 15-Oct 31: from Lower Elk Lake to Forsyth Cr, from Line Creek Bridge to CPR Bridge at Sparwood, from Hwy 3 bridge at Hosmer to the northern Hwy 3 bridge at Fernie, and from the bridge at Morrissey to Elko Dam All other parts: trout/char daily quota = 1 (none under 30 cm), June 15-Oct 31 Bull trout catch and release Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW Class II water when open, including tributaries
ELK RIVER (downstream of Elko Dam)	CW 4-2	Trout/Char daily quota = 1 (no cutthroat under 30 cm, no bull trout under 75 cm) and bait ban, June 15-Oct 31 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW Class II water when open, including tributaries
ELK RIVER'S TRIBUTARIES (see exceptions)	CW 4-2 4-23	No Fishing Sept 1-Oct 31 Trout/char daily quota = 1 (none under 30 cm) and bait ban, June 15-Aug 31 Bull trout catch and release EXCEPTIONS - SEE SEPARATE LISTINGS FOR: Abruzzi Cr., Alexander Cr.*upstream of the easternmost Hwy 3 bridge, Bighorn (Ram) Cr., Cadorna Cr., Fording R. downstream of Josephine Falls, Forsyth Cr. from Connor Lk. downstream 3 km, Line Cr.*; Grave Creek*, Michel Cr.*; Morrissey Cr.*; Wigwam River ALL tributaries (EXCEPT Coal Creek downstream of old MF&M Railway Bridge 7 km upstream of Elk River) are Class II waters when open
ERIE LAKE	4-8	Bass daily quota = unlimited; yellow perch daily quota = unlimited
FINDLAY CREEK	* 4-26	Trout/char catch and release (mainstem only) from Doctor Creek Bridge to Lavington Creek Bridge, June 15-Oct 31; other parts (including tributaries, except Lavington Creek) trout/char daily quota = 2 (none under 30 cm and only 1 bull trout), June 15-Oct 31; bait ban, June 15-Oct 31 See Lavington Creek, a tributary
FISHER MAIDEN LAKE	4-26	♿ Youth/Disabled Accompanied Water year round (see page 4)
FLATHEAD RIVER	4-1	Bull trout catch and release Trout daily quota = 1 (none under 30 cm) and bait ban, June 15-Oct 31
FLATHEAD RIVER'S TRIBUTARIES	4-1	No Fishing Sept 1-Oct 31 Bull trout catch and release Trout daily quota = 1 (none under 30 cm) and bait ban, June 15-Aug 31
FORDING RIVER (downstream of Josephine Falls)	CW 4-23	Trout/char catch and release, June 15-Mar 31 and bait ban, June 15-Oct 31 Class II water when open, including tributaries - Elk River classified licence required for non-resident anglers
FORDING RIVER (upstream of Josephine Falls)	CW * 4-23	No Fishing
FORSYTH CREEK	CW 4-23	No Fishing from Connor Lake downstream 3 km For remainder, see Elk River's tributaries Class II water when/where open, including tributaries
FRENCH SLOUGH	4-7	Bass daily quota = unlimited; yellow perch daily quota = unlimited
GARBUTT LAKE	4-22	See Norbury Lake

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GOAT RIVER	* 4-6	Trout/char catch and release (mainstem only) Leadville Creek Cameron Creek Bait ban, June 15-Oct 31 (EXCEPT Kitchener Creek, see Kitchener Creek, a tributary)
GOLD CREEK	* 4-3	Trout/char catch and release; bait ban
GRAVE CREEK	* 4-23	No Fishing
GRIZZLY LAKE	4-25	No Fishing
HAHA LAKE	4-3	Bass daily quota = unlimited; yellow perch daily quota = unlimited
HALFWAY RIVER	4-31	No Fishing downstream of falls approximately 11 km from Arrow Lake
HALL LAKE	4-34	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
HELLROARING CREEK	cw 4-20	No Fishing downstream of Angus Creek Class II water when/where open, including tributaries - St. Mary River classified licence required for non-resident anglers
HIAWATHA LAKE	4-3	Yellow perch daily quota = unlimited
HILL CREEK	4-31	No Fishing
HORSESHOE LAKE	➔ 4-22	No powered boats
IDLEWILD LAKE (old Cranbrook Reservoir)	➔ 4-3	No Ice Fishing ♿ Youth/Disabled Accompanied Water year round (see page 4)
ILLECILLEWAE T RIVER	4-33	No Fishing downstream of Albert Canyon
IRISHMAN CREEK	4-5	No Fishing
JADE LAKE	➔ 4-34	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
JIM SMITH LAKE	➔ 4-20	Bass daily quota = unlimited; yellow perch daily quota = unlimited; no powered boats
JORDAN RIVER	* 4-39	No Fishing upstream of Kirkup Creek, Nov 1-June 14 Upstream of Kirkup Creek: both bait ban and trout/char catch and release, June 15-Oct 31 No Fishing from Kirkup Creek downstream, including Kirkup Creek
JOSEPH CREEK	4-3	This tributary of St. Mary River is not a Classified Water
KASLO RIVER	4-18	Bull trout daily quota = 2 (any size) Bait ban
KEEN CREEK	4-18	Bull trout daily quota = 2 (any size)
KIKOMUN CREEK PARK (all lakes in the park)	4-22	Bass daily quota = unlimited No powered boats
KINBASKET (McNaughton) LAKE	4-36	No Fishing within 200 m of Bush-Sullivan Road Bridge in Bush Arm
KINBASKET (McNaughton) LAKE'S TRIBUTARIES	4-36	Bull trout catch and release Does not include Columbia River upstream of Kinbasket Reservoir
KITCHENER (Meadow) CREEK	4-6	EXEMPT from Apr 1-June 14 closure
KOCH CREEK	4-16	A tributary of Slokan River. See Slokan River *
KOOCANUSA RESERVOIR	4-2 4-3 4-22	Bull trout catch and release Nov 1-Mar 31; no bull trout under 75 cm when open; bait ban Sept 15-June 30; burbot catch and release See page 75 - Fluctuating Reservoir Levels
KOOTENAY LAKE, ALL PARTS (Main Body, Upper West Arm and Lower West Arm)	4-19	Burbot catch and release Bass daily quota = unlimited; yellow perch daily quota = unlimited
KOOTENAY LAKE - MAIN BODY (for location see map on page 34)	4-19	A person in a boat may angle with an unlimited number of rods. Kokanee daily quota = 0 Bull trout daily quota = 1; rainbow trout daily quota = 10 (any size) Conservation Surcharge Stamp required to keep rainbow trout over 50 cm, annual quota = 20
KOOTENAY LAKE - UPPER WEST ARM (for location see map on page 34)	4-7	Rainbow trout catch and release, Jan 1-May 31; trout/char daily quota = 2 (only 1 bull trout) Kokanee catch and release, EXCEPT Apr 1-Apr 3 and July 1-July 2 only, when daily quota = 5; NOTE: The combined daily quota for kokanee from the Upper West Arm (when open to kokanee harvest) and the Lower West Arm (when open to kokanee harvest) cannot exceed 5
KOOTENAY LAKE - LOWER WEST ARM (for location see map on page 34)	4-7	Trout/char daily quota = 2 (only 1 bull trout); kokanee daily quota = 5, but only on Saturday and Sunday of each week. Kokanee catch and release Monday through Friday of each week. NOTE: the combined daily quota for kokanee from the Upper West Arm (when open to kokanee harvest) and the Lower West Arm (when open to kokanee harvest) cannot exceed 5
KOOTENAY LAKE'S TRIBUTARIES	4-7 4-19	Bull trout catch and release Does not include the Kootenay River upstream from Kootenay Lake to the U.S. border near Creston
KOOTENAY RIVER (downstream of Idaho border)	4-7 4-8	No Fishing from CPR Bridge near Creston downstream 2 km to navigation dolphin Downstream from the Idaho border to CPR Bridge near Creston and from Corra Linn Dam to the Columbia River: EXEMPT from Apr 1-June 14 closure AND from Nov 1-Mar 31 trout/char catch and release Burbot catch and release from Idaho border near Creston to Kootenay Lake, including tributaries to that part Walleye daily quota = 16 from the Brilliant Dam to the confluence with the Columbia River From the Brilliant Dam to the confluence with the Columbia River: northern pike and bass daily quota = unlimited
KOOTENAY RIVER (upstream of Koocanusa Reservoir)	cw 4-2 4-21 4-22 4-24 4-25 4-35	Bait ban all year Trout/char catch and release, Nov 1-Mar 31 Burbot catch and release upstream of the Montana border Upstream of Koocanusa Reservoir to White River: EXEMPT from Apr 1-June 14 closure; trout/char daily quota = 1 (no trout under 30 cm and no bull trout under 75 cm), Apr 1-Oct 31 Upstream of White River: trout/char daily quota = 1 (no trout under 30 cm and no bull trout under 75 cm), Jun 15-Oct 31 Upstream of White River, including tributaries: Class II water when open
KUSKANAX CREEK	4-31	No Fishing downstream of falls 1 km upstream of Gardiner Creek

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LAKE REVELSTOKE	4-38 4-39	No Fishing from Mica Dam to fishing boundary signs at the narrows immediately downstream of the mouth of Bigmouth Creek
LAKE REVELSTOKE'S TRIBUTARIES	4-38	Bull trout catch and release
LARCHWOOD LAKE	➔ 4-20	No Ice Fishing ; trout/char daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook
LARDEAU RIVER	* 4-29 4-30	No Fishing downstream of fishing boundary signs at Trout Lake outlet, to fishing boundary signs approximately 600m downstream near the confluence of Mobbs Creek Exempt from spring closure (Apr 1-Jun 14), exempt from trout/char release (Nov 1-Mar 31) Rainbow trout daily quota = 5 (any size), bull trout daily quota = 2 (any size)
LARIX LAKE	4-25	No Fishing
LAWINGTON CREEK	* 4-26	Brook trout daily quota = 20; cutthroat and bull trout catch and release; bait ban Jun 15-Oct 31
LAZY LAKE	➔ 4-21	Speed restriction (8 km/h)
LEADQUEEN LAKE	4-34	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
LEMON CREEK	4-17	No Fishing
LEWIS ("Cameron") SLOUGH	4-21	Bass daily quota = unlimited, yellow perch daily quota = unlimited; electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
LILLIAN LAKE	➔ 4-26	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
LINE CREEK	* 4-23	No Fishing
"LITTLE MITTEN" LAKE (approx. 400 m west of Mitten Lake)	➔ 4-34	No Ice Fishing Trout/char daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook
LITTLE SLOCAN LAKE'S TRIBUTARIES	4-16	EXEMPT from Slocan River's* closure and Slocan River's* trout/char catch and release: bait ban, June 15-Oct 31
LITTLE SLOCAN RIVER	4-16	A tributary of Slocan River. See Slocan River*
LODGEPOLE CREEK (downstream of falls near the km 26 post on Lodgepole Road)	CW 4-2	No Fishing Sept 1-Oct 31 Trout/char catch and release, June 15-Aug 31 Bait ban Class II water when open, including tributaries - Wigwam River classified licence required for non-resident anglers
LODGEPOLE CREEK (upstream of falls)	CW 4-2	No Fishing Sept 1-Oct 31 Trout/char daily quota = 1 (none under 30 cm) and bait ban, June 15-Aug 31 Class II water when open, including tributaries - Wigwam River classified licence required for non-resident anglers
LOMOND LAKE	4-8	Yellow perch daily quota = unlimited
LOON LAKE	➔ 4-2	No Ice Fishing ; trout/char daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook; electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
"LOST" LAKE	➔ 4-23	Yellow perch daily quota = unlimited Unnamed lake approximately 2 km east/southeast of Elkford
LOWER ARROW LAKE'S TRIBUTARIES	4-14	Bull trout catch and release
LOWER ELK LAKE	4-23	No Ice Fishing ; trout/char daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook; no powered boats
LOWER HALGRAVE LAKE	4-34	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
LUND LAKE	4-3	Bass daily quota = unlimited; yellow perch daily quota = unlimited
LUSSIER RIVER	4-21	Trout/char catch and release downstream of Premier Lake Bridge crossing, June 15- Oct 31 Trout/char daily quota = 2 (none under 30 cm) between Premier Lake Bridge crossing and Mutton Creek, June 15-Oct 31 Bait ban downstream of Mutton Creek, June 15-Mar 31
MACKENZIE CREEK	4-21	No Fishing
"MCCLAIN" LAKE	➔ 4-34	No Ice Fishing ; trout/char daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook Unnamed lake approximately 750 m south of Mitten Lake
MCNAUGHTON LAKE	4-36	See Kinbasket Lake
MICHEL CREEK (upstream of the easternmost Hwy 3 bridge)	CW * 4-23	Class II water when open, including tributaries Trout/char catch and release, June 15-Mar 31 and bait ban, June 15-Oct 31.
MICHEL CREEK (downstream of the easternmost Hwy 3 bridge)	CW 4-23	Class II water when open, including tributaries Trout/char daily quota = 1 (none under 30 cm) and bait ban, June 15-Oct 31.
MIDGE CREEK	* 4-7	No Fishing
MONROE LAKE	4-5	Yellow perch daily quota = unlimited
MOOSE ("Alces") LAKE	➔ 4-24	Trout/char daily quota = 2; electric motor only - max 7.5 kW No Fishing Sept 1-Oct 31
MORRISSEY CREEK	CW * 4-2	Trout/char catch and release and bait ban, June 15-Aug 31 Class II water when open, including all tributaries - Elk River classified licence required for non-resident anglers
MOSES CREEK	4-39	No Fishing
MOYIE LAKE	➔ 4-5	Burbot catch and release Feb 14-Feb 28; bull trout catch and release
MOYIE RIVER	* 4-5	Irishman Creek (Moyie River tributary) closed all year; no powered boats from bridge at south end of Moyie Lake to U.S. border Bull trout and cutthroat trout catch and release
MURPHY CREEK	4-9	No Fishing
NAGLE CREEK	4-39	No Fishing
NANCY GREENE (Sheep) LAKE	➔ 4-9	No powered boats
NEW LAKE	* 4-20	No Fishing - this lake has been closed to fishing due to illegal introduction of perch
NINE BAY LAKE	➔ 4-34	No Ice Fishing ; trout/char daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook
NORBURY (Little Bull) CREEK	4-22	♿ Youth/Disabled Accompanied Water year round (see page 4)
NORBURY (Garbutt) LAKE	4-22	No powered boats

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NORNS (Pass) CREEK	4-15	No Fishing downstream of falls approximately 2 km from Columbia River
NORTH STAR LAKE	➔ 4-22	Brook trout daily quota = 20
NORTH (Fork) WHITE RIVER	CW 4-24	Trout/char catch and release; bait ban; Class II water when open, including tributaries
PECKHAMS LAKE	➔ 4-22	No powered boats
PEND D'OREILLE RIVER (Includes the reservoirs behind Waneta Dam and Seven Mile Dam)	4-8	EXEMPT from single barbless hooks
		EXEMPT from the Apr 1-June 14 closure
PEND D'OREILLE RIVER'S TRIBUTARIES (except Salmo River*)	4-8	Bull trout catch and release, walleye daily quota = unlimited
		Northern pike daily quota = unlimited, yellow perch daily quota = unlimited, bass daily quota = unlimited
		INCLUDES tributaries of the reservoirs behind Waneta Dam and Seven Mile Dam
PERRY CREEK	CW * 4-20	Bull trout catch and release
		Bait ban, June 15-Oct 31
PHILLIPPS LAKE	4-23	Cutthroat trout and bull trout catch and release; brook trout daily quota = 20
PRATTLE CREEK	4-36	No Fishing
PREMIER LAKE	➔ 4-21	No Fishing south of fishing boundary signs on the lake shore, May 15-June 20
		Rainbow trout daily quota = 2, brook trout daily quota = 20
PREMIER LAKE'S TRIBUTARIES	4-21	No towing, speed restriction (15 km/h), south half only
QUINN CREEK	CW * 4-22	No Fishing
		Trout/char catch and release; bait ban, June 15-Oct 31
REVELSTOKE LAKE	4-38	Class II water when open, including all tributaries - Bull River classified licence required for non-resident anglers
REVELSTOKE LAKE'S TRIBUTARIES	4-38	See Lake Revelstoke
ROCK ISLAND LAKE	4-25	See Lake Revelstoke's tributaries
ROSEBUD LAKE	➔ 4-8	No Fishing
RYKERTS ("Vic Mawson") LAKE	4-6	Trout/char daily quota = 2; no powered boats
		Much of this lake is private property, angling access requires permission of the Creston Valley Rod & Gun Club (see signs at lake)
ST. LEON CREEK	4-31	Bass daily quota = unlimited
ST. MARY LAKE	4-20	No Fishing downstream of barrier approximately 1 km upstream of the Hwy 23 bridge
ST. MARY RIVER	CW 4-20	Burbot and cutthroat trout catch and release
		Trout/char catch and release
		Trout/char daily quota = 1 (none under 30 cm) on all tributaries, June 15-Oct 31, see tables for exceptions
SALMO RIVER	4-8	Bait ban*
		Class II water when open, including tributaries (except Joseph Creek)
SALMO RIVER'S TRIBUTARIES	4-8	Sheep Creek to South Salmo River: catch and release rainbow and bull trout
		Remainder of mainstem: rainbow trout daily quota = 1 (none under 30 cm), June 15-Oct 31, and bull trout catch and release year-round
SAM'S FOLLY LAKE	➔ 4-34	Bait ban
SAND CREEK (downstream of Hwy 3)	4-22	Regional quotas apply, EXCEPT bull trout catch and release; bait ban
SANDOWN CREEK	4-20	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
SAUGUM LAKE	4-21	Trout/char catch and release; bait ban, June 15-Oct 31
SEVEN MILE RESERVOIR'S TRIBUTARIES	4-8	No Fishing
SCHROEDER CREEK	4-18	Bass daily quota = unlimited
SEVEN MILE RESERVOIR	4-8	See Pend d'Oreille River
SILVERTON CREEK	4-17	See Pend d'Oreille River
SKOOKUMCHUCK CREEK	CW * 4-20	No Fishing from a point on the creek closest to km 38 on the Skookumchuck Forest Service Road to Buhl Creek, Sept 1-Oct 31 (mainstem only)
		Trout/char catch and release; bait ban
		Class II water when/where open, including tributaries
SLEWISKIN (Macdonald) CREEK	* 4-15	No Fishing
SLOCAN LAKE	4-17	No bull trout under 60 cm
SLOCAN LAKE'S TRIBUTARIES	4-17	Bull trout catch and release
SLOCAN RIVER	* 4-17	No Fishing July 15-Aug 31 from 12 pm to midnight (EXCEPT Koch Creek* upstream of falls located approximately 700 m downstream of the Little Slocan Forest Service Road Koch Creek bridge crossing and Little Slocan Lake's tributaries; see Lemon Creek)
		Bait ban (where open), June 15-Oct 31
		Trout/char catch and release (EXCEPT Koch Creek* upstream of falls and Little Slocan Lake's tributaries)
SNOW CREEK	4-15	No Fishing downstream of Hail Creek
SNOWSHOE LAKE	4-32	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
SOWERBY ("Grundy") LAKE	➔ 4-21	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
SPILLIMACHEEN RIVER	4-34	No Ice Fishing ; rainbow trout daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm); bait ban; single barbless hook
"SPRING" LAKE	4-22	Burbot catch and release
STEAMBOAT LAKE	➔ 4-34	Bass daily quota = unlimited
		Unnamed lake approximately 1.5 km west/northwest of the west end of Tie Lake
		Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW

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SULLIVAN RIVER	* 4-40	No Fishing Sept 1-Oct 31
SUMMER LAKE	4-22	No Ice Fishing ; trout/char daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
SUMMIT CREEK	* 4-7	No Fishing , June 15-July 15; bull trout catch and release
SUMMIT LAKE	➔ 4-17	Trout/char daily quota = 2
SUZANNE LAKE	➔ 4-22	Bass daily quota = unlimited
TIE LAKE	4-22	Bass daily quota = unlimited; yellow perch daily quota = unlimited
TONKAWATLA (Tum Tum) CREEK	4-32	No Fishing
TOPAZ LAKE	➔ 4-34	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
TROUT LAKE	4-30	No Fishing northwest of a line between fishing boundary signs on opposite shores approximately 1.5 km southeast the city of Trout Lake, Feb 1-May 31
TROUT LAKE'S TRIBUTARIES	4-30	Bull trout catch and release
TWIN LAKES	➔ 4-34	Brook trout daily quota = 20; electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
UPPER ARROW LAKE (drawdown area)	4-31 4-32	"The drawdown area", that water known as either Upper Arrow Lake or Columbia River (depending on the reservoir's level), located between Hwy 1 bridge in Revelstoke and the power line crossing at Akolkolex Narrows (approximately 1.5 km downstream of the Akolkolex River confluence): trout/char daily quota = 2 (no bull trout under 60 cm and only 1 bull trout over 60 cm); single barbless hook
		EXEMPT from the regional kokanee "none from streams" daily quota (the combined daily quota for kokanee in Lower Arrow Lake, Upper Arrow Lake and the drawdown area is the regional daily quota on page 34)
		EXEMPT from the regional Nov 1-Mar 31 trout/char catch and release from streams
		EXEMPT from the regional Apr 1-June 14 stream closure
UPPER ARROW LAKE'S TRIBUTARIES	4-31	Bull trout catch and release
UPPER ELK LAKE	4-23	No Ice Fishing ; trout/char daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook; no powered boats
UPPER HALGRAVE LAKE	➔ 4-34	Trout/char daily quota = 2; electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
VALENCIENNES RIVER	4-36	No Fishing
WANETA RESERVOIR	4-8	See Pend d'Oreille River
WANETA RESERVOIR'S TRIBUTARIES	4-8	See Pend d'Oreille River's tributaries
WASA LAKE	4-21	Bass daily quota = unlimited, yellow perch daily quota = unlimited
WHATSHAN LAKE	4-32	No bull trout under 60 cm
WHATSHAN RIVER	* 4-32	No Fishing upstream of Whatshan Lake
WHITE RIVER (see also east White & North White Rivers)	CW * 4-24	Upstream of and including North White River; trout/char catch and release
		Bull trout catch and release on all parts, Sept 1-Oct 31
		Trout/char daily quota = 1 (none under 30 cm) downstream of North White River, June 15-Oct 31
		Bait ban on all parts, June 15-Oct 31
		Class II water when open, including tributaries
WHITESWAN LAKE	4-24	Single hook; no towing
WHITESWAN LAKE'S INLET & OUTLET STREAMS	4-24	No Fishing EXCEPT the outlet stream downstream of the falls 2.4 km downstream of Whiteswan Lake, No Fishing Aug 1-Mar 31, rainbow trout daily quota = 5 (catch and release all other species) when open
		No Ice Fishing ; rainbow trout daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm); brook trout daily quota = 20
WHITETAIL LAKE	➔ 4-26	Bait ban, single barbless hook
		No towing
WHITETAIL LAKE'S INLET & OUTLET STREAMS	4-26	No Fishing
WIGWAM RIVER (downstream of the access road adjacent to km 42 on the Bighorn (Ram) Forest Service Road)	CW 4-2	Trout/char catch and release
		Bait ban
		Class II water when open, including tributaries
WIGWAM RIVER (upstream of the Forest Service recreation site adjacent to km 42 on the Bighorn (Ram) Forest Service Road)*	CW 4-2	No Fishing Sept 1-Oct 31
		Trout/char catch and release; bait ban
		Class II water when open, including tributaries
WILBUR LAKE	➔ 4-34	No Ice Fishing ; trout/char daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook
WILKIE CREEK	4-30	No Fishing
WILLIAMSON LAKE	➔ 4-33	Yellow perch daily quota = unlimited
WILSON CREEK	4-17	No Fishing downstream of Burkitt Creek
WINDERMERE CREEK	4-25	Burbot catch and release
WINDERMERE LAKE	4-25	Burbot catch and release; bass daily quota = unlimited
WINLAW CREEK	4-17	No Fishing
WOOD RIVER	4-40	No Fishing within Hamber Provincial Park, Sept 1-Nov 30
WOODBURY CREEK	4-18	No Fishing downstream of falls at small hydro structure approximately 800 m upstream of Hwy 31 bridge

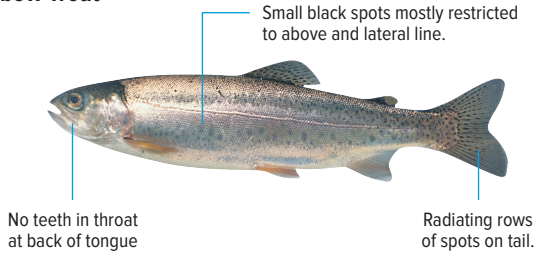
NOTE: If a lake or stream is NOT listed here, then only the Provincial Regulations (pages 8-10) and the Regional Regulations (page 34) apply. Regulations that have changed from the previous published version of the synopsis are **no longer** highlighted in colour. Check for any in-season changes at: www.gov.bc.ca/FishingRegulations.

Tips for Planning a Fishing Trip

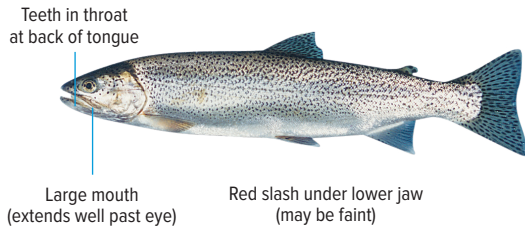


- Anglers aged 16 years and older must possess a valid basic recreational fishing licence, and the appropriate supplementary licences and stamps.
- Read and understand the **Freshwater Fishing Regulations** before you go. You can download and print those for specific regions from the synopsis, or obtain a hard copy from a fishing licence vendor.
- Visit **fishingbc.com** for information on top destinations, trip ideas, and finding a fishing resort or guide.
- The Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC's website, **gofishbc.com**, is a great source of information – from expert fishing tips to lake stocking reports – for beginning to avid anglers. While visiting your local tackle shop to pick up that hot fly or lure, you can also get advice on what lake or stream is fishing well.
- In emergency situations, dial 911 (a free call from any telephone) to contact the local police, ambulance service, fire department, and other emergency providers.
- Many fishing destinations in British Columbia are in remote locations with poor or non-existent cellular connections. Before heading out, make sure you have a trip plan, and that someone knows where you have gone and when you expect to return.
- Ensure you're up-to-date on boating safety and regulations. Bring a lifejacket or PFD – and use it. During periods of increased flood risk, the **River Forecast Centre** provides flood-risk warnings and advisories.
- The **BC Wildfire Service** provides current information on campfire bans and restrictions, as well as information on active wildfires in the province.
- For information on provincial campgrounds, campsites, and trails, visit the **BC Parks** or **Recreation Sites and Trails BC** websites.

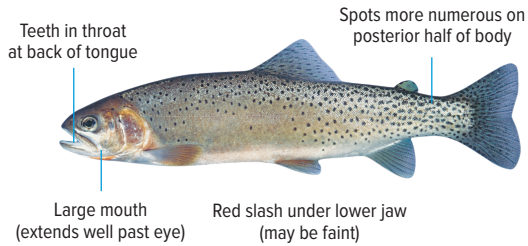
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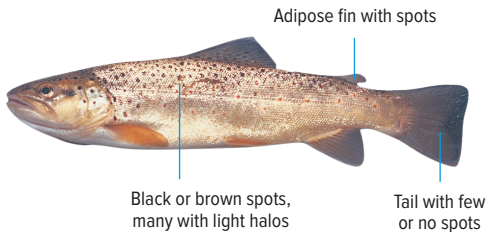
Coastal Cutthroat Trout



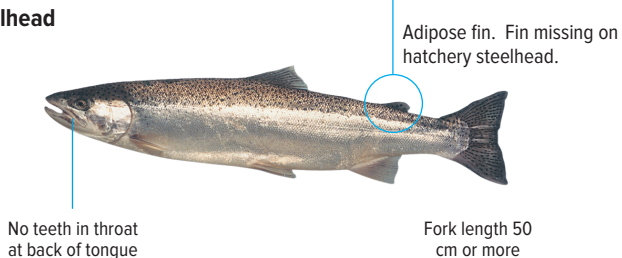
Westslope Cutthroat Trout



Brown Trout

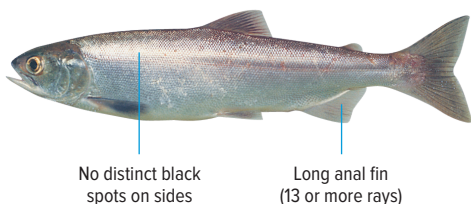


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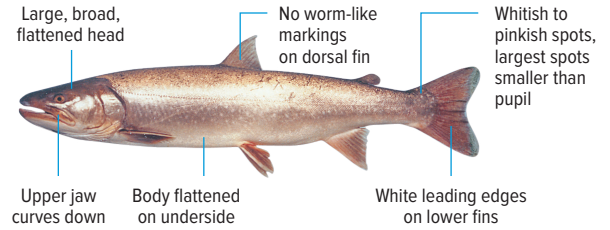


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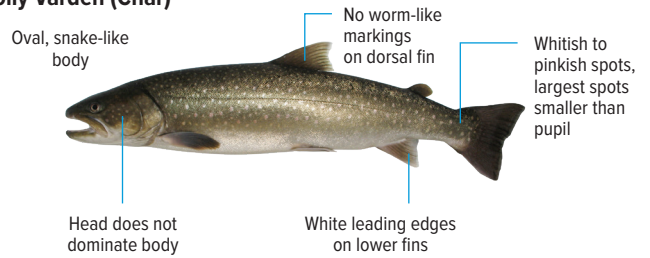
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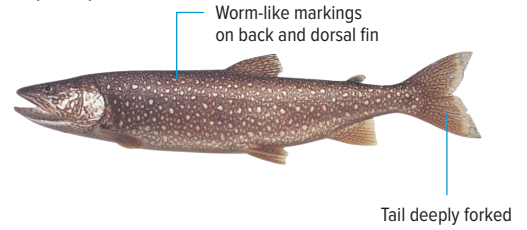
Bull Trout (Char)



Dolly Varden (Char)

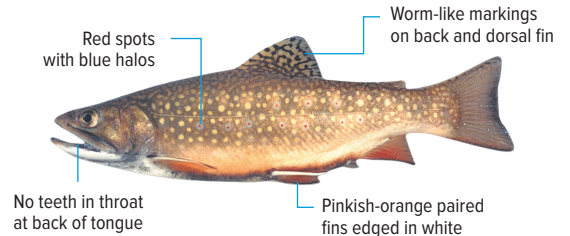


Lake Trout (Char)

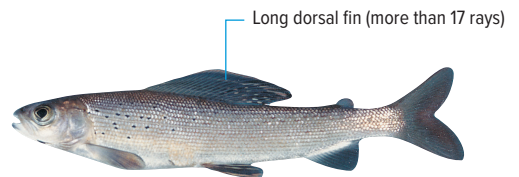


Brook Trout (Char)

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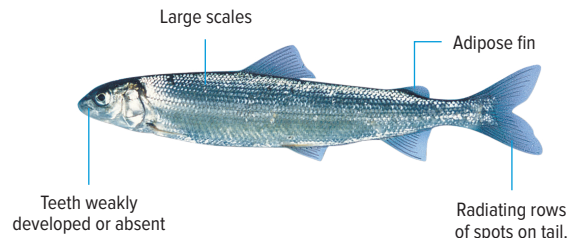


Arctic Grayling



Whitefish

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Chinook Salmon

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Black mouth, black gums

Round spots on both lobes of tail

Coho Salmon

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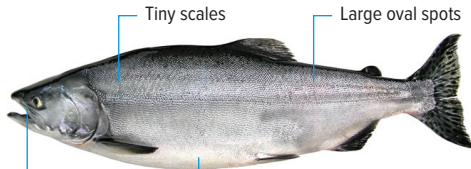


White mouth (possible black edge), white gums, black tongue

A few round spots on upper lobe only

Pink Salmon

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Tiny scales

Large oval spots

White mouth, black gums

Dirty white belly in fresh water

Chum Salmon

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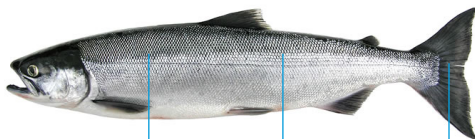


Purple streaks or bars in fresh water

No spots

Sockeye Salmon

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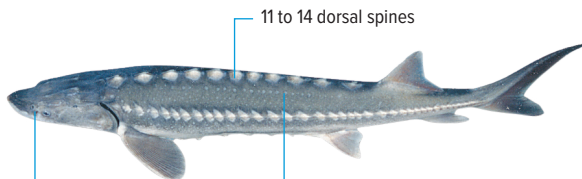
Large scales

Small black speckles

No spots

White Sturgeon

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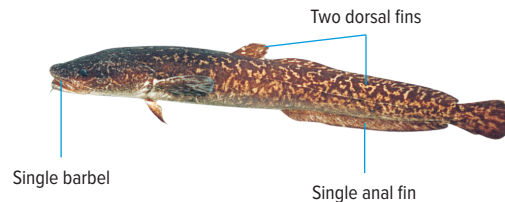


11 to 14 dorsal spines

Barbels

Sides usually with small white spots

Burbot



Two dorsal fins

Single barbel

Single anal fin

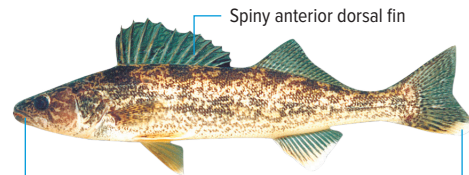
Northern Pike (invasive except in B.C.'s northern drainages)



Dorsal fin set far back

Long flattened snout

Walleye (invasive except in B.C.'s northern drainages)

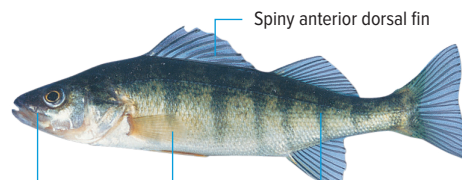


Spiny anterior dorsal fin

Sharp, fang-like teeth

White corner on lower half of tail

Yellow Perch (invasive except in the lower Peace watershed)



Spiny anterior dorsal fin

No fang-like teeth

Paired fins amber to bright orange

Six to nine dark vertical bars

Black Crappie (invasive province wide)



Mouth extends to front edge of pupil

Smallmouth Bass (invasive province wide)



Jaw extends to about middle of eye

Radiating rows of spots on tail.

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Regional Regulations

General Regulations

Spring closure: No fishing in any stream in **Fraser River Watershed** of Region 5 (including the **Thompson River Watershed**) from Apr 1-June 30, EXCEPT the mainstem of the **Fraser River** and other streams listed in the tables. See definition of “streams” on page 80.

Single barbless hook: must be used in all streams of Region 5, all year.

Size limit: There is no minimum size in lakes (see tables for exceptions).

Region 5 Daily Quotas

(See tables for exceptions)

Trout/char: 5, but not more than

- 1 over 50 cm
- 2 from streams
- 1 Dolly Varden/bull trout
- 2 lake trout

And you must release:

- ALL STEELHEAD
- Lake trout, Oct 1-Nov 30
- Bull trout (Dolly Varden) from streams, Aug 1-Oct 31

Bass: 0 quota, CLOSED TO ALL FISHING

Burbot: 5

Kokanee: 5 (none from streams)

Whitefish: 15 (all species combined)

White Sturgeon: CLOSED TO ALL FISHING in the Fraser River Watershed upstream of Williams Lake River.

CATCH AND RELEASE in the Fraser River Watershed downstream of and including Williams Lake River.

CLOSED TO ALL FISHING in the Fraser River downstream of and including Williams Lake River Sept 15-July 15.

Possession Quotas

Possession quotas = 2 daily quotas (see tables for exceptions)

Daily & Annual Quotas for Salmon

Please refer to the NOTICE on page 77 for Salmon Regulations.

Steelhead fishing

Your basic licence must be validated with a **Steelhead Conservation Surcharge Stamp** if you fish for steelhead anywhere in B.C. In addition, a Steelhead Stamp is mandatory when fishing most **Classified Waters** regardless of the species being angled for. Please see page 7 for details.

Steelhead Management Changes

In response to declining abundance of Fraser Basin steelhead, steelhead fisheries within the Chilcotin River Watershed may be closed.

Dean River Classified Waters

All anglers are required to buy a Classified Waters Licence to fish the classified portions of the Dean River (see Table for specific areas and dates). There are no limits on the number of days which a Canadian resident may fish the classified sections of the Dean River.

A Non-Resident Alien (see definition, page 80) is allowed only one Classified Waters Licence for the Dean River, and may only fish one classified section of the Dean River (see map page 44) for a maximum of 8 consecutive days per year regardless of whether guided or unguided. A non-guided Non-Resident Alien wishing to fish the Class I - Main Section of the Dean River, from Crag Creek to signs 500 m upstream the canyon, **must enter an annual limited entry draw held each spring.** For an application, please visit our website at www.gov.bc.ca/fish-licence.

⚠️ INVASIVE SPECIES ALERT

Atlantic Salmon

Please refer to the salmon section, page 78



NOTICE TO ANGLERS

The following waters ARE CLOSED TO ALL FISHING:

Chilcotin River downstream of Chilko River from October 1 through June 10.

Sport fishing openings will be announced in-season, if scientific information suggests that abundance is adequate to support a fishery. This management approach is in response to depressed steelhead abundance. The short term strategy is to meet conservation objectives by minimizing the incidental mortalities associated with sports and commercial fisheries.

It is illegal to fish for bass in the Cariboo Region. This measure is part of B.C.'s management approach to illegal fish introductions. For details, see page 74.

ICE FISHING HUTS: WARNING

Failure to remove ice fishing huts from lakes before spring breakup is an offence under the Environmental Management Act.

WARNING Due to aeration projects, **DANGEROUS THIN ICE and OPEN WATER** may exist on Dewar, Higgins, Irish, Simon and Skulow Lakes.

CANIM LAKE NO FISHING ZONE



Water-Specific Regulations

WATER BODY MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
ABBOTT LAKE	➔ 5-2	No Ice Fishing ; trout/char daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook; electric motor only (max 7.5 kW)
ABUNTLET LAKE	5-12	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
"AGNUS" LAKE	5-6	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook; unnamed lake approximately 1 km north of Miner Lake
ALEXIS LAKE	5-13	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
ATNARKO/BELLA COOLA RIVERS *EXCEPT: Burnt Bridge Creek upstream of Sitkatapa Creek, Hunlen Creek upstream of Hunlen Falls, and Young Creek upstream of Hwy 20 (see separate entries for these three waters)	CW	No Fishing upstream of Tweedsmuir Provincial Park plus Tenas Lake, Apr 1-June 30
		No Fishing from Tenas Lake to fishing boundary signs near Atnarko Park campsite
		Trout/char daily quota = 1 (none under 25 cm and all cutthroat trout catch and release) EXCEPT: on Bella Coola R. MAINSTEM ONLY, trout/char daily quota = 2, of which only one may be a trout (cutthroat or rainbow) and none may be under 25 cm, no cutthroat may be over 33 cm, and no rainbow may be over 50 cm, Apr 1-May 31 ONLY, EXCEPT: char catch and release (on TRIBUTARIES ONLY), Sept 1-May 31
		Bait ban downstream of eastern boundary of Tweedsmuir Provincial Park, Sept 1- May 15
		5-6 No angling from powered boats on mainstems of Atnarko River and Bella Coola River
		5-8 No powered boats on Atnarko River, from Goat Creek to the confluence with Talchako River
5-11	No Fishing for steelhead	
		Class II water downstream of Young Creek, Mar 1-May 31. NOTE: Classified Waters Licence or Steelhead Stamp not required until reopened to steelhead fishing
AVALANCHE LAKE	5-6	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
BABY CHARLOTTE LAKE	5-6	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
BAKER CREEK	5-13	No Fishing upstream of Pinnacles Provincial Park, Apr 1-June 30 and downstream of Park, May 1-May 31 ♿ Youth/Disabled Accompanied Water year round (see page 4) downstream of Pinnacles Provincial Park
BALLON LAKE	➔ 5-2	No Ice Fishing ; trout catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook
BANANA LAKE	5-6	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
BASALT LAKE	6-1	No Ice Fishing ; trout catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook
BEAVER CREEK chain of lakes	* 5-2	No Fishing for bass Includes: Beaver, Chambers, Joan, McCauley, Opheim, and Roberts lakes, Lake George, and the unnamed lake known locally as "Rye" lake
BEAVER LAKE	5-2	No Fishing for bass
BELLA COOLA RIVER	* 5-8	See Atnarko/Bella Coola Rivers*
BIG LAKE (approx. 10 km west of 100 Mile House)	➔ 5-2	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
BIG LAKE (approx. 30 km west of Likely)	5-2	Lake trout daily quota = 1, none over 50 cm; lake trout catch and release Oct 1-Nov 30
BISHOP ("Brown") LAKE	5-13	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
"BLACKWATER" RIVER	5-13	See West Road River
BLUE LAKE (near Alexandria)	➔ 5-2	No Ice Fishing ; Trout daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm); single barbless hook
BLUE LAKE (Soda Creek area)	➔ 5-2	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
BLUE LEAD CREEK	5-15	No Fishing downstream of falls situated approximately 2 km from Quesnel Lake, Aug 15-Oct 31
"BLUFF" LAKE	5-2	No powered boats; unnamed lake approximately 2 km east/northeast of Spout Lake
BOAR LAKE (Dog Creek drainage)	➔ 5-2	No Ice Fishing ; Trout daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook
BOOTJACK LAKE	5-2	Trout daily quota = 8
BOWRON LAKE	5-16	Trout/char daily and possession quotas = 2
BOWRON LAKE Park waters other than Bowron Lake	5-16	Trout/char daily and possession quotas = 1 (none under 30 cm or over 50 cm) Bait ban, single barbless hook; no powered boats
BRIDGE LAKE	➔ 5-2	Lake trout daily quota = 1
"BROWN" LAKE	5-13	See Bishop Lake
BUNTING LAKE	5-2	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp) Bait ban; No Fishing for steelhead
BURNT BRIDGE CREEK (upstream of Sitkatapa Creek)	CW * 5-11	Class II water Mar 1-May 31. NOTE: Classified Waters Licence or Steelhead Stamp not required until reopened to steelhead fishing Downstream of Sitkatapa Creek: see Atnarko/Bella Coola Rivers*
CAMERON CREEK	5-15	No Fishing Oct 1-June 30 Trout/char catch and release; bait ban; artificial fly only
CANIM LAKE (see map on page 42)	5-1	No Fishing within the waters of the small bay at the mouth of Eagle Creek northerly of a line drawn between two boundary signs located on opposite shores of the bay, Sept 1-Sept 30
CANIM RIVER (also in M.U. 3-46)	5-15	Trout/char catch and release; bait ban
CARIBOO RIVER	5-15	Bull trout catch and release
CHAMBERS LAKE	5-2	No Fishing for bass No Fishing upstream of Chilko River, Apr 1-June 30 No Fishing downstream of Chilko River, Oct 1-June 10
CHILCOTIN RIVER	CW	5-12 No trout/char under 30 cm downstream of Chilko River
		5-13 No hooks greater than 15 mm from point to shank, Oct 1-May 31; bait ban
		5-14 No angling from powered boats
		Downstream of Chilko River*: Class II water Oct 1-May 31 and Steelhead Stamp mandatory Oct 1-May 31 (if opened for fall or spring fishing; see Notice on page 42)
CHILKO LAKE	5-4	Trout/char daily quota = 2 (no rainbow trout over 70 cm; only 1 bull trout and it may not be under 60 cm)
		Bait ban, single barbless hook
		No powered boats on Big Lagoon (west side of lake)

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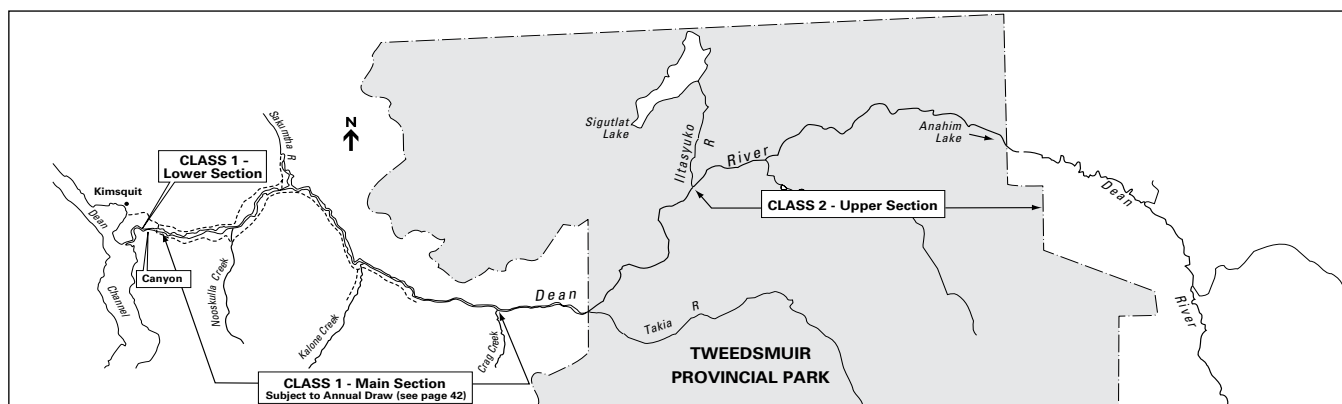
* Includes tributaries ➔ Stocked Lake, see page 4 CW Classified Waters Licence required to fish Class I or Class II waters, see page 7

♿ Youth/Disabled Accompanied Water

Water-Specific Regulations

WATER BODY MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS	
CHILKO LAKE'S tributary streams	5-4	No Fishing Aug 1-June 30 Dolly Varden (bull trout) catch and release	
CHILKO RIVER	CW	5-5	No Fishing Nov 1-June 10 Trout/char catch and release; bait ban Fly fishing only upstream of Brittany Creek No angling from powered boats upstream of bridge at Henry's Crossing, Sept 11-Sept 30; speed restriction (5 km/h) on part Class II water upstream of Brittany Creek*, June 11-Oct 31 (Steelhead Stamp not required)
		5-2	Open all year downstream of Brunson Lake
		6-1	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
CHRISTOPHER LAKE (Canim Lake area)	5-15	Trout daily quota = 2	
CHUCKWALLA RIVER	CW	5-7	No Fishing entire river, June 1-Aug 31; No Fishing between fishing boundary signs at Ten Mile Pool Class II water* Apr 1-May 31 and Steelhead Stamp mandatory Apr 1-May 31
COHEN LAKE		5-6	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
COOK LAKE (Solomon Lake area)	➔	5-2	No Ice Fishing ; trout/char catch and release; artificial fly only, bait ban
CRAG CREEK		5-9	No Fishing
CRAZY BEAR (Ginny) LAKE		5-6	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
"CRUISE" LAKE		5-6	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook Unnamed lake approximately 500 m south of Stewart Lake
CUTTHROAT LAKE		5-11	Trout/char daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
DAVIDSON LAKE		5-6	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
DEAN RIVER	CW	5-9	No Fishing upstream of Iltasyuko River*, including upstream of Anahim Lake*, Apr 1-June 14 No Fishing from Iltasyuko River to Crag Creek* No Fishing from Crag Creek to fishing boundary signs approximately 500 m upstream of canyon*, Oct 1-May 31 No Fishing from fishing boundary signs approximately 500 m upstream of canyon to signs 100 m downstream of canyon No Fishing from fishing boundary signs approximately 100 m downstream of canyon to tidal boundary, Oct 1 - May 31 Trout/char daily quota = 1 (none under 35 cm) Bait ban all parts* Fly fishing only from (a) Anahim Lake to Iltasyuko River, June 15- Mar 31, and (b) Crag Creek to fishing boundary signs approximately 500 m upstream of canyon, July 15-Sept 30 No powered boats between signs 0.5 km and 3.5 km upstream of canyon, Aug 1-Aug 31 From Crag Creek to signs 500 m upstream of the canyon*: Class I water June 1-Sept 30 and Steelhead Stamp mandatory June 1-Sept 30; see map below (Non-residents see notice on page 42) From signs 100 m downstream of canyon to tidal boundary*: Class I water June 1-Sept 30 and Steelhead Stamp mandatory June 1-Sept 30; see map below From Anahim Lake to Iltasyuko River*: Class II water June 16-Oct 31 (see map below); Steelhead Stamp not required NOTE: "canyon" means lower canyon 3-5 km from river's mouth
		5-15	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
		5-2	No Ice Fishing Trout catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!
		5-2	No Ice Fishing ; trout/char daily quota = 1; bait ban, single barbless hook Unnamed lake approximately 6 km south/southwest of the confluence of Dog and Pigeon Creeks
		5-1	No Ice Fishing Trout daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook, no powered boats
		5-2	No Ice Fishing ; Trout daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm); single barbless hook
		5-2	No Fishing southeast of a line between fishing boundary signs on opposite shores of the bay at the mouth of Hallis Creek, Apr 1-May 31 Trout daily quota = 1
		5-15	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
		5-2	No Ice Fishing Trout catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!
		5-2	No Ice Fishing ; trout/char daily quota = 1; bait ban, single barbless hook Unnamed lake approximately 6 km south/southwest of the confluence of Dog and Pigeon Creeks

LOWER PORTIONS OF THE DEAN RIVER



Water-Specific Regulations

WATER BODY MGMT UNIT	EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
EARLE LAKE ➔ 5-1	No Ice Fishing ; trout daily quota = 1; bait ban, single barbless hook
EAST KING LAKE 5-1	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban; single barbless hook; engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
EDMUND LAKE 5-2	Trout daily quota = 2
ELK LAKE ➔ 5-2	No Ice Fishing ; trout daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm); single barbless hook; electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
FAULKNER LAKE ➔ 5-1	No Ice Fishing Trout daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook
FAWN LAKE ➔ 5-1	Trout daily quota = 2 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
FISH LAKE (Taseko Lake area) 5-4	Trout daily quota = 8
FISH LAKE (unnamed lake approx. 2 km northwest of McClinchy Lake) 5-6	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
FLY LAKE 5-2	No powered boats
FOREST LAKE ➔ 5-2	No Ice Fishing Trout daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm); artificial fly only; bait ban; engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
FRASER RIVER 5-2	No Fishing for trout in the Fraser River mainstem downstream of the confluence with the Chilcotin River from Oct 1-Oct 31 Mainstem open all year; bait ban Sept 15-July 15 No Fishing for sturgeon Sept 15-July 15 No Fishing for sturgeon in the Fraser River Watershed upstream of Williams Lake River (sturgeon catch and release) No Fishing for steelhead from the confluence with the Chilcotin River downstream to the Region 5 boundary Jan 1-Dec 31
FRENCH LAKE ➔ 5-1	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
FROG LAKE 5-6	No Ice Fishing ; trout daily quota = 1; bait ban, single barbless hook
GATCHO LAKE 6-1	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
"GEESE" LAKE (2 km northeast of Eliguk Lake) 5-12	No Ice Fishing ; trout catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook
GOTCHEN LAKE 5-15	Trout/char daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
"GRASSY" LAKE (unnamed lake approx. 1 km southwest of West King Lake) 5-1	Trout daily quota = 2 No powered boats
GREEN LAKE ➔ 5-1	No Fishing northeast of line between boundary signs on opposite shores of the bay at the mouth of Watch Creek, Mar 1-May 31
GREENLEE LAKE ➔ 5-1	No Ice Fishing ; trout daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm); single barbless hook; electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
GREENY LAKE ➔ 5-2	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
"GRIZZLY" LAKE (unnamed lake approx. 4.5 km upstream of Maeford Lake) 5-15	No Ice Fishing Trout/char catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook
HATHAWAY LAKE ➔ 5-1	Lake trout catch and release
HAWKINS LAKE 5-1	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
HIDDEN LAKE 5-6	No Ice Fishing ; trout daily quota = 1; bait ban, single barbless hook
HIGGINS LAKE 5-1	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW; WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!
"HIGH" LAKE (unnamed lake approx. 4 km north of Bridge Lake) 5-1	Trout daily quota = 2 Bait ban, single barbless hook
HOMATHKO RIVER * 5-5	No Fishing Apr 1-June 30 No Fishing Nov 1-May 31
HORSEFLY RIVER (from Quesnel Lake to Horsefly River Falls) CW 5-2	Trout/char catch and release; artificial fly only, bait ban No angling from powered boats from Woodjam Bridge to Quesnel Lake Class II water * June 1-Oct 31; Steelhead Stamp not required
HOWARD LAKE ➔ 5-1	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
HUNLEN CREEK (upstream of Hunlen Falls) * 5-11	No Fishing Apr 1-June 30 Bait ban Downstream of Hunlen Falls: see Atnarko/Bella Coola Rivers *
HUSH LAKE ➔ 5-15	No powered boats
ILTASYUKO RIVER 5-10	No Fishing Apr 1-June 15 Bait ban
IRISH LAKE ➔ 5-1	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW; WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!
JACK OF CLUBS LAKE 5-2	WARNING: lake trout over 45 cm may contain elevated mercury levels. Limit your consumption.
JACKSON LAKE ➔ 5-2	Artificial fly only, bait ban; electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
JACOBIE LAKE 5-2	Trout daily quota = 8
JOAN LAKE 5-2	No Fishing for bass
JUNKER LAKE 5-11	Trout/char daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
KATHERINE LAKE 5-15	Trout/char daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
KENO LAKE 5-2	Trout daily quota = 8
"KESTREL" LAKE ➔ 5-2	No Ice Fishing ; trout daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook Unnamed lake approximately 11 km northeast of McLeese Lake and 2 km south of Beaver Lake Road
KIDNEY LAKE 5-11	Trout/char daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
KILBELLA RIVER CW 5-7	No Fishing June 1-Aug 31 Class II water *, Apr 1-May 31; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Apr 1-May 31
KLINAKLINI RIVER * 5-6	No Fishing Apr 1-June 30

Water-Specific Regulations

WATER BODY MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
LAKE GEORGE	5-2	No Fishing for bass
LEMON LAKE (in Gibbons Creek drainage)	5-2	No Ice Fishing ; trout daily quota = 1 Bait ban, single barbless hook
LITTLE ALEXIS LAKE	5-13	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
"LITTLE BISHOP" LAKE (approx. 1.7 km northeast of Bishop Lake)	5-13	Trout daily quota = 2 Bait ban, single barbless hook
LITTLE CHARLOTTE LAKE	5-6	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
LITTLE HORSEFLY RIVER	5-2	Trout/char catch and release; bait ban
"LITTLE JONES" LAKE	➔ 5-2	No Ice Fishing ; trout catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook Unnamed lake approximately 13 km east/southeast of 150 Mile House on the north side of Jones Creek
MAUD LAKE	5-2	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
MAYDOE LAKE	5-6	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
MCCAULEY LAKE	5-2	No Fishing for bass
MCCLINCHY LAKE	5-6	Trout/char daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
MCKINLEY CREEK	5-2	Trout/char catch and release downstream of McKinley Lake; bait ban
MCNEIL LAKE	5-15	Trout/char daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
MERIDIAN LAKE	5-1	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
MIDDLE LAKE	5-5	Trout/char daily quota = 2
MITCHELL LAKE	5-15	No Fishing within 100 m radius of the weir at the lake's outlet No Fishing within 100 m radius of the weir at the outlet of Michell Lake
MITCHELL RIVER	* 5-15	No Fishing from Michell Lake to Cameron Creek No Fishing downstream of Cameron Creek (including Cameron Cr.), Oct 1-June 30 Trout/char catch and release, bait ban, artificial fly only downstream of Cameron Creek (including Cameron Creek)
MOFFAT CREEK	5-2	Trout/char catch and release and bait ban downstream of falls 8 km from Horsefly River
MOREHEAD LAKE	5-2	Trout daily quota = 8
NAGLICO LAKE	6-1	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
NEKITE RIVER	cw * 5-7	Class II water Apr 1-May 31; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Apr 1-May 31
NIMPO LAKE	5-12	Trout daily quota = 8
NOLAN LAKE	➔ 5-1	No Ice Fishing Trout daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm); single barbless hook, bait ban
ONE LAKE	5-13	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
108 MILE LAKE	➔ 5-2	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
OPHEIM LAKE	5-2	No Fishing for bass
OWEN LAKE	➔ 5-14	Do NOT approach or disturb White Pelicans, an endangered species protected by law. See note on page 41 in this section.
PADDY LAKE	➔ 5-1	Trout daily quota = 2
PATENAUE LAKE	5-2	No Ice Fishing ; trout/char catch and release; bait ban; single barbless hook
PEACH LAKE	5-2	Engine power restriction – 7.5 kW (10 hp)
PETTRY LAKE	6-1	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
"PIGEON LAKE #1"	➔ 5-2	Trout daily quota = 2 Unnamed lake adjacent to Dog Creek Road, approximately 9 km west of Gustafsen Lake and 19 km north of Meadow Lake Road
POLLEY LAKE	5-2	Trout daily quota = 8
PREACHER LAKE (east of Bowers Lake)	5-1	Trout daily quota = 2
QUESNEL LAKE	5-15	No Fishing southwest of a line between fishing boundary signs on opposite shores of Horsefly Bay, Mar 1-May 31 No Fishing in North Arm, north of a line between Watt and Service Creeks, Mar 1-May 31 Lake trout daily quota = 5 (any size); rainbow trout daily quota = 2 (none over 50 cm); bull trout catch and release Bait ban, barbless hook
QUESNEL RIVER	5-2	No Fishing from 50 m upstream of Likely Bridge to 50 m downstream of Likely Bridge No Fishing upstream of Cariboo River, Mar 1-June 15 Trout/char catch and release from the boundary signs approximately 1.8 km east of the Likely Bridge downstream to Morehead Creek Trout/char daily quota = 1 (none under 40 cm) downstream of Morehead Creek Bait ban
RAVEN LAKE	➔ 5-14	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
REDFERN LAKE	5-15	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
RIMROCK LAKE	➔ 5-2	Trout/char daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm)
ROBERT LAKE	5-2	No Fishing for bass
"RYE" LAKE	5-2	No Fishing for bass Unnamed lake approximately 1.6 km downstream of Joan Lake
"SANDY" LAKE	5-2	No Ice Fishing ; trout catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook Unnamed lake approximately 3.2 km south of Le Bourdais Lake
SARDINE LAKE	➔ 5-2	No Ice Fishing ; trout/char daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm); single barbless hook
SECRET LAKE	5-6	No Ice Fishing ; trout daily quota = 1; bait ban, single barbless hook
SEPA LAKE	5-2	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
SIMON LAKE	➔ 5-2	No Ice Fishing Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban; single barbless hook; WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!

Water-Specific Regulations

WATER BODY MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
"SINKHOLE" LAKE	5-2	Trout daily quota = 2 Unnamed lake approximately 100 m east of Sneezie Lake
SKULOW LAKE	➔ 5-2	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW; WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!
"SLIM" LAKE	➔ 5-4	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook Unnamed lake in Taseko River drainage approximately 4 km north of Cone Hill
"SNAG" LAKE	➔ 5-1	No Ice Fishing ; trout daily quota = 1; bait ban; single barbless hook; no powered boats Unnamed lake approximately 500 m south/southeast of West King Lake
SNEEZIE LAKE (near Timothy Lake)	5-2	Trout daily quota = 2
SQUARE LAKE	5-6	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
SQUIRREL LAKE	6-1	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
STEWART LAKE	5-6	Trout/char daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
STUM LAKE	5-13	No Fishing Mar 1-Aug 31
SULPHUROUS LAKE	➔ 5-1	Lake trout daily quota = 1, none over 50 cm; lake trout catch and release Oct 1-Nov 30
SUNSHINE ("Ant") LAKE	5-11	Trout/char daily quota = 2 Bait ban, single barbless hook
TAKIA RIVER	* 5-10	No Fishing
TANYA LAKE'S TRIBUTARIES	5-10	No Fishing
TENAS LAKE	5-11	No Fishing Apr 1-June 30
TEEPEE LAKE (adjacent to West Road River)	5-13	No Fishing Nov 1-June 14 Trout daily quota = 1 (none under 30 cm) Artificial fly only, bait ban, barbless hook
TILGATGO LAKE	5-12	No Ice Fishing Trout catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook
TOMS LAKE	6-1	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
TSUNIAH LAKE	5-4	Bait ban, single barbless hook
TURNER LAKE	5-11	Trout/char daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
TWO LAKE	➔ 5-13	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
TYEE LAKE	5-2	Kokanee daily quota = 5
VALENTINE LAKE	➔ 5-2	No Ice Fishing Trout daily quota = 2 Artificial fly only, bait ban Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
VISTA LAKE	5-11	Trout/char daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
WATCH CREEK	5-1	No Fishing Mar 1-May 31
WATCH LAKE	➔ 5-1	Speed restriction (8 km/h)
WENTWORTH LAKES	5-13	Trout daily quota = 2
WEST KING LAKE	5-1	Bait ban, single barbless hook Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
WEST ROAD ("Blackwater") RIVER	5-12 5-13	No Fishing in mainstem (only) Nov 1-June 14; tributaries subject to spring closure Trout daily quota = 1 (none under 30 cm) Artificial fly only, bait ban Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW Mainstem only: Class II water June 15-Oct 31; Steelhead Stamp not required
WHALE LAKE (Canim Lake area)	➔ 5-15	Trout daily and possession quotas = 2 Bait ban, single barbless hook
"WHALE" LAKE (Gustafsen Lake area)	➔ 5-2	No Ice Fishing Trout daily quota = 1 (none less than 50 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook Unnamed lake approximately 4 km northeast of Gustafsen Lake
WHITESTONE LAKE	5-2	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
WIDGEON LAKE	5-11	Trout/char daily quota = 2 Bait ban, single barbless hook
WILLIAMS LAKE	5-2	Speed restriction on parts (8 km/h)
WILLIAMS LAKE RIVER	5-2	Open all year
WOLF LAKE (situated approx. 2.3 km northeast of Lorin Lake)	5-1	No Ice Fishing ; trout/char catch and release Bait ban, single barbless hook
YOUNG CREEK (upstream of Hwy 20)	* 5-11	No Fishing for steelhead Bait ban Downstream of Hwy 20: see Atnarko/Bella Coola Rivers*

NOTE: If a lake or stream is NOT listed here, then only the Provincial Regulations (pages 8-10) and the Regional Regulations (page 42) apply. Regulations that have changed from the previous published version of the synopsis are **no longer** highlighted in colour. Check for any in-season changes at: www.gov.bc.ca/FishingRegulations.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Fish and Wildlife Regional Office

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 Smithers BC V0J 2N0
 Email: SkeenaRegionFisheries@gov.bc.ca

Conservation Officer Service

Please call 1-877-952-7277 for recorded information or to make an appointment at any of the following Field Offices: Atlin, Daajing Giids (formerly Queen Charlotte City), Dease Lake, Smithers, and Terrace.

RAPP

Report All Poachers and Polluters
 Conservation Officer 24 Hour Hotline
 1-877-952-RAPP (7277) or rapp.bc.ca

Please refer to [page 78](#) for more information

Salmon Information:

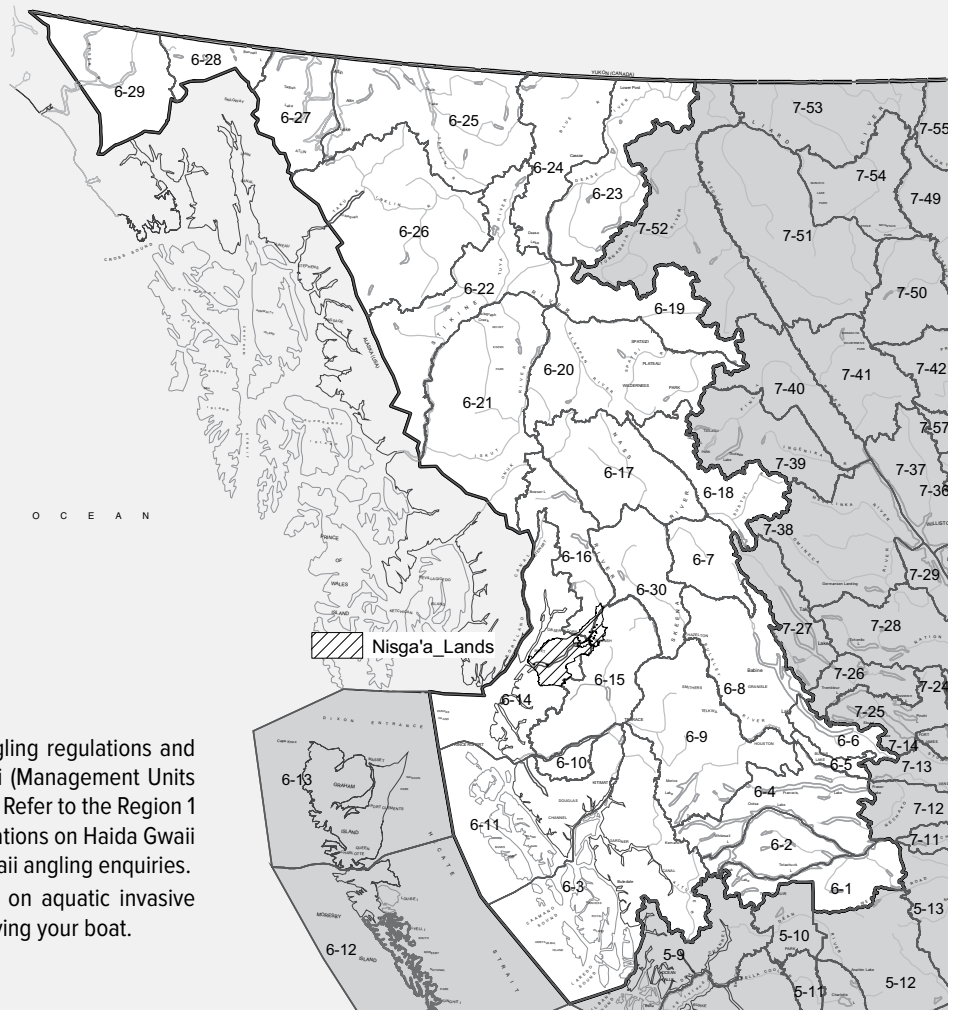
Fisheries and Oceans Canada District Offices (DFO)

Terrace: (250) 615-5350
 Smithers: (250) 847-2312
 New Aiyansh: (250) 633-2408
 North Coast
 (Prince Rupert): (250) 627-3499
 Whitehorse
 (MU's 6-19 to 6-29): (867) 393-6722



STAY UP TO DATE:

Check website for in-season changes or closure dates for the 2025-2027 season at: www.gov.bc.ca/FishingRegulations



IMPORTANT NOTICE Freshwater angling regulations and fisheries management for Haida Gwaii (Management Units 6-12 and 6-13) are now within Region 1. Refer to the Region 1 section (see [page 12](#)) for angling regulations on Haida Gwaii and contact Region 1 for any Haida Gwaii angling enquiries. See [pages 74](#) and [75](#) for information on aquatic invasive species and cleaning, draining, and drying your boat.

The Management Unit boundaries on the map above are approximate and for reference to locate waterbodies and regional boundaries. For detailed maps visit www.gov.bc.ca/WildlifeManagementUnits

▲ INVASIVE SPECIES ALERT

Atlantic Salmon

Please refer to the salmon section, page 78



General Regulations

Bait ban: In the Skeena River, including tributaries, and Nass River, including tributaries, year-round.

No fishing: in all rivers and streams for steelhead, May 15-June 15. Exemptions include mainstem portions of the Skeena River, Nass River, Iskut River, Stikine River, and Taku River, not currently closed under the existing winter/spring closure regulation.

No fishing: in any stream in the watersheds of the Skeena River upstream of Cedarvale or Nass River upstream of Kitsault Bridge, Jan 1-June 15 (NOTE: Nass River mainstem is EXEMPT and Skeena River mainstem upstream of Cedarvale is only closed Jan 1-May 31). See tables for other exceptions.

No fishing: in any stream in the Iskut River watershed (upstream of Forest Kerr Canyon), Apr 1-June 30; and in the Fraser River watershed in Region 6, Apr 1-June 30.

Single barbless hook: must be used in all streams of Region 6, all year.

Set lining: is only permitted in the lakes of Region 6. Set lines are restricted to one line with a single hook with a gap of not less than 3 cm (see page 8). All set lines must be marked with the angler's name, address and telephone number. See "Rules on Bait Usage" (see page 8). **Any game fish that you catch other than burbot must be released.**

Region 6 Daily Quotas

(See tables for exceptions)

Arctic grayling: 3

Burbot: 5

Inconnu: 1

Kokanee: 10 (none from streams)

Northern pike: 5

Whitefish: 15 (all species combined)

White sturgeon: CLOSED TO ALL FISHING

Trout/char: 5, but not more than

- 1 over 50 cm (quota includes hatchery steelhead)
- 3 Dolly Varden/bull trout and/or lake trout combined
- 1 trout from streams July 1-Oct 31

And you must release:

- all Dolly Varden/bull trout from streams all year
- Trout under 30 cm from any stream
- Trout of any size from streams, Nov 1-June 30
- Lake trout from Fraser and Skeena Watersheds, Sept 15-Nov 30
- all wild steelhead

Possession Quotas

Possession quotas = 2 daily quotas.
(See tables for exceptions)

Daily and Annual Quotas for Salmon

Please refer to the NOTICE on page 77

Annual Quotas

Annual quota for all B.C.:

10 hatchery steelhead per licence year.

Steelhead fishing: Your basic licence must be validated with a Steelhead Conservation Surcharge Stamp if you fish for steelhead anywhere in B.C. In addition, a Steelhead Stamp is mandatory when fishing most Classified Waters regardless of the species being angled for. Please see page 6 for details. When you have caught and retained your daily quota of hatchery steelhead from any water, you must stop fishing that water for the remainder of that day.

Skeena Quality Waters Strategy

For more information visit www.env.gov.bc.ca/skeena/qws/

Skeena Fisheries Management

For additional fisheries management information for the Skeena Region, please visit <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/plants-animals-ecosystems/fish/fish-management/region-6>

HIGH REWARD (\$100) TAGGING PROGRAMS

The Skeena Fisheries team has multiple ongoing \$100 reward tagging programs. It is possible to catch a tagged fish of any species anywhere in the Skeena Region, so check your catch carefully! Tags can be difficult to see, and can be covered in algae or slime. If you capture a tagged fish, do not allow the tag to influence your decision to kill or release the fish. If you had intended to release the fish prior to seeing the tag, do so. If you had intended to keep the fish as part of your quota prior to seeing the tag, do so. In either circumstance, record the tag number, tag colour, species, location, and date of capture. If you are releasing the fish, do not remove the tag. Reward payments can be received by reporting capture information by call or text to: 250-643-7290, or return tags in person to the Skeena Fish & Wildlife office at 3726 Alfred Ave. in Smithers.

Note: Sockeye, Chinook, Pink, Chum, and Coho are not part of the provincial high reward tagging program. Tagged Sockeye, Chinook, Pink, Chum, and Coho should be reported to the nearest Department of Fisheries and Oceans office (Smithers: 250-847-2312 and Terrace: 250-615-5350).

NOTICE TO ANGLERS Accurate and up-to-date information regarding First Nations notices can be found under Angler Alerts at www.gov.bc.ca/FishingRegulations.

Water-Specific Regulations

WATER BODY MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
ALDRICH LAKE	6-9	Rainbow trout over 50 cm catch and release
ATLIN LAKE	6-25 6-27	Lake trout daily quota = 3: EITHER none over 60 cm, OR only 1 over 60 cm and the other 2 must be 60 cm or less; Arctic grayling daily quota = 3 (only 1 over 35 cm); northern pike daily quota = 5 (only 1 over 70 cm); whitefish daily quota = 5 Only one daily quota may be retained from Atlin Lake regardless of which side of the border the fish were taken
BABINE LAKE	6-6	No Fishing east of a line from Gullwing Creek to the south shore of Babine Lake No Fishing within a 400 m radius of the mouth of Pinkut Creek, Aug 15-Sept 15 That section of flowing water between Babine and Nilkitkwa lakes, known as "Rainbow Alley", is designated Babine River (see map 2 page 51); see Babine River regulations below (paragraphs 3 and 4) Angling prohibited for non-guided non-resident aliens on Saturdays and Sundays from the juvenile fish counting weir located at the outlet of Nilkitkwa Lake to the Nilkitkwa River confluence, Sept 1-Oct 31 (See map page 56) No Fishing between fishing boundary signs approximately 100 m upstream of and 80 m downstream of the adult fish counting fence, located approximately 1.8 km downstream of Nilkitkwa Lake Open all year in the stream channel known as "Rainbow Alley" located between Babine and Nilkitkwa lakes (see map 2 page 51)
BABINE RIVER	CW *	6-8 Fly fishing only (a) from the Fort Babine Bridge downstream to signs 100 m upstream of the adult fish counting fence (including Nilkitkwa Lake), during open times and (b) from signs about 80 m downstream of the adult fish counting fence to Nichyeskwa Creek, June 16-Sept 30; includes "Rainbow Alley" Bait ban No angling from boats from the adult fish counting fence (described above) downstream to the Babine River's confluence with the Skeena River Class 1 water Sept 1-Oct 31; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31 from the juvenile fish counting weir located at the outlet of Nilkitkwa Lake downstream to the Babine River's confluence with the Skeena River (See map page 56)
BASALT LAKE	6-1	No Ice Fishing ; trout catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook
BEAR RIVER (Sustut Watershed)	*	6-18 No Fishing
BELL-IRVING RIVER	6-17	Bait ban
BENNETT LAKE	6-28	Lake trout daily and possession quotas = 2 (only 1 over 90 cm, none between 60 cm and 90 cm); Arctic grayling daily and possession quotas = 4 (only 1 over 44 cm, none between 36 cm and 44 cm); northern pike daily and possession quotas = 4 (only 1 over 100 cm, none between 70 cm and 100 cm); whitefish daily quota = 5. B.C. and Yukon angling licences are valid on all parts of Bennett Lake, but only one daily quota may be retained regardless of which side of the border the fish were angled, and anglers must follow tackle restrictions and other regulations for the jurisdiction where angling
BISH CREEK	*	6-11 Trout catch and release; bait ban
BUCKINGHORSE LAKE	6-20	No Fishing within 100 m of outlet, May 15-July 31 Trout/char daily and possession quotas = 2 (none over 50 cm); bait ban, single hook
BUCKLEY CREEK	6-21	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30; rainbow trout daily quota = 1 (none over 50 cm); bait ban
BUCKLEY LAKE	6-21	No Fishing Nov 1- Apr 30; rainbow trout daily quota = 2 (none over 50 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook
BULKLEY RIVER	CW *	6-9 Angling prohibited for non-guided non-resident aliens on Saturdays and Sundays, Sept 1-Oct 31 See Suskwa River and Telkwa River No Fishing upstream of Morice/Bulkley River confluence Bait ban No angling from boats from Morice River to CNR Bridge at Barrett, Aug 15-Dec 31, and in Moricetown Canyon or within 100 m downstream, all year Class II water Sept 1-Oct 31 and Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31
CASEY LAKE	6-4	Bait ban, single barbless hook; engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
CHESLATA LAKE	6-4	Lake trout catch and release, Sept 15-Oct 31 Lake trout daily and possession quotas = 3 (only 1 over 50 cm), Nov 1-Sept 14
CHESLATA RIVER (downstream of falls)	6-4	Trout catch and release; bait ban
CHILKOOT TRAIL NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK WATERS	6-28	No Fishing (please contact Parks Canada for details, see page 9 in the Provincial Regulations)
CHIPMUNK LAKE	6-1	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
COPPER RIVER	6-9	See Zymoetz River No Fishing between fishing boundary signs upstream of and downstream of Cranberry River Canyon Note: the section of river from Cranberry-Kiteen junction to Nass River is the Cranberry River Bait ban
CRANBERRY RIVER	6-15	
DALA RIVER	*	6-3 No Fishing June 15-Aug 1 Bait ban, June 1-June 14 and Aug 2-Oct 15
DAMDOCHAX CREEK	CW	6-17 Bait ban Class II water Sept 1-Oct 31*; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31*
DEEP CREEK	6-15	No Fishing
DENNIS LAKE	6-9	Rainbow trout over 50 cm catch and release
"DIANA" CREEK	6-14	No Fishing Aug 1-Oct 31; bait ban Unnamed stream between Diana and Prudhomme lakes Also see Prudhomme Lake (south of the Hwy 16 bridge)
DORIS LAKE	6-8	Lake trout catch and release
DUNALTER LAKE (Irrigation Lake)	➡ 6-9	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW

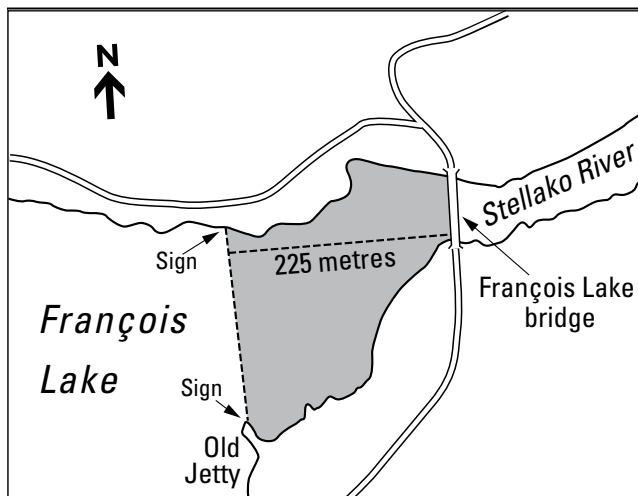
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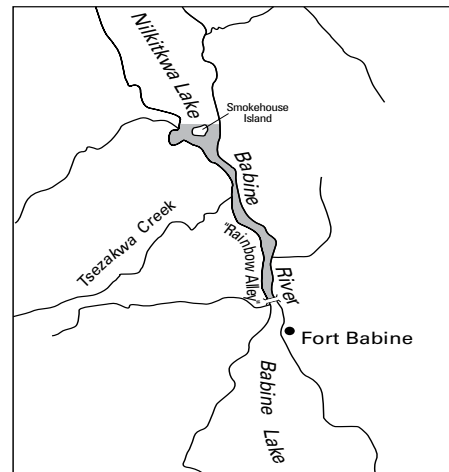
Water-Specific Regulations

WATER BODY MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
"EAST GRIBBELL" CREEK	6-3	No Fishing Unnamed stream on Gribbell Island across Ursula Channel from Goat Harbour
ECSTALL RIVER	CW *	Bait ban Class II water all year; Steelhead Stamp not required unless angling for steelhead
ENDAKO RIVER	6-4	No Fishing Nov 15-June 30
FRANÇOIS LAKE	6-4	For the area at the outlet of François Lake described on map 1, (see below): No Fishing Nov 15-May 31; char daily quota = 2, no more than 1 over 50 cm; rainbow trout catch and release; bait ban; single barbless hook; no set lining Open June 16-Apr 30 each year
FULTON RIVER	*	6-8 Bait ban Angling permitted in Fulton River opposite the spawning channels, as signed
GATCHO LAKE	6-1	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
GITNADOIX RIVER	CW *	6-10 Bait ban Class I water all year; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Apr 1-May 31
GLACIER (Redslide) CREEK (unnamed tributary to Nanika River)	6-9	No Fishing Aug 1-Sept 30; bait ban
GOSNELL CREEK	*	6-9 No Fishing Aug 1-Sept 30; bait ban
HAYS CREEK (in Prince Rupert)	*	6-14 No Fishing upstream of fishing boundary signs downstream of lower culvert near fish cannery in Prince Rupert Includes "Oldfield" Creek
HELENE LAKE	6-6	No Fishing northwest of a line between fishing boundary signs on opposite shores of the outlet bay, Apr 1-June 30
HEVENOR ("McQueen") CREEK	*	6-30 Bait ban; open all year; trout daily quota = 1 (no minimum size)
HILL-TOUT LAKE	6-9	No Fishing
INSECT CREEK	*	6-15 No Fishing Jan 1-June 15; bait ban
ISHKHEENICKH RIVER	6-14	See Ksi Hlginx River
ISKUT RIVER	6-21	No Fishing downstream of Forest Kerr Canyon*; Apr 1-Apr 30; no powered boats between Natadesleen Lake and Kinaskan Lake
JOHANSON LAKE	6-18	No Fishing
KATHLYN LAKE	6-9	No powered boats
KHUTZEYMATEEN RIVER	*	6-14 No Fishing
KILDALA RIVER	*	6-3 Bait ban, June 1-Oct 15 Angling prohibited for non-guided non-resident aliens on Saturdays and Sundays, Sept 1-Oct 31 Bait ban
KISPIOX RIVER	CW *	6-30 No angling from boats, no powered boats Class II water Sept 1-Oct 31; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31 See Skeena River/Kispiox River confluence
KITEEN RIVER	6-15	Bait ban No Fishing on the west half of river between fishing boundary signs near Kitimat Hatchery outfall
KITIMAT RIVER	*	No Fishing in tributaries and upstream of Hwy 37 bridge, Mar 16-May 31 Bait ban 6-3 Hatchery rainbow trout (adipose clipped, <50 cm) daily quota = 5, no minimum size, all year Hatchery steelhead (adipose clipped, >50 cm) daily quota = 2; province-wide hatchery steelhead annual quota = 10. When you have caught and retained your daily steelhead quota from the Kitimat, you must stop fishing the Kitimat for the remainder of that day No powered boats

MAP 1 FRANCIOS LAKE - Outlet of Francois Lake



MAP 2 NILKITWA LAKE and section of the Babine River known as "Rainbow Alley"



Water-Specific Regulations

WATER BODY MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
KITSEGUECLA RIVER	CW	6-9 Angling prohibited for non-guided non-resident aliens on Saturdays and Sundays, all year Bait ban Class II water all year*; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31*
KITSUMKALUM (Kalum) RIVER	CW *	6-15 Angling prohibited for non-guided non-resident aliens on Saturdays from the outlet of Kitsumkalum Lake to Glacier Creek confluence all year (See map page 56) Angling prohibited for non-guided non-resident aliens on Sundays for the entire river all year Class II water all year*; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Aug 7 - May 31 Bait ban
KITWANGA RIVER	CW *	6-30 Angling prohibited for non-guided non-resident aliens on Saturdays and Sundays, all year Bait ban Class II water all year; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31
KLAWOWYA LAKE		6-20 No Fishing within 100 m of outlet, May 15-July 31 Trout/char daily and possession quotas = 2 (none over 50 cm); bait ban, single hook
KLOIYA RIVER		6-14 No Fishing Aug 1-Oct 31 Bait ban
KLUATANTAN RIVER	CW *	6-18 Class II water all year; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31 Bait ban
KOWATUA CREEK		6-26 No Fishing Dec 1-June 30 and Aug 20-Sept 15
KSI HLGINX RIVER (formerly Ishkheenickh River)		6-14 No Fishing June 15-Sept 1; bait ban
KSI SGASGINIST CREEK (formerly Seaskinnish Creek)		6-15 No Fishing July 1-Sept 15; bait ban
KSI SII AKS RIVER (formerly Tseax River)		6-14 No Fishing upstream of Nass Road Bridge, Aug 1-Dec 31; bait ban
KSI X'ANMAS RIVER (formerly Kwinamass River)	CW *	6-14 No Fishing upstream from the lower bridge abutments, July 1-Aug 20 Class II water Apr 1-Sept 30; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Apr 1-May 31
KWINAGEESE RIVER	CW *	6-30 Class II water Sept 1-Oct 31; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31 Bait ban
KWINAMASS RIVER	CW *	6-14 See Ksi X'anmas River
LACHMACH RIVER		6-14 Bait ban
LAIDLAW LAKE		6-25 6-27 Lake trout daily quota = 3: EITHER none over 60 cm, OR only 1 over 60 cm and the other 2 must be 60 cm or less; arctic grayling daily quota = 3 (only 1 over 35 cm); northern pike daily quota = 5 (only 1 over 70 cm); whitefish daily quota = 5. B.C. and Yukon angling licences are valid on all parts of Laidlaw Lake, but only one daily quota may be retained regardless of which side of the border the fish were angled, and anglers must follow tackle restrictions and other regulations for the jurisdiction where angling
LAKELSE LAKE		6-11 Rainbow trout over 50 cm catch and release
LAKELSE RIVER	CW *	6-10 Angling prohibited for non-guided non-resident aliens from the outlet of Lakelse Lake to the power line crossing, located 3.5 km upstream of the Lakelse River mouth, all year (See map page 55) Fly fishing only between Lakelse Lake and CNR Bridge, Mar 1-May 31 Bait ban, no powered boats Note: The mouth of the river is designated by signs 1.7 km downstream of Lakelse River logging road bridge Class I water all year; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-May 31
LEAN-TO CREEK		6-15 No Fishing
LOST LAKE		6-15 No Fishing
MAXAN LAKE		6-9 Lake trout catch and release
MAGAR CREEK		6-10 No Fishing Aug 1-Oct 31; bait ban
MCDONNEL LAKE		6-9 Rainbow trout over 50 cm catch and release
MCQUEEN CREEK	*	6-30 See Hevenor Creek
MEZIADIN RIVER	*	6-16 Bait ban No fishing from fishing boundary signs at outlet of Meziadin Lake to Nass River, including tributaries, Jan 1-June 15
MORICE RIVER	CW *	6-9 Angling prohibited for non-guided non-resident aliens on Saturdays and Sundays, Sept 1-Oct 31 No Fishing from fishing boundary signs near outlet of Morice Lake (UTM: 602539.02E, 5997165.96N) to the fishing boundary signs approximately 2 km downstream (the "Dunes", UTM: 603741.00E, 5998628.00N) No Fishing Jan 1-Sept 30 from fishing boundary signs approximately 2 km downstream (the "Dunes", UTM: 603741.00E, 5998628.00N) of Morice Lake to Gosnell Creek No Fishing from Gosnell Creek to Lamprey Creek, Jan 1-Aug 31; Fly fishing only from Gosnell Creek to Lamprey Creek, Sept 1-Sept 30 Bait ban No angling from boats, Aug 15-Dec 31 (all parts) Class II water Sept 1-Oct 31; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31
MORLEY LAKE		6-25 Lake trout daily and possession quotas = 2 (only 1 over 90 cm, none between 60 cm and 90 cm); Arctic grayling daily and possession quotas = 4 (only 1 over 44 cm, none between 36 cm and 44 cm); northern pike daily and possession quotas = 4 (only 1 over 100 cm, none between 70 cm and 100 cm); whitefish daily quota = 5. B.C. and Yukon angling licences are valid on all parts of Morley Lake, but only one daily quota may be retained regardless of which side of the border the fish were angled, and anglers must follow tackle restrictions and other regulations for the jurisdiction where angling
MURRAY LAKE		6-4 Lake trout catch and release, Sept 15-Oct 31 Lake trout daily and possession quotas = 3 (only 1 over 50 cm), Nov 1-Sept 14
NAGLICO LAKE		6-1 Trout daily quota = 2 Bait ban, single barbless hook

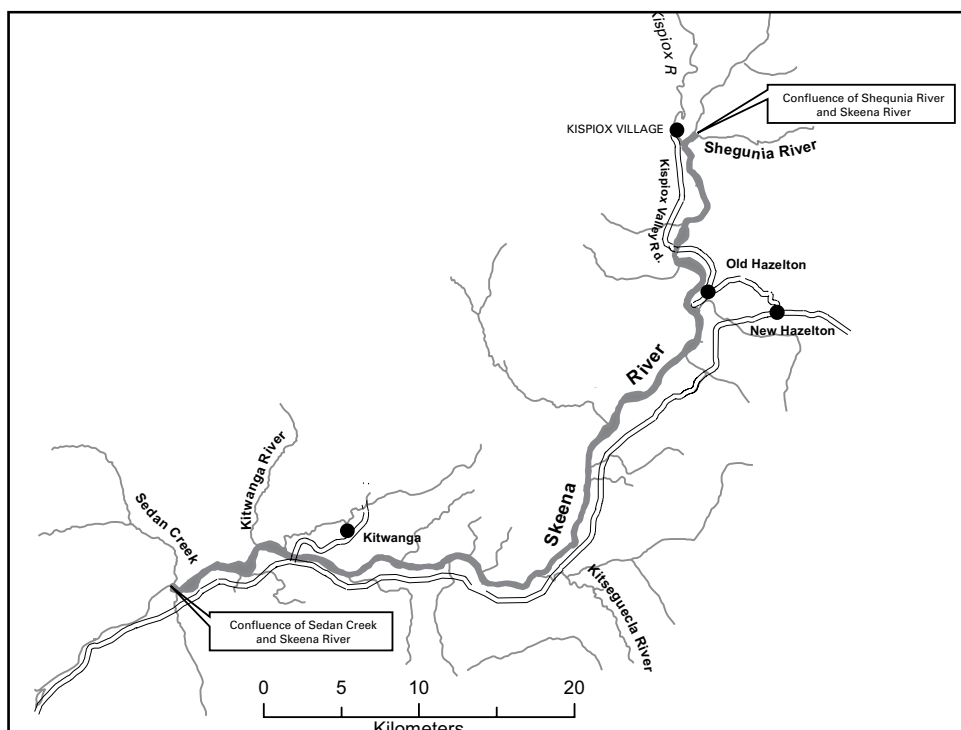
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WATER BODY MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
NAKINA RIVER	6-26	No Fishing July 20-Aug 15
NASS RIVER	* 6-30	Bait ban No Fishing from white triangular fishing boundary signs located downstream of the Meziadin River confluence, and upstream to the Hwy 37 bridge, Aug 8-Sept 15
NATADESLEEN LAKE	6-21	Single barbless hook; no powered boats
NICHYESKWA CREEK	6-8	No Fishing
NILKITKWA LAKE	6-8	Fly fishing only, bait ban (EXCEPT dead fin fish may be used as bait when set lining; see page 8 in the Provincial Regulations) That section of flowing water between Babine and Nilkitkwa Lakes known as "Rainbow Alley" is open for fishing all year (see also Babine River) (See map 2 page 51)
NITHI RIVER	6-4	No Fishing Nov 15-June 30
OGSTON LAKE	6-6	No Ice Fishing Rainbow trout catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook
"OLDFIELD" CREEK	6-14	No Fishing ; see Hays Creek
OWEEGEE LAKE	6-16	Rainbow trout over 50 cm catch and release
PETTRY LAKE	6-1	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
PINKUT CREEK	6-6	No Fishing downstream of the fish fence, Aug 15-Sept 15; bait ban
PRUDHOMME LAKE (south of the Hwy 16 bridge)	6-14	No Fishing Aug 1-Oct 31 Trout/char daily quota = 2 (none under 30 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook
RANCHERIA RIVER'S TRIBUTARIES	6-25	Arctic grayling daily quota = 3 (only 1 over 35 cm); whitefish daily quota = 5. B.C. and Yukon angling licences are valid on all parts of the Rancharia River including tributary streams but not lakes, but only one daily quota may be retained regardless of which side of the border the fish were angled, and anglers must follow tackle restrictions and other regulations for the jurisdiction where angling
ROSS (Six Mile) LAKE	➔ 6-9	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
SEASKINNISH CREEK	6-15	See Ksi Sgasginist Creek
"SEELEY" CREEK (outlet of Seeley Lake)	6-9	Bait ban; open all year, no minimum size for trout
SEELEY LAKE	6-9	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
SEYMOUR LAKE	6-9	No powered boats
SILVERTHORNE (Erickson) LAKE	6-9	No Fishing within 50 m of the outlet, May 1-June 30
SKEENA RIVER/KISPIOX RIVER CONFLUENCE	6-8	Waters within 3 white fishing boundary signs located at the confluence of the Skeena and Kispiox rivers: no angling from boats
SKEENA RIVER	* 6-10	Bait ban
SKEENA RIVER (mainstem only)	CW 6-10	There are two separate Class II waters on the Skeena River (non-residents and non-resident aliens require separate licences describing which section they are fishing): (a) from Exchamsiks River to 1.5 km upstream of Kitsumkalam River (known as "Skeena River 2"), July 1-Sept 30; and (b) 1.5 km upstream of Zymoetz River (known as "Skeena River Section 4"), July 1-Dec 31; Steelhead Stamp not mandatory for Skeena River 2 unless fishing for steelhead. Steelhead Stamp is mandatory in Skeena River Section 4 during the Classified Waters period from July 1-Dec 31 Angling prohibited for non-guided non-resident aliens in Skeena River Section 4 on Saturdays and Sundays in two zones: (a) Shegunia River confluence to Sedan Creek confluence July 1-Dec 31 (See map page 54), and (b) Chindemash Creek confluence to 1.5 km upstream of Zymoetz River confluence, July 1 - Dec 31, (See map page 55)
SQUIRREL LAKE	6-1	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
STATION CREEK	6-9	Bait ban; open all year; trout daily quota = 1 (no minimum size)
STELLAKO RIVER	CW 6-4 7-12	No Fishing Nov 15-May 14; Class II water * when open (Steelhead Stamp not required) Rainbow trout catch and release Fly fishing only between fishing boundary signs approximately 250 m and 4 km downstream of the bridge near the François Lake outlet No powered boats from François Lake to the falls See restrictions for François Lake's outlet area Angling prohibited for non-guided non-resident aliens on Saturdays and Sundays, all year
SUSKWA (Bear) RIVER	CW * 6-8	Bait ban Class I water all year; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31
SUSTUT LAKES	6-18	No Fishing
SUSTUT RIVER	CW * 6-18	No Fishing upstream of BCR Bridge at Bear River mouth Bait ban Class I water Sept 1-Oct 31; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31
SWIFT RIVER	* 6-25	Arctic grayling daily quota = 3 (only 1 over 35 cm); whitefish daily quota = 5. B.C. and Yukon angling licences are valid on all parts of the Swift River including tributary streams but not lakes, but only one daily quota may be retained regardless of which side of the border the fish were angled, and anglers must follow tackle restrictions and other regulations for the jurisdiction where angling.
TAGISH LAKE	6-27	Lake trout daily and possession quotas = 2 (only 1 over 90 cm, none between 60 cm and 90 cm) Arctic grayling daily and possession quotas = 4 (only 1 over 44 cm, none between 36 cm and 44 cm) Northern pike daily and possession quotas = 4 (only 1 over 100 cm, none between 70 cm and 100 cm) Whitefish daily quota = 5 B.C. and Yukon angling licences are valid on all parts of Tagish Lake, but only one daily quota may be retained regardless of which side of the border the fish were angled, and anglers must follow tackle restrictions and other regulations for the jurisdiction where angling
TAHLTAN RIVER	* 6-22	No Fishing all year from boundary signs located approximately 400 m upstream from the Tahltan River Bridge on the Telegraph Creek Road to the landslide located approximately 750 m upstream from the Tahltan River Bridge. No Fishing Dec 1-June 30
TAKYSIE LAKE	6-4	No Fishing northwest of a line between fishing boundary signs on opposite shores immediately north of Takysie Lake Settlement, Mar 1-May 31

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WATER BODY MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
TATSATUA CREEK (formerly known as Tatsamenie Lake's outlet streams)	* 6-26	No Fishing from Dec 1-June 30 and Aug 20-Sept 15
TCHESINKUT LAKE	6-4	Lake trout catch and release EXCEPT during months of February and July (when regional quotas apply) Single barbless hook
TELKWA RIVER	CW * 6-9	Angling prohibited for non-guided non-resident aliens Sept 1-Oct 31 Bait ban Class II water Sept 1-Oct 31 and Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31 Lake trout daily and possession quotas = 1 (none between 60 cm and 90 cm) Arctic grayling daily and possession quotas = 4 (only 1 over 44 cm, none between 36 cm and 44 cm); Northern pike daily and possession quotas = 4 (only 1 over 100 cm, none between 70 cm and 100 cm)
TESLIN LAKE	6-25	Whitefish daily quota = 5 B.C. and Yukon angling licences are valid on all parts of Teslin Lake, but only one daily quota may be retained regardless of which side of the border the fish were angled, and anglers must follow tackle restrictions and other regulations for the jurisdiction where angling
THAUTIL RIVER	* 6-9	No Fishing Aug 1-Sept 30; bait ban
TOMS LAKE	6-1	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
TRIUMPH RIVER	6-3	No Fishing Nov 1-May 31
TSEAX RIVER	6-14	See Ksi Sii Aks River
TWO MILE CREEK	6-8	Bait ban; open all year; trout daily quota = 1 (no minimum size)
UNNAMED LAKE (approx. 500 m south of Natalkuz Lake)	6-1	No Ice Fishing ; rainbow trout catch and release Bait ban, single barbless hook Located approximately 6.25 km south/southeast of Yellow Moose Lake and approximately 6.25 km west/southwest of Chedakuz Arm
WAHLA LAKE	6-2	Rainbow trout daily quota = 1 (none over 50 cm)
WEST ROAD ("Blackwater") RIVER'S TRIBUTARIES	6-1	Trout daily quota = 1; artificial fly only, bait ban For regulations on the mainstem of the West Road River, see Region 5
ZYMOETZ (Copper) RIVER	CW * 6-9	No Fishing from McDonnell Lake downstream approximately 3 km to fishing boundary signs No Fishing between fishing boundary signs in Zymoetz Canyon No Fishing upstream of fishing boundary sign at the transmission line crossing (located downstream of Zymoetz Canyon), Jan 1-June 15 Bait ban Upstream of Limonite Creek (Zymoetz River A): Class I water Jul 24 - Dec 31; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Jul 24 - Dec 31; Angling prohibited for non-guided non-resident aliens on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays Jul 24 - Dec 31 Downstream of Limonite Creek (Zymoetz River B): Class II water Jul 24 - May 31; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Jul 24 - May 31; Angling prohibited for non-guided non-resident aliens on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays Jul 24 - May 31

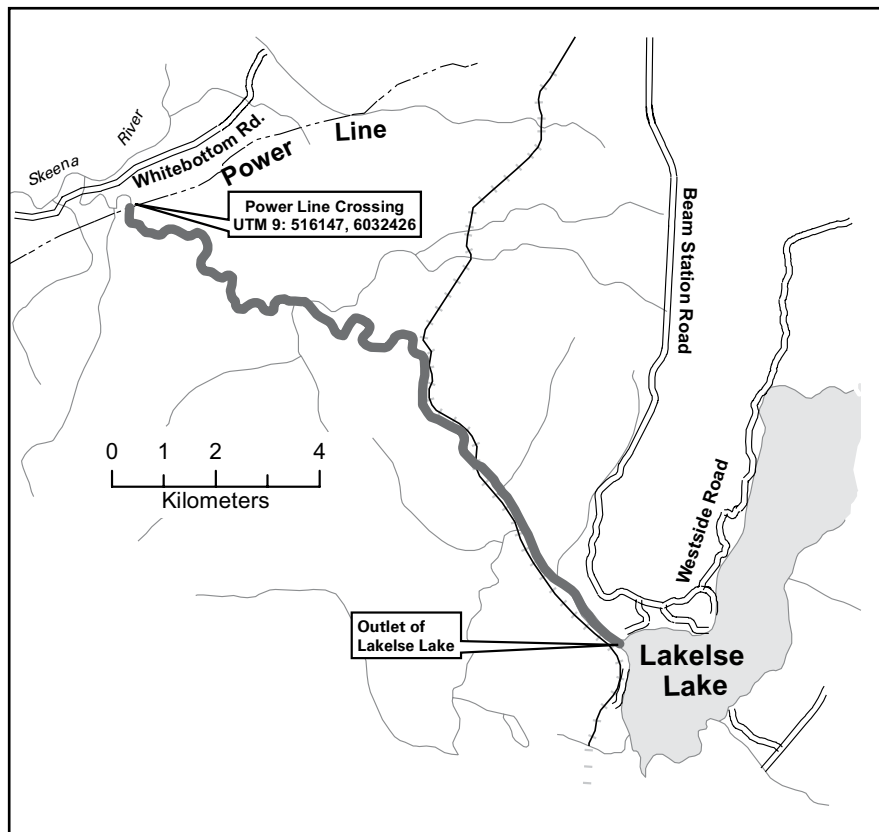
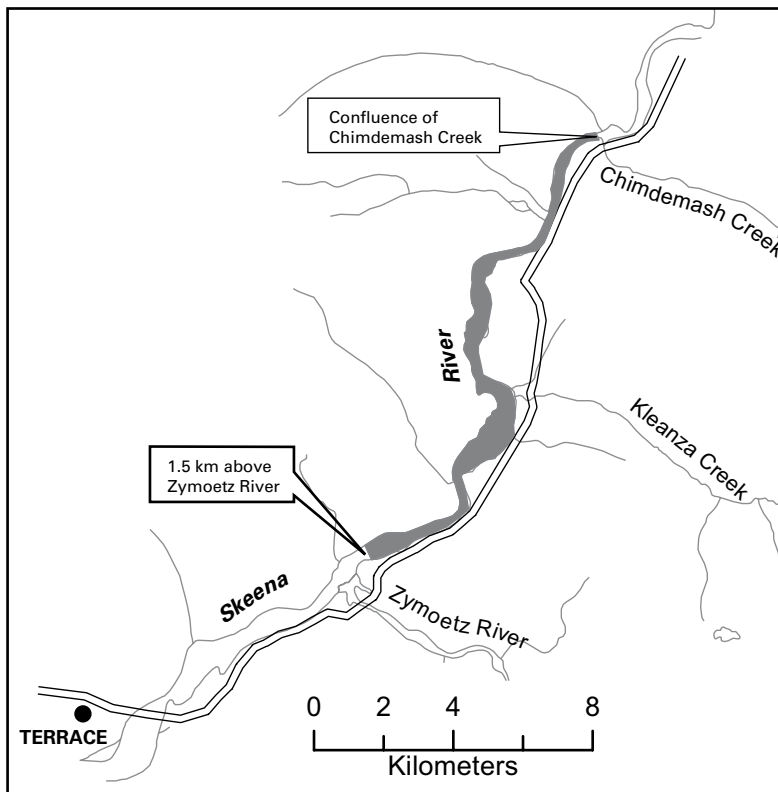
NOTE: If a lake or stream is NOT listed here, then only the Provincial Regulations (pages 8-10) and the Regional Regulations (page 49) apply. Regulations that have changed from the previous published version of the synopsis are **no longer** highlighted in colour. Check for any in-season changes at: www.gov.bc.ca/FishingRegulations.



Skeena River, Section 4, Zone A - Angling prohibited for non-guided non-resident aliens on Saturdays and Sundays from the Shegunia River confluence to Sedan Creek confluence, July 1-Dec 31.

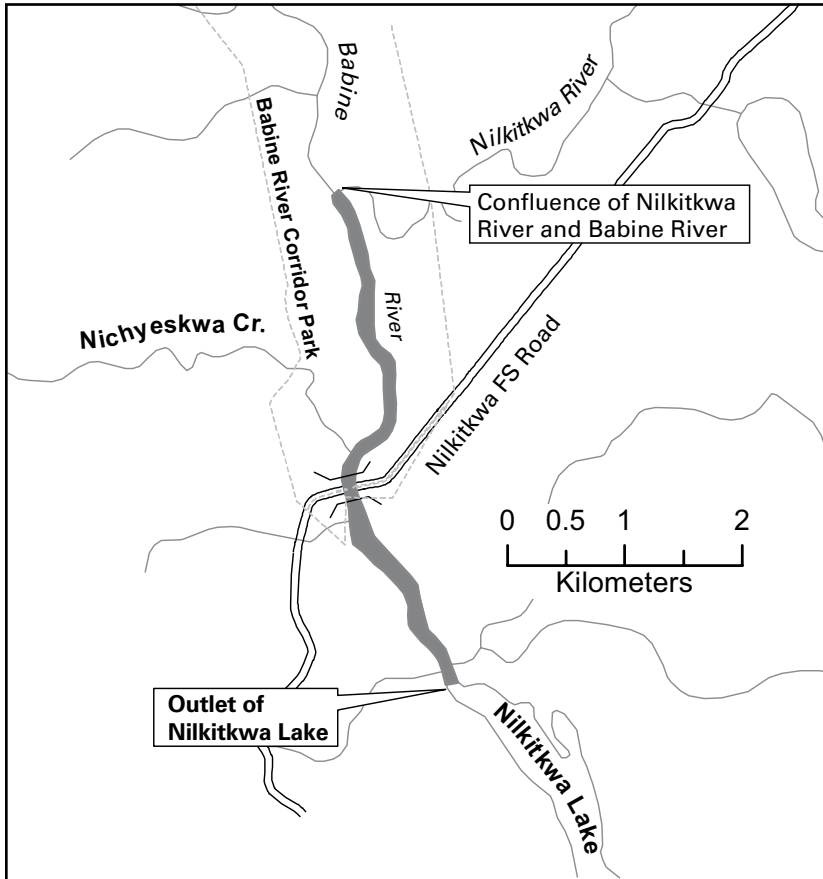
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Skeena River Section 4, Zone B - Angling prohibited for non-guided non-resident aliens on Saturdays and Sundays from the Chimdemash Creek confluence to 1.5 km upstream of Zymoetz River confluence, July 1-Dec 31.

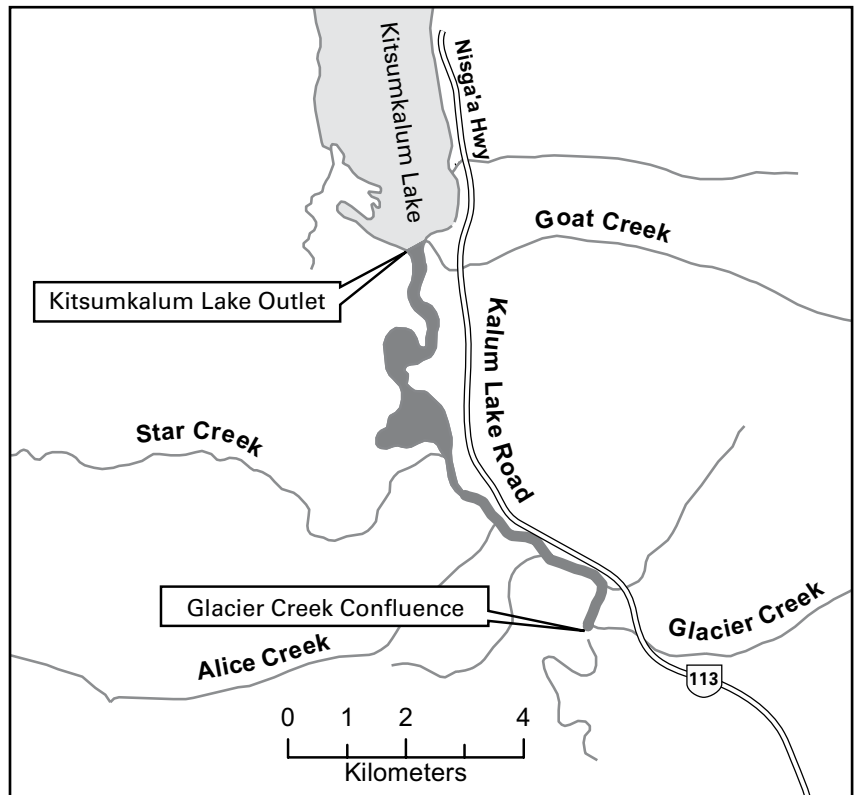


Lakelse River - Angling prohibited for non-guided non-resident aliens from the outlet of Lakelse Lake to the power line crossing (UTM 9: 516147, 6032426), all year.

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Babine River - Angling prohibited for non-guided non-resident aliens on Saturdays and Sundays from the juvenile fish counting weir at the outlet of Nilkitkwa Lake to the Nilkitkwa River confluence, Sept 1-Oct 31.



Kitsumkalum River - Angling prohibited for non-guided non-resident aliens on Saturdays from the outlet of Kitsumkalum Lake to Glacier Creek confluence all year; angling prohibited for non-guided non-resident aliens on Sundays for the entire river all year.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Zone A (Omineca)

Fish and Wildlife Regional Office

(250) 614-7400
 2000 South Ospika Blvd
 Prince George BC V2N 4W5
 Email: OminecaRegionFisheries@gov.bc.ca

Conservation Officer Service

Please call 1-877-952-7277 for recorded information or to make an appointment at any of the following Field Offices: Burns Lake, Mackenzie, Prince George, and Vanderhoof

Nechako White Sturgeon Conservation Centre

(250) 567-6673
 3030 Burrard Ave
 Vanderhoof BC V0J 3A2

RAPP

Report All Poachers and Polluters
 Conservation Officer 24 Hour Hotline
 1-877-952-RAPP (7277) or rapp.bc.ca

Please refer to [page 78](#) for more information

Salmon Information:

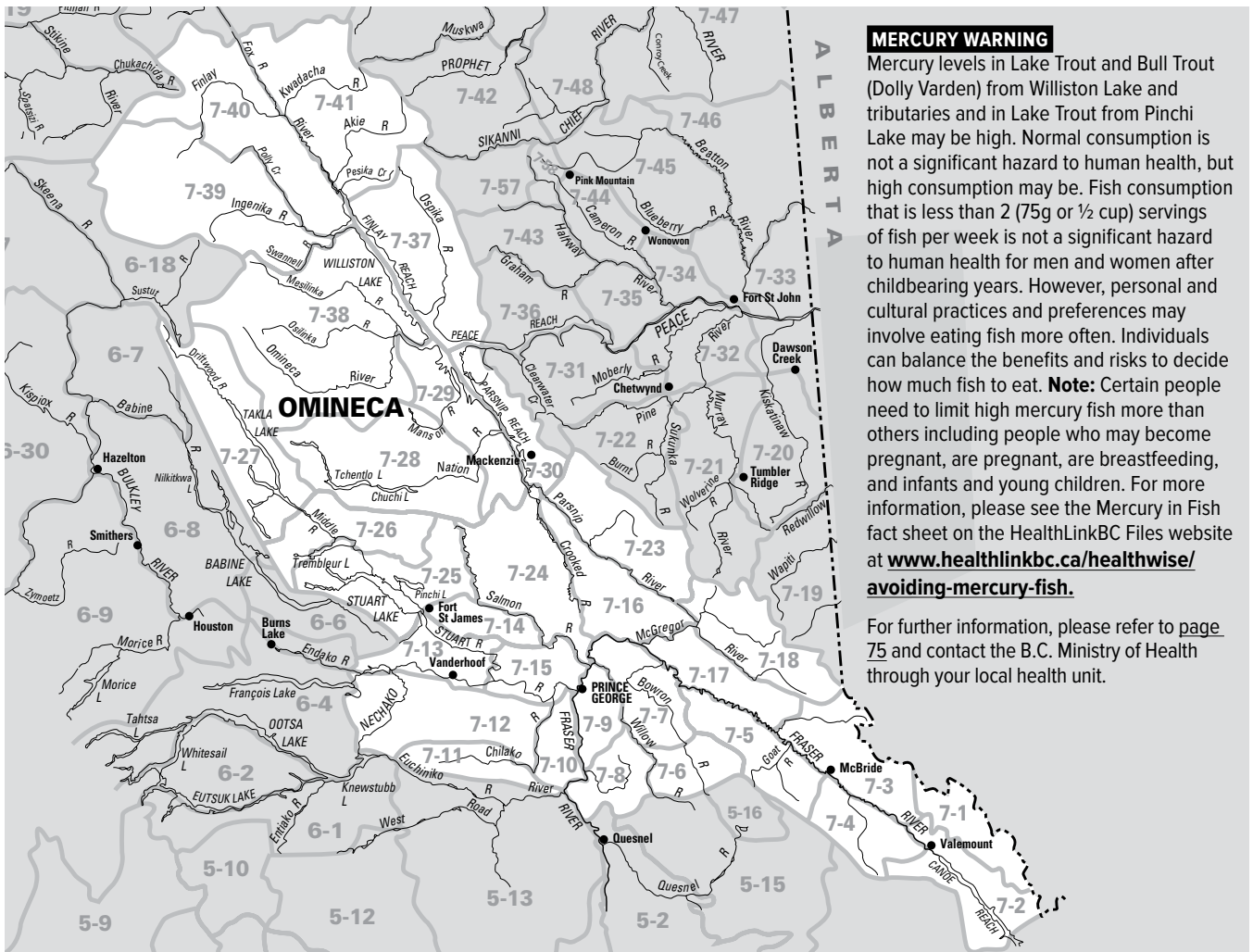
Fisheries and Oceans Canada District Offices (DFO)

Prince George: (250) 561-5366



STAY UP TO DATE:

Check website for in-season changes or closure dates for the 2025-2027 season at: www.gov.bc.ca/FishingRegulations



MERCURY WARNING

Mercury levels in Lake Trout and Bull Trout (Dolly Varden) from Williston Lake and tributaries and in Lake Trout from Pinchi Lake may be high. Normal consumption is not a significant hazard to human health, but high consumption may be. Fish consumption that is less than 2 (75g or 1/2 cup) servings of fish per week is not a significant hazard to human health for men and women after childbearing years. However, personal and cultural practices and preferences may involve eating fish more often. Individuals can balance the benefits and risks to decide how much fish to eat. **Note:** Certain people need to limit high mercury fish more than others including people who may become pregnant, are pregnant, are breastfeeding, and infants and young children. For more information, please see the Mercury in Fish fact sheet on the HealthLinkBC Files website at www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthwise/avoiding-mercury-fish.

For further information, please refer to [page 75](#) and contact the B.C. Ministry of Health through your local health unit.

The Management Unit boundaries on the map above are approximate and for reference to locate waterbodies and regional boundaries. For detailed maps visit www.gov.bc.ca/WildlifeManagementUnits

Regional Regulations

General Zone A Regulations

Set lining: is only permitted in the lakes of Zone A (see tables for exclusions). Set lines are restricted to one line with a single hook with a gap of not less than 3 cm (see page 8). All set lines must be marked with the angler's name, address and telephone number. See "Rules on Bait Usage" (see page 8). **Any game fish that you catch other than burbot must be released.**

No fishing (spring closure): in any stream of Zone A, Apr 1-June 30. (See tables for exceptions).

Single barbless hook: must be used in all streams of Zone A, all year.

Bait ban: applies to all streams of Zone A, all year. See page 8 for details. (See tables for exceptions).

Region Zone A Daily Quotas

(See tables for exceptions)

Trout/char: 5, but not more than

- 1 over 50 cm
- 2 from streams
- 3 lake trout
- 1 bull trout (Dolly Varden)

NOTE: Bull trout (Dolly Varden) may only be retained Oct 16-Aug 14. These fish may only be taken from lakes and only 30-50 cm in length.

And you must release:

- Bull trout (Dolly Varden):
 - from streams, all year
 - from lakes, Aug 15-Oct 15

And you must release:

- Lake trout:
 - of any size, Sept 15-Oct 31
 - under 30 cm all year

Arctic grayling: catch and release only

Burbot: 5

Kokanee: 10 (none from streams)

White Sturgeon: CLOSED TO ALL FISHING

Whitefish: 15 (all species combined)

Daily and Annual Quotas for Salmon

Please refer to the NOTICE on page 77 for Salmon Regulations.

Possession Quotas

Possession quotas = 2 daily quotas for most species. See tables for exceptions.

Lake trout: possession quota = 1 daily quota.

Bull trout (Dolly Varden): possession quota = 1 daily quota.

⚠️ INVASIVE SPECIES ALERT

Please refer to page 74 for more information on Aquatic Invasive Species

NOTICE TO ANGLERS

The Ministry and its partners are conducting several tagging studies on a variety of species throughout the Omineca region. Some tags offer cash rewards for reporting. If you catch a fish with a coloured "spaghetti" tag, whether you retain it or release it, please report the tag number, tag colour, date, time and location prior to releasing the fish. To report your catch of a tagged fish please contact the Fish and Wildlife Regional Office in Prince George at (250) 614-7400. For more on tagging programs see pages 76-77.

54 lakes in the Omineca region are currently stocked with Rainbow trout, Eastern Brook trout, and/or Kokanee. The water-specific regulations tables identify only stocked lakes with waterbody specific regulations. For information on all stocked lakes, go to gofishbc.com/where-to-fish.

ICE FISHING HUTS: WARNING!

Failure to remove ice fishing huts from lakes before spring breakup is an offence under the Environmental Management Act.

White Sturgeon in the Omineca Region

White Sturgeon (*Acipenser transmontanus*) from the Nechako and the Upper Fraser watersheds are listed as endangered under the Species at Risk Act (SARA).

Research to date indicates the Upper Fraser Designatable Unit (DU) of White Sturgeon (including the Upper Fraser, Middle Fraser, and Nechako River populations) is genetically distinct. Within the Upper Fraser DU, the Nechako River White Sturgeon is a unique group. The Upper Fraser DU is currently under consideration for listing under SARA by Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO).

It is illegal to fish for, kill, harm, or harass SARA-listed White Sturgeon in the Upper Fraser and Nechako Rivers. Recovery actions have been underway since 2001 guided by research and monitoring programs under the Nechako White Sturgeon Recovery Initiative (NWSRI), including stewardship, habitat restoration efforts, and conservation fish culture;

Help from the public will also be necessary for recovery and the NWSRI requests that you report the date and location of all sightings or incidental captures, particularly in the Nechako, Fraser Lake

and Stuart/Takla watersheds. If you observe or accidentally catch a White Sturgeon in the Omineca Region, please call the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship at 250-614-7400. For more information on Nechako White Sturgeon, including Nechako White Sturgeon Conservation Centre in Vanderhoof, BC, go to: www.nechakowhitesturgeon.org.



Conservation-cultured juvenile sturgeon recaptured at age two.

Water-Specific Regulations

WATER BODY MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
AIRLINE LAKE	7-28	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout catch and release; no set lines
AMANITA LAKE	7-17	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
ANZAC RIVER	* 7-23	No Fishing within 500 m radius of the Upper Anzac bridge Aug 15-Mar 31, located at approximately UTM 10 552426, 6093011 (see map on page 62) Fly fishing only Jul 1-Mar 31 upstream of the North Anzac River confluence (see map on page 62)
ARCTIC LAKE	7-23	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout catch and release; no set lines
ATTICHIKA CREEK	7-39	No Fishing 500 m upstream and downstream of the Thorn Creek confluence or the Kemess Creek confluence
BEAR LAKE (Crooked River Provincial Park)	7-16	No powered boats
BEDNESTI LAKE	7-12	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout catch and release; no set lines
BLACKWATER RIVER	7-10	See West Road River
BOBTAIL (Naltesby) LAKE	7-12	Kokanee daily quota = 5
BOW LAKE	➔ 7-15	Brook trout daily quota = 10
BOWRON RIVER	7-7	Exempt from spring closure; no rainbow trout under 30 cm
BUTTERFLY LAKE	➔ 7-15	Brook trout daily quota = 10
BYERS LAKE	➔ 7-15	Trout/char daily quota = 2
CAMP LAKE	➔ 7-15	Brook trout daily quota = 10; kokanee daily quota = 5
CANOE RIVER	7-2	Exempt from spring closure; rainbow trout catch and release, Apr 1-June 30
CARINA LAKE	7-38	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout catch and release; no set lines
CHICHOUYENILY CREEK	7-30	Exempt from spring closure; also EXEMPT from bait ban downstream of fishing boundary signs near its mouth
CHIEF GRAY LAKE	➔ 7-12	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook
CHUBB LAKE	7-10	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
CHUCHI LAKE	7-28	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout daily quota = 2; no set lines
CLUCULZ LAKE	7-12	Lake trout catch and release; no set lines
CROOKED RIVER	7-24	No Fishing downstream (north) of the 200 Road Bridge, Apr 1-June 30 (see map on page 62) Rainbow trout catch and release and exempt from spring closure upstream (south) of the 200 Road Bridge, Apr 1-June 30 (see map on page 62)
CUNNINGHAM LAKE	7-25	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout possession quota = 2 (only one over 50 cm); no set lines
DAHL LAKE	7-12	No powered boats
DAVIS BAY (in Finlay Reach of Williston Lake)	7-37	No Fishing within a 500 m radius of the Davis Forest Service Road Bridge. See Davis River
DAVIS RIVER	* 7-37	No Fishing
DEM LAKE	7-25	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout catch and release; no set lines
DINA CREEK	7-30	No Fishing
DINA LAKE #1	➔ 7-30	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
DINA LAKE #2	➔ 7-30	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
EAGLET LAKE	7-7	Burbot daily quota = 1
EAST HAUTETE LAKE	7-27	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout catch and release; no set lines
ECHO LAKE	➔ 7-13	Brook trout daily quota = 2; no powered boats
EENA LAKE	➔ 7-15	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
EMERALD LAKE	➔ 7-15	No powered boats
ENDAKO RIVER	7-12	No Fishing Nov 15-June 30
EYE LAKE	7-26	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout catch and release
FERGUSON LAKE	➔ 7-15	No powered boats
FINLAY RIVER	7-40	Exempt from spring closure
FRASER LAKE	7-13	Lake trout daily quota = 1 (none under 60 cm)
FRASER RIVER	7-9	Exempt from spring closure; also EXEMPT from bait ban upstream of Cottonwood River
FRIDAY LAKE	7-27	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout catch and release
GAGNON CREEK	7-30	Exempt from spring closure downstream of fishing boundary signs near its mouth
GANTHAZ LAKE	➔ 7-30	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
GOAT RIVER	* 7-5	No Fishing upstream of the Macleod Creek confluence, including Macleod Creek*, Sept 1-June 30
HART LAKE (Crooked River Provincial Park)	➔ 7-16	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 1 (none over 40 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook; electric motor only - max 7.5 kW

TABLE LEGEND:

* Includes tributaries ➔ Stocked Lake, see page 4 CW Classified Waters Licence required to fish Class I or Class II waters, see page 7 🧑 Youth/Disabled Accompanied Water

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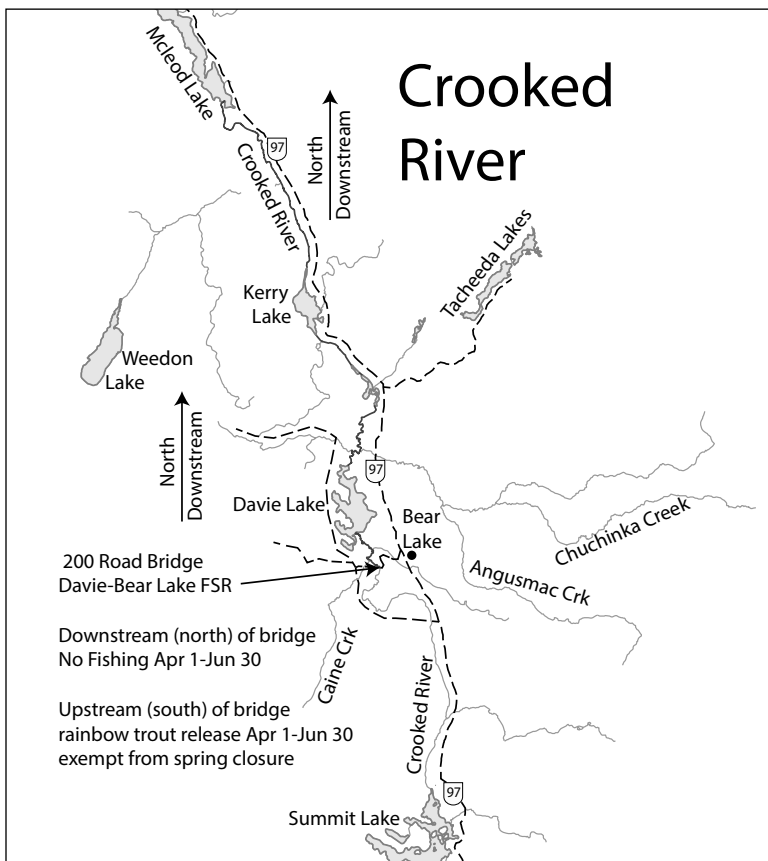
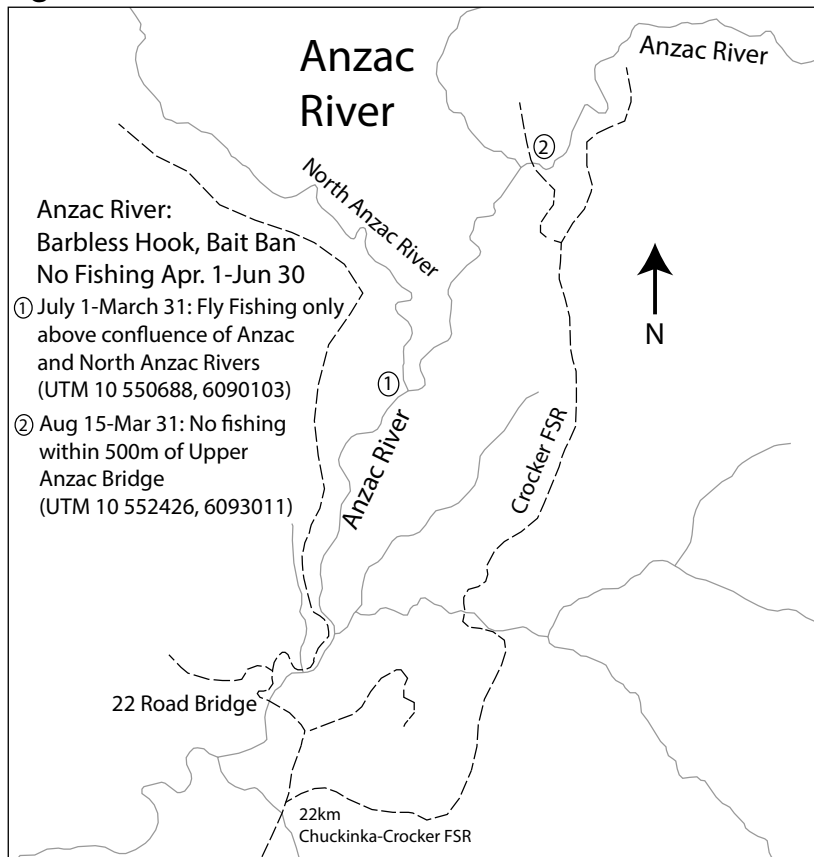
WATER BODY MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
HART LAKE (Fort St. James)	7-25	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook
HATDUDATEHL LAKE	7-26	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout catch and release; no set lines
HAUTETE LAKE	7-27	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout catch and release; no set lines
HEDRICK LAKE	7-18	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Trout/char catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook
HOBSON LAKE	➔ 7-12	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 1 (none over 40 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook
HUMPHREY LAKE	7-38	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout catch and release; no set lines
INDATA LAKE	7-28	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout possession quota = 2 (only one over 50 cm); no set lines
ISPAH LAKE	7-7	No powered boats
JOHN'S LAKE	7-38	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30
KATHIE LAKE	➔ 7-15	Brook trout daily quota = 10
KEMESS CREEK	7-39	No Fishing from Attichka Creek to a point 500 m upstream
KLWALI LAKE	7-28	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout catch and release; not set lines
KWITZIL LAKE (also known as Gravelpit Lake)	➔ 7-12	No powered boats
LA SALLE LAKES	➔ 7-3	No powered boats Note: La Salle Lake "west" is only stocked
LITTLE LOST LAKE	➔ 7-3	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
"LITTLE TOMAS" LAKE	7-25	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout catch and release; no set lines; unnamed lake approximately 300 m downstream of Tomas Lake
"LOWER BEAVERPOND" LAKE (lowermost of the two Beaverpond lakes)	7-38	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout catch and release; no set lines
LYNX LAKE	7-15	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
MACLEOD CREEK	* 7-5	No Fishing Sept 1-June 30
MCGREGOR RIVER	7-16	Exempt from spring closure
MCLENNAN RIVER	7-4	No Fishing Apr 1-Aug 31
MCLEOD RIVER	7-24	Artificial fly only from Carp Lake to War Falls (excluding War Lake)
MCMILLAN CREEK	7-15	♿ Youth/Disabled Accompanied Water year round (see page 4) Exempt from spring closure and from bait ban
MIDDLE RIVER	7-26	Exempt from spring closure
MORFEE LAKE (south)	7-30	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
"MT. MILLIGAN" LAKE	7-28	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook; unnamed lake located approximately 7.5 km south/southeast of Mt. Milligan
MUGAHA CREEK	7-30	EXEMPT from bait ban; ♿ Youth/Disabled Accompanied Water year round (see page 4)
NAKINILERAK LAKE	7-27	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout possession quota = 2 (only one over 50 cm); no set lines
NALTESBY LAKE (Bobtail Lake)	7-12	Kokanee daily quota = 5
NARROW LAKE	7-7	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout catch and release; no set lines
NATION ARM (Williston Lake)	7-30	No Fishing west of a line between two fishing boundary signs approximately 500 m downstream (east) of the Nation River Bridge on the Finlay Forest Service Road, Apr 1-June 30 Bull trout catch and release west of a line between two fishing boundary signs approximately 500 m downstream of the Nation River Bridge on the Finlay Forest Service Road (when open)
NAUTLEY RIVER	7-13	Exempt from spring closure
NATION RIVER	7-30	See Nation Arm (Williston Lake) Exempt from spring closure.
NECHAKO RIVER	7-12	Rainbow trout catch and release from Cheslatta River to a boundary sign 5 km downstream and no rainbow trout under 35 cm from said sign downstream to Hwy 27 bridge Exempt from bait ban downstream of Foothills Boulevard Bridge in Prince George
NULKI LAKE	➔ 7-12	No Fishing west of a line between fishing boundary signs on lakeshore near mouth of Corkscrew Creek, Apr 1-May 31
OPATCHO LAKE	➔ 7-9	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 1 (none over 40 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook
PACIFIC LAKE	7-16	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout catch and release; no set lines
PARSNIP RIVER	7-23	Exempt from spring closure
PINCHI LAKE	7-25	NOTE: see mercury warning on page 75

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WATER BODY MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
PORTAGE LAKE	7-16	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout catch and release; no set lines
PTARMIGAN CREEK	7-5	No Fishing from falls to Quarry Bridge
PURVIS LAKE	7-28	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout catch and release; no set lines
SALMON RIVER	7-15	Exempt from spring closure.
SHANDY LAKE	7-5	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
SHERE LAKE	7-4	Brook trout daily quota = 2
SLENDER LAKE	7-6	No set lines
SLIM LAKE	7-5	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
SQUARE LAKE (located in Crooked River Provincial Park)	7-16	No powered boats
STALK LAKES	7-39	Bait ban No Fishing Nov 15-May 14; Class II water*when open (Steelhead Stamp not required) Rainbow trout catch and release
STELLAKO RIVER	CW 7-12	Fly fishing only between fishing boundary signs approximately 250 m and 4 km downstream of the bridge near the François Lake outlet No powered boats from François Lake to the falls See Region 6 tables for restrictions applying to François Lake's outlet area
STONY LAKE	7-6	No set lines
STUART RIVER	7-15	Exempt from spring closure; rainbow trout catch and release, Apr 1-June 30
SWIFT CREEK	7-2	No Fishing Apr 1-Aug 31 No Fishing from upstream side of weir to CNR Bridge in Valemount
TACHEEDA LAKES (north and south)	7-16	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout catch and release; no set lines
TATLATUI LAKE	7-39	Rainbow trout daily quota = 2
TCHENTLO LAKE	7-28	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout possession quota = 2 (only one over 50 cm); no set lines
TEBBUTT LAKE	7-13	Brook trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
THORN CREEK	7-39	No Fishing from Attichika Creek to a point 500 m upstream
TOMAS LAKE	7-25	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout catch and release; no set lines
TOMIAS LAKE	7-38	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout catch and release; no set lines
TRAPPING LAKE	7-9	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
TSAYTA LAKE	7-28	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout possession quota = 2 (only one over 50 cm); no set lines
TSITNIZ LAKE	7-9	No powered boats
TUMUCH LAKE	7-5	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
VERDANT LAKE	7-15	Rainbow trout daily quota = 1 (none over 40 cm); single hook
VIVIAN LAKE	7-15	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
UNNAMED LAKE ("Kingle Lake") located 100 m west of Butterfly Lake	7-15	Brook trout daily quota = 10
UNNAMED LAKE ("Redstart Lake") located approx. 200 m southwest of Butterfly Lake	7-15	Brook trout daily quota = 10
WESTON CREEK	7-30	Exempt from spring closure downstream of signs near its mouth
WEST ROAD ("Blackwater") RIVER'S TRIBUTARIES	7-10	Trout daily quota = 1 (none under 30 cm); artificial fly only For regulations on the mainstem of the West Road River, see Region 5
WHITEFISH LAKE	7-25	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout catch and release; no set lines
WICHEEDA LAKE	7-16	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 1 (none over 40 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook
WILLISTON LAKE (in Zone A) (includes waters 500 m east/upstream of the Causeway Road)	7-30	No rainbow trout under 30 cm
	7-37	Bait ban 500 m upstream and downstream of Causeway Road July 1-Oct 30
	7-38	See Nation Arm
		REMINDER: Arctic grayling catch and release from tributaries See mercury warning on page 75 and definition of "stream mouth" on page 80 in the Provincial Regulations
WILLOW RIVER	7-9	Exempt from spring closure; no rainbow trout under 30 cm
WINDY POINT LAKE	7-24	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
WITCH LAKE	7-28	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout catch and release; no set lines
YELLOWHEAD LAKE	7-1	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout catch and release; no set lines

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Zone B (Peace)
Fish and Wildlife Regional Office
 (250) 787-3415
 400-10003 110 Ave
 Fort St. John BC V1J 6M7

Conservation Officer Service
 Please call 1-877-952-7277 for recorded information or to make an appointment at any of the following Field Offices: Chetwynd, Dawson Creek, Fort Nelson and Fort St. John

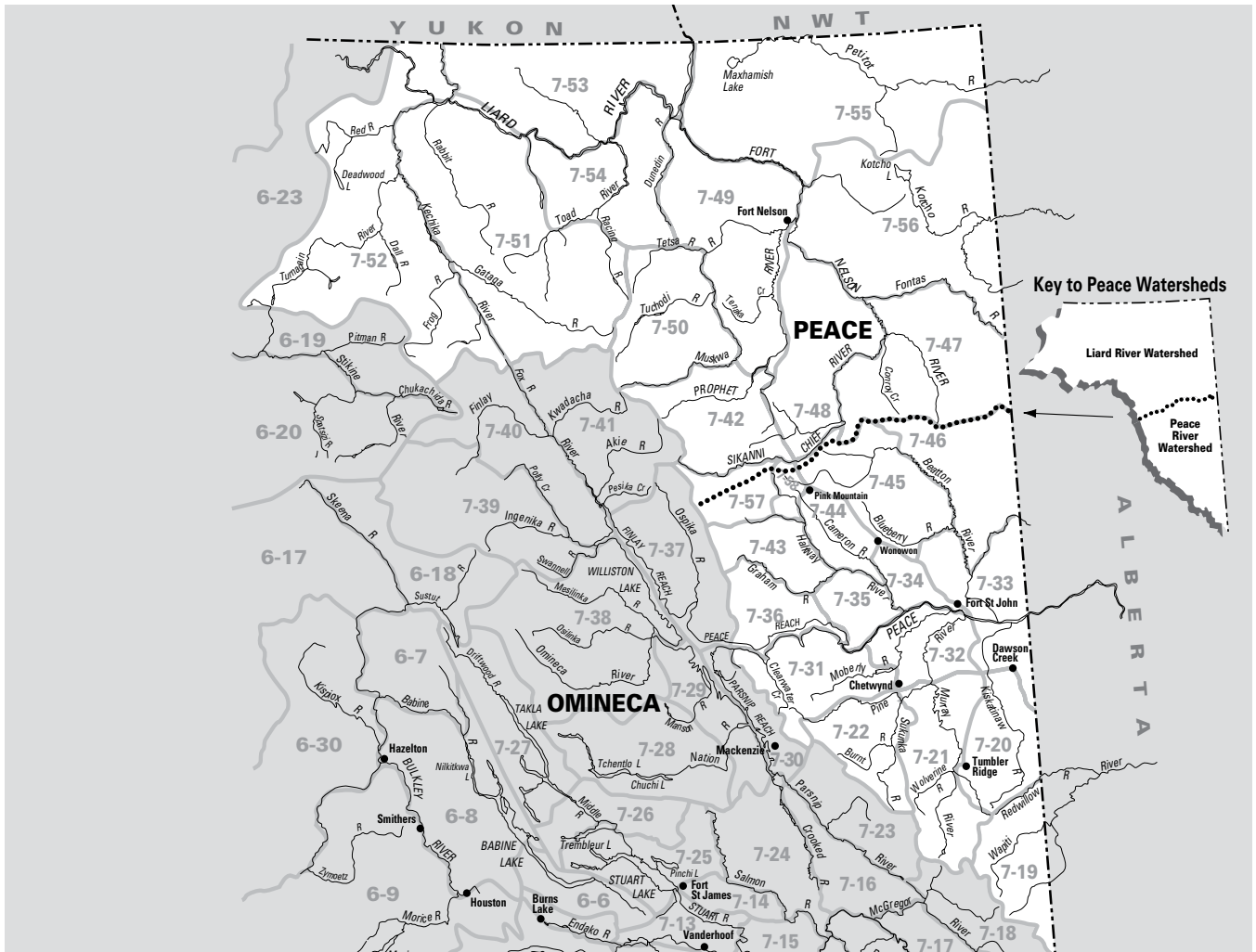
RAPP
 Report All Poachers and Polluters
 Conservation Officer 24 Hour Hotline
 1-877-952-RAPP (7277) or rapp.bc.ca

Please refer to [page 78](#) for more information



STAY UP TO DATE:

Check website for in-season changes or closure dates for the 2025-2027 season at: www.gov.bc.ca/FishingRegulations



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Regional Regulations

WARNING

PEACE RIVER The Peace River is no longer navigable past the Site C construction site. Avoid boat travel between 2 km upstream of the dam site (warning signs are on shore) and the downstream construction bridge. See www.siteproject.com/boating for details.

ICE FISHING HUTS Ice fishing huts should have the owner's contact information displayed in a prominent location when left unoccupied.

Failure to remove ice fishing huts from lakes before spring breakup is an offence under the Environmental Management Act.

THIN ICE AND OPEN WATER Due to aeration projects, dangerous thin ice and open water may exist on Inga and Sundance lakes. It is prohibited to enter within the fenced area surrounding the aerator.

NOTICE TO ANGLERS BC Hydro is tracking the movement of fish throughout the **Site C Reservoir**, Peace River and its tributaries using acoustic and radio telemetry to gather valuable data on the potential effects of the Site C project on fish. Anglers who catch tagged fish are encouraged to return them to the water if possible, or return the tag by e-mailing tagreturns@golder.com or calling (250) 785-9281. If tags come from anywhere other than the **Site C Reservoir**, Peace River and its tributaries, please call the regional Ministry office in Fort St. John at (250) 787-3415.

General ZONE B Regulations

Single barbless hook: must be used in all streams of Zone B, all year. See definition of "streams" on [page 80](#).

Bait ban: applies to all streams of Zone B, all year.

Fin fish: (as defined on [page 8](#) under "Rules on Bait Usage") may not be used as bait in any waters of Zone B.

Set lining: is not permitted in Zone B.

Region Zone B Daily Quotas

(See tables for exceptions)

Trout/char: 5, but not more than

- 1 over 50 cm
- 2 from streams
- 2 lake trout
- 1 bull trout

NOTE: Bull trout may only be retained from Oct 16-Aug 14. These fish may only be from the Liard River watershed (or other specified waters) and only 30-50 cm in length. See below.

And you must release:

- Rainbow trout of any size from streams, May 1-June 15
- Lake trout under 30 cm
- Lake trout of any size, Sept 15-Oct 31
- Bull trout from the Liard River watershed Aug 15-Oct 15, and from the Peace River watershed all year (See tables for exceptions)

Arctic grayling:

- 2 (none under 30 cm and only 1 over 45 cm)

And you must release:

- any size, May 1-June 15
- all from Williston Lake and its tributaries

Burbot: 5

Goldeye: 10

Inconnu: 1

Kokanee: 10 (none from streams, except Peace River)

Northern pike: 3 (only 1 over 90 cm)

Walleye: 3 (only 1 over 70 cm)

And you must release:

- all from streams, Apr 1-May 15

Whitefish: 15 (all species combined)

Yellow perch: 5

Possession Quotas

Possession quotas = 2 daily quotas for most species. See tables for exceptions.

Exception: possession quota = 1 daily quota for Arctic grayling, 1 daily quota for bull trout, and 1 daily quota for lake trout.

NOTE: Bull trout and Dolly Varden are two distinct species. Since only bull trout are found in the Peace Region, we have removed references to Dolly Varden here.

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WATER BODY MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
ANDY BAILEY (Jackfish) LAKE	7-48	No powered boats
BEATTIE LAKE	7-57	No Fishing Nov 1- Apr 30 Trout daily quota = 1 (none over 50 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook
BELCOURT LAKE	7-19	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30
BOOT LAKE	7-20	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
BOULDER LAKE	7-22	No powered boats; situated at the head of Boulder Creek
BURNT RIVER	7-22	Catch and release; artificial fly only
CAMERON LAKES	7-31	See North and South Cameron lakes No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30
CARBON LAKE	7-31	Lake trout daily and possession quotas = 1 (none under 30 cm) Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
CECIL LAKE	7-33	No powered boats
CECILIA CREEK	7-19	No Fishing
CECILIA LAKE	7-19	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Trout/char daily quota = 2 (none under 40 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook
CHARLIE LAKE	7-33	Walleye daily and possession quotas = 3; northern pike daily and possession quotas = 3
“CHINAMAN” LAKE	7-35	See Chunamun Lake
CHOWADE RIVER	7-43	No Fishing upstream of the Horseshoe Road Bridge, Aug 15-Oct 15
CHUNAMUN LAKE	7-35	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily and possession quotas = 2 (none over 50 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook
CLEARWATER CREEK	7-31	Catch and release
CLEARWATER LAKE	7-31	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Catch and release, May 1-Oct 31
DENETIAH CREEK	7-52	No Fishing July 1-July 15
DENETIAH LAKE	7-52	Bait ban
DIMSDALE CREEK	7-19	No Fishing
DIMSDALE LAKE	7-19	Trout/char catch and release; bait ban, single barbless hook
DINOSAUR LAKE (Reservoir Downstream of W.A.C. Bennett Dam)	7-31	No Fishing from W.A.C. Bennett Dam to 100 m south of Gething Creek and between the anti-vortex dyke and Peace Canyon Dam* No trout/char under 25 cm (bull trout catch and release); single barbless hook
FERN LAKE	7-42	No Fishing June 1-July 15 Rainbow trout daily quota = 2 (none over 50 cm); bait ban
GETHING CREEK	7-31	No Fishing
GWILLIM LAKE	7-21	Lake trout daily quota = 2 (none under 40 cm or over 60 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook
HALFWAY RIVER	7-34	No Fishing from confluence with Peace River to fishing boundary signs approximately 5 km upstream, Mar 1-June 30 Arctic grayling catch and release, Mountain whitefish catch and release
HEART LAKE	7-22	Trout/char daily quota = 1 (none under 35 cm) Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
INGA LAKE	7-34	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp) WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!
JOHNSON CREEK	7-31	No Fishing
KAKWA LAKE	7-19	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Trout/char daily quota = 2 (none under 40 cm)
KAKWA RIVER	7-19	No Fishing
LETAIN LAKE	7-52	No Fishing within 100 m of fishing boundary sign at outlet, May 15-July 31 Rainbow trout daily and possession quotas = 2 (none over 50 cm); bait ban, single hook
LIARD RIVER WATERSHED (see map on page 63)	7-53	Bull trout catch and release from all lakes and streams, Aug 15-Oct 15 Bull trout daily and possession quotas = 1 (none under 30 cm or over 50 cm) from all lakes and streams, Oct 16-Aug 14 No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30
LOWER BLUE LAKE	7-21	Bull trout daily and possession quotas = 1 (none under 40 cm or over 60 cm), May 1-Aug 14 Bait ban, single barbless hook
MOBERLY LAKE	7-31	No Fishing Sept 15-Oct 31; lake trout catch and release Nov 1-Sept 14
MOBERLY RIVER	7-32	Arctic grayling catch and release downstream of Moberly Lake, Mountain whitefish catch and release downstream of Moberly Lake No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30
MONKMAN LAKE	7-21	Bull trout daily and possession quotas = 1 (none under 40 cm or over 60 cm), May 1-Aug 14 Bait ban, single barbless hook
MUNCHO LAKE	7-51	Lake trout daily quota = 2 (none under 40 cm and none over 60 cm); single barbless hook
MURRAY RIVER	7-21	Arctic grayling catch and release from Kinuseo Falls to signs about 2 km downstream
NORTH CAMERON LAKE	7-31	No powered boats
ONE ISLAND LAKE	7-20	See ice hut warning, page 63

TABLE LEGEND:

* Includes tributaries ➔ Stocked Lake, see page 4

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WATER BODY MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
PEACE RIVER (From Hwy. 29 bridge to the Site C dam)	7-31	Kokanee daily quota = 10 Arctic grayling catch and release, including tributaries; Mountain whitefish catch and release, including tributaries Lake trout daily quota = 3 No Fishing from mouth of Halfway River to fishing boundary signs approximately 5 km upstream and 5 km downstream, Mar 1-June 30 No Fishing between Peace Canyon Dam and Hwy 29 Bridge
PEACE RIVER (From Site C dam to boundary signs 1,200m downstream)	7-31	No Fishing
PEACE RIVER (Downstream of boundary signs 1,200m downstream of the Site C dam)	7-31	Arctic grayling catch and release; Kokanee daily quota = 10
PINE RIVER	* 7-32	Catch and release all fish upstream of the Hasler Road Bridge
RADAR LAKE	7-20	No powered boats
RAINBOW LAKES	7-52	No Fishing within 100 m of fishing boundary sign at outlet, May 15-July 31 Rainbow trout daily and possession quotas = 2 (none over 50 cm); bait ban, single hook
ROBB LAKE	7-57	Bull trout daily quota = 1 (any size)
SIMPSON LAKE	7-31	Trout/char daily quota = 2 (none over 40 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook
SOUTH CAMERON LAKE	7-31	No powered boats
STEWART LAKE	➔ 7-32	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
STONY LAKE	7-19	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
SUNDANCE LAKE	➔ 7-32	WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!
SWAN LAKE	7-20	Walleye daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm)
TUPPER RIVER	7-20	No Fishing within 100 m downstream of outlet weir at Swan Lake Walleye catch and release
WAPITI LAKE	7-19	Bait ban, single barbless hook
WILLISTON LAKE (in Zone B)	7-31	No rainbow trout under 30 cm
	7-36	See mercury warning page 57 in Region 7A , and definition of "stream mouth" on page 80 Arctic grayling catch and release*
		Bull trout daily quota =1 (none under 30 cm or over 50 cm), Oct 16-Aug 14 Lake trout daily quota =3 (none under 30 cm, 1 over 50 cm), Nov 1-Sept 14
WOLVERINE LAKE	7-52	No Fishing within 100 m of fishing boundary sign at outlet, May 15-July 31 Rainbow trout daily and possession quotas = 2 (none over 50 cm); bait ban, single hook

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Fish and Wildlife Regional Office
 (250) 490-8200
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 Penticton BC V2A 7C8

Conservation Officer Service
 Please call 1-877-952-7277 for recorded information or to make an appointment at any of the following Field Offices: Grand Forks, Kelowna, Penticton, Salmon Arm, and Vernon

RAPP
 Report All Poachers and Polluters
 Conservation Officer 24 Hour Hotline
 1-877-952-RAPP (7277) or rapp.bc.ca

Please refer to [page 78](#) for more information

Salmon Information:

**Fisheries and Oceans Canada
 District Offices (DFO)**

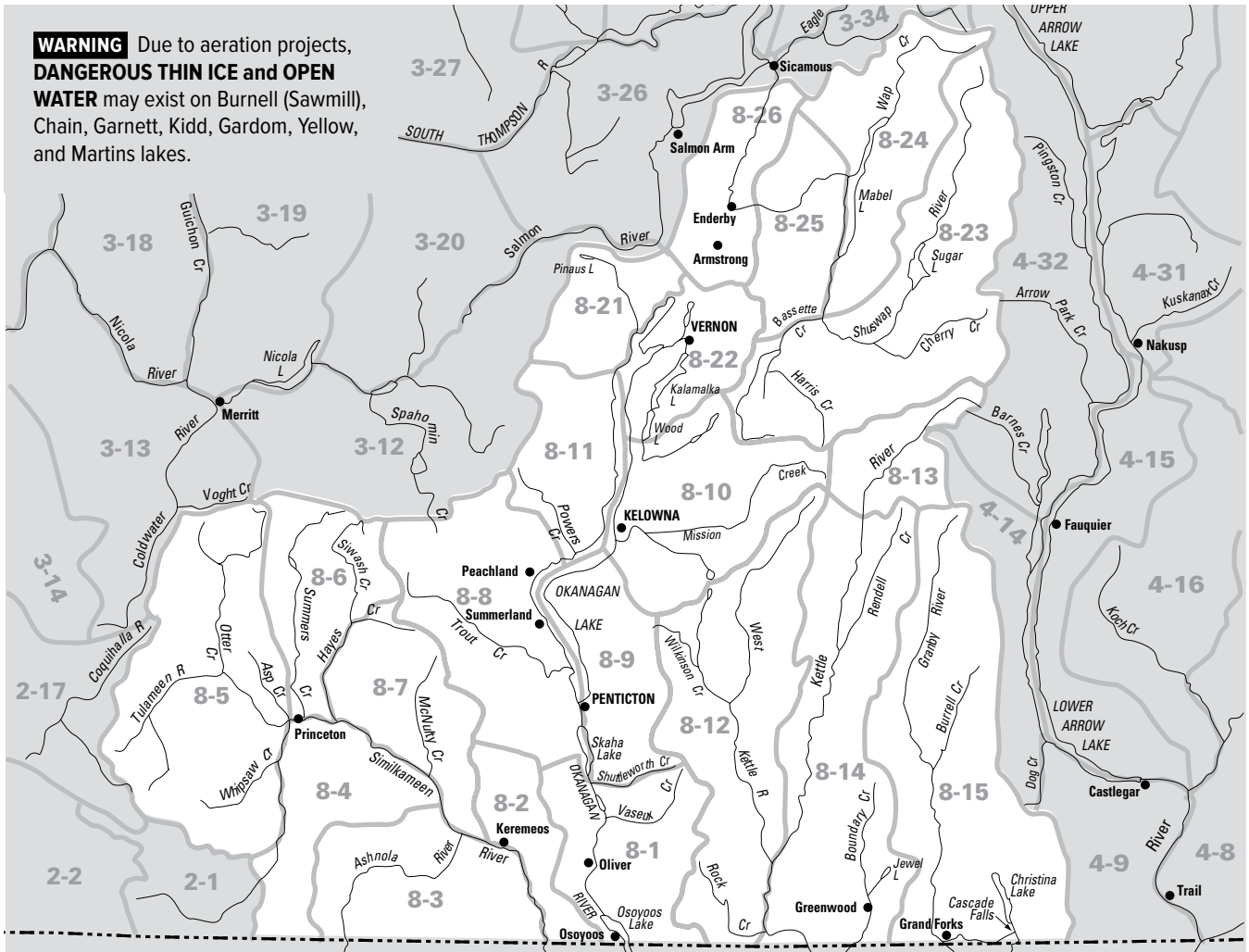
Kamloops: (250) 851-4950
 Salmon Arm: (250) 804-7000



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WARNING Due to aeration projects, **DANGEROUS THIN ICE** and **OPEN WATER** may exist on Burnell (Sawmill), Chain, Garnett, Kidd, Gardom, Yellow, and Martins lakes.



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Regional Regulations

General Regulations

No fishing: (spring closure) in any stream in Region 8 from Apr 1-June 30 (see tables for exceptions). See definition of “streams” on page 80.

Single barbless hook: must be used in all streams of Region 8, all year.

Region 8 Daily Quotas

(See tables for exceptions)

Trout/char: 5, but not more than

- 1 over 50 cm
- 4 from streams (only 2 over 30 cm)

And you may retain:

20 brook trout from streams

And you must release:

Bull trout (Dolly Varden) from streams

Bass: 0 quota, CLOSED TO FISHING (see tables for exceptions)

Burbot: 2

Crappie: 20

Crayfish: 25

Kokanee: 5 (none from streams)

Walleye: 8

Whitefish: 15 (all species combined)

Yellow perch: 0 quota, CLOSED TO FISHING (see tables for exceptions)

Possession Quotas

Possession quotas = 2 daily quotas (See tables for exceptions)

Daily AND Annual Quotas for Salmon

Please refer to the NOTICE on page 77 for Salmon Regulations (including Osoyoos Lake sockeye fishery enquiries)

GARNET LAKE ANGLING CLOSURE Due to the illegal introduction of largemouth bass, Garnet Lake has been closed to all angling. Moving forward, Garnet Valley Reservoir will be used as a research lake, contributing to ongoing development of fisheries management programs and improving angling quality province wide.

OKANAGAN LAKE DAM FISH PASSAGE

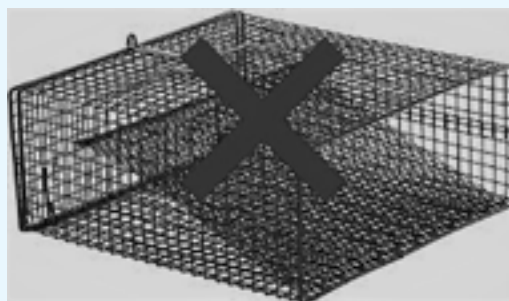
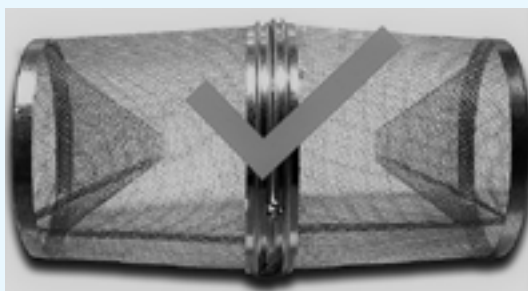
INITIATIVE Controlled testing is underway to investigate fish passage options at Okanagan Lake Dam, monitor fish navigation of the ladder, and upstream habitat utilization of sockeye and Chinook salmon. If you catch a tagged fish, please report it to the Okanagan Fish & Wildlife office in Penticton at 250-490-8200.

Syilx OKANAGAN NATION

The Okanagan is the traditional territory of the *Syilx* people. The *Syilx* people of the Okanagan Nation, are a trans-boundary tribe between Canada and the United States. Their communities share the same land, *nsyilxcən* language, culture and customs. The *Syilx* people have relied on salmon and other fish as main food sources for centuries. The Okanagan Nation Alliance (ONA) is committed to the conservation, protection, restoration, and enhancement of indigenous fisheries and aquatic habitats within Syilx Territory and the Province of B.C. is proud to collaborate with ONA and its member Nations on key initiatives to restore and manage fish stocks. Over the past 20 years the ONA has been instrumental in leading key initiatives such as construction of the *kt c̓p̓alk̓ st̓im̓* Hatchery, to the Okanagan River Restoration Initiative, and Rejuvenation of *sc̓win̓* (Okanagan Sockeye).

Crayfish trapping

Many Okanagan anglers enjoy trapping and eating crayfish. Unfortunately, some styles and sizes of legal traps are very effective at catching and drowning turtles. This is particularly concerning for the Western Painted Turtle, a native species whose population health is vulnerable to human activities. Anglers are encouraged to use traps with minimally-sized circular openings, to reduce the chance of capturing turtles.



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WATER BODY MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
ALLEYNE LAKE	➔ 8-6	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
ARLINGTON LAKES	8-12	Yellow perch daily quota = 20
ASHNOLA RIVER	8-3	Rainbow and cutthroat trout catch and release; exempt from spring closure
ASP (China) CREEK	8-5	Exempt from spring closure
BAIRD LAKE	➔ 8-25	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
BIGHORN RESERVOIR (Lakeview Irrigation District)	8-11	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
"BLUEY LAKE POTHOLE"	8-6	No Fishing Includes all unnamed lakes within 2 km of Bluey Lake (except Bluey Lake itself and Kentucky Lake)
BURNELL (Sawmill) LAKE	➔ 8-1	No Ice Fishing Trout/char catch and release Artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!
BUTLER LAKE (east of Allison Lake)	➔ 8-6	No Ice Fishing Trout/char daily quota = 2 Bait ban
CHAIN LAKE	8-6	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp) WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!
CHAPMAN LAKE	8-8	No Ice Fishing Trout daily quota = 2
CHRISTINA CREEK	8-15	Bass daily quota = 8, yellow perch daily quota = 20
CHRISTINA LAKE	8-15	No Fishing north of a line between Bald and Knob Points, Mar 1-May 31 Rainbow trout daily quota = 2, bass daily quota = 8, yellow perch daily quota = 20
CHUTE LAKE	8-9	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
CLIFFORD (Cliff) LAKE	➔ 8-5	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
CONKLE LAKE	8-12	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
DOBBIN LAKE	8-11	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
DRY LAKE	➔ 8-5	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
EASTMERE LAKE	➔ 8-8	No Ice Fishing Trout/char daily quota = 2 Bait ban Motorized vehicle closure. Walk-in access only. See sign at trailhead.
EHOLT CREEK	8-14	Exempt from spring closure
ENEAS CREEK	8-8	Exempt from spring closure
ELLISON LAKE	8-8	Yellow perch daily quota = 20
FIVE O'CLOCK LAKE (approx. 800 m southeast of Cup Lake)	➔ 8-14	No Ice Fishing Trout/char daily quota = 2; bait ban
FRAZER LAKE	8-9	Bass daily quota = 8, yellow perch daily quota = 20
FRIDAY LAKE	➔ 8-6	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
GALLAGHER LAKE	8-1	Bass daily quota = 8, yellow perch daily quota = 20 Trout/char daily quota = 2
GARDOM LAKE	➔ 8-26	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!
GARNET LAKE	8-8	No Fishing Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW; WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!
GOOSE LAKE	8-5	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
GRANBY RIVER	8-15	Upstream of Burrell Creek: exempt from spring closure; bait ban Apr 1-Oct 31; trout/char daily quota = 1 Downstream of Burrell Creek: bait ban July 1-Oct 31; rainbow trout catch and release
GRANBY RIVER'S TRIBUTARIES	8-15	Bait ban
HALL ROAD (Mission) POND	8-10	Trout daily quota = 1; 🧑 Youth/Disabled Accompanied Water May 1-Jun 15 (see page 4)
HARVEY HALL LAKE	8-5	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
HAYNES LAKE	8-10	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp); this lake is part of McCulloch Reservoir
HEADWATER LAKE #1	➔ 8-8	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
HIDDEN LAKE	➔ 8-25	No towing
HYDRAULIC LAKE	➔ 8-10	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp); this lake is part of McCulloch Reservoir
IDLEBACK LAKE	➔ 8-12	No Ice Fishing Trout daily quota = 1; bait ban, single barbless hook; electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
ISLAHT (Horseshoe) LAKE	8-11	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
JACKPINE LAKE	➔ 8-11	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
JEWEL CREEK	8-14	No Fishing from Jewel Lake downstream approximately 1.5 km to fishing boundary signs

TABLE LEGEND:

* Includes tributaries ➔ Stocked Lake, see [page 4](#) 🧑 Youth/Disabled Accompanied Water

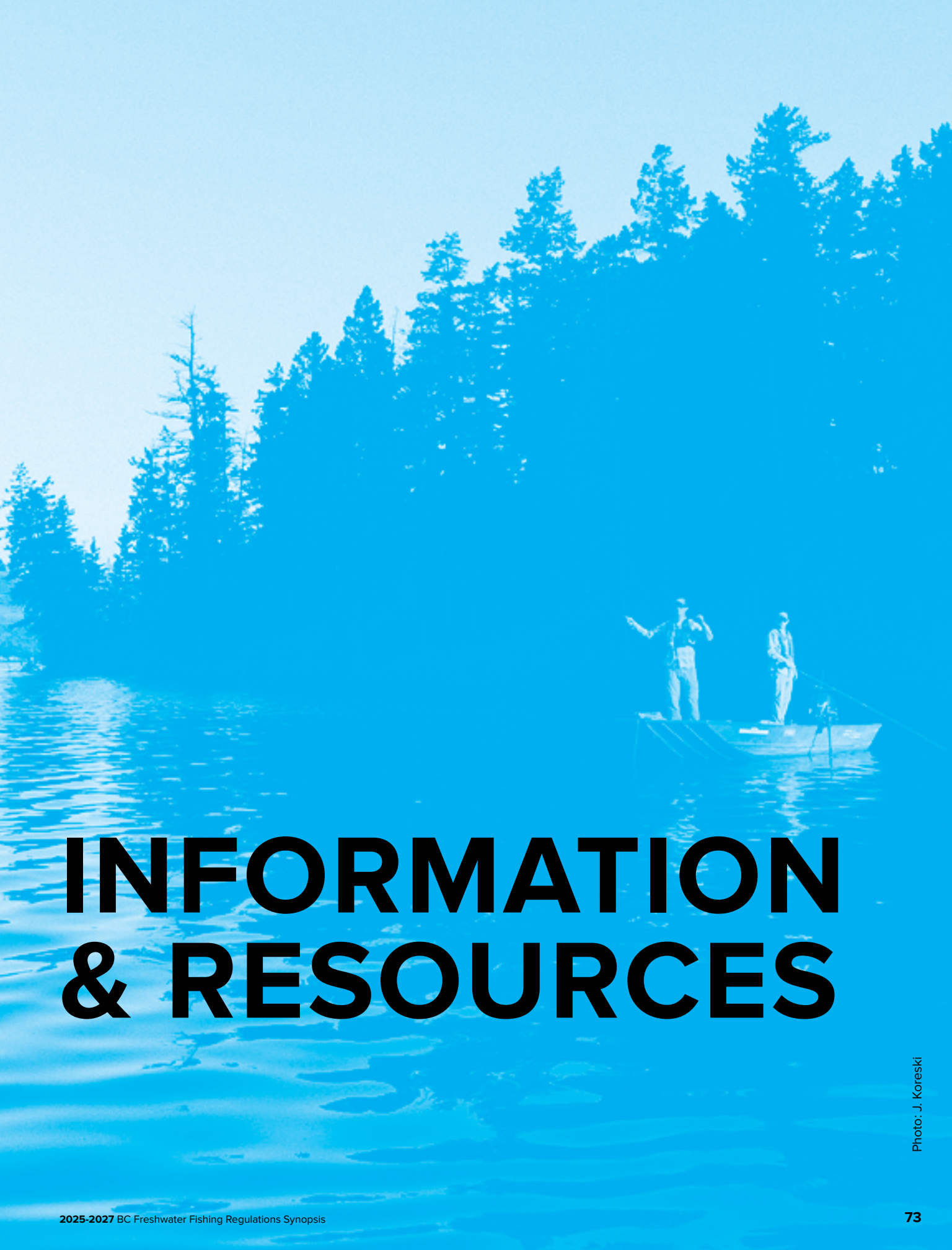
Water-Specific Regulations

WATER BODY MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
JEWEL LAKE	➔ 8-14	Brook trout daily quota = 20 Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp) and speed restriction (8 km/h)
JOHNNY LAKE	➔ 8-5	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
KALAMALKA LAKE	8-22	Kokanee daily quota = 5, Yellow perch daily quota = 20 Speed restrictions or no vessels (as buoyed and signed), various locations
KENTUCKY LAKE	➔ 8-6	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
KETTLE RIVER	8-14 8-15	Exempt from spring closure No Fishing July 25-Sept 15; bait ban Apr 1-Oct 31 Rainbow trout catch and release
KETTLE RIVER'S TRIBUTARIES	8-14	No Fishing Jul 25-Sept 15 Rainbow trout catch and release; bait ban
KIDD LAKE	➔ 8-6	No Ice Fishing Trout/char catch and release; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!
KUMP (Lost) LAKE	➔ 8-5	No Ice Fishing Trout/char daily quota = 2; bait ban
LAMBLY (Bear) LAKE	➔ 8-11	Yellow perch daily quota = 20 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
LARRY LAKE (unnamed lake located about 400 m west of Thalia Lake)	➔ 8-5	No Ice Fishing Trout/char catch and release Artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
LINK LAKE	➔ 8-6	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
LITTLE PINAUS LAKE	8-21	Yellow perch daily quota = 20
LOCH DRINKIE	8-11	No Ice Fishing Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban
LOON LAKE	➔ 8-10	No Ice Fishing Trout/char catch and release; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
LOST LAKE	➔ 8-10	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
MABEL LAKE	8-24	No Fishing south of a line between fishing boundary signs on the lakeshore approximately 800 m north of Shuswap River inlet, Jan 1-May 31 Bull trout (Dolly Varden) daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm) Single barbless hook
MARA LAKE	8-26	See Shuswap Lake in Region 3 No powered boats south of the CPR bridge
MARTIN LAKE	➔ 8-6	Trout daily quota = 2 WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!
MCCULLOCH RESERVOIR	8-10	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
MCRAE CREEK	8-15	No Fishing downstream of falls situated approximately 4 km upstream of Christina Lake
MEADOW LAKE	8-10	No Ice Fishing ; trout/char daily quota = 2; bait ban
MINNOW LAKE	8-10	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp); this lake is part of McCulloch Reservoir
MISSION CREEK	8-10	No Fishing from falls at Gallagher Canyon to Okanagan Lake
OKANAGAN LAKE	8-10	Rainbow trout daily quota = 2 (only one over 50 cm), bass daily quota = 8, yellow perch daily quota = 20 Speed restrictions or no vessels (as buoyed and signed), various locations
OKANAGAN RIVER	8-1	No Fishing Oct 1-Nov 15; bass daily quota = 8, yellow perch daily quota = 20 Exempt from spring closure from Okanagan Lake Dam downstream to McIntyre Dam and downstream of Drop Structure No. 1 (located about 1 km upstream of Osoyoos Lake) Rainbow trout catch and release; no powered boats
OKANAGAN RIVER OXBOWS	8-1	These isolated oxbows adjacent to Okanagan River downstream of the McIntyre Dam and upstream of Vaseux Lake are EXEMPT from the spring closure
OSOYOOS LAKE	8-1	Kokanee daily quota = 5 (none over 30cm from July 1-Oct 31), bass daily quota = 8, yellow perch daily quota = 20 Barbless hook July 1-Oct 31 Speed restriction on parts, no vessels (see definition on page 4) in 5 signed swimming areas
OSPREY LAKE	8-6	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
PEACHLAND CREEK	8-8	No Fishing from Hardy Falls to Okanagan Lake
PINAUS LAKE		Yellow perch daily quota = 20
POWERS CREEK	8-11	No Fishing downstream of Hwy 97 bridge to Okanagan Lake
RICKEY LAKE	8-5	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
ROBERTSON LAKE	➔ 8-5	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
ROSEMOND LAKE	8-26	No powered boats south of the CPR Bridge
ROSE VALLEY RESERVOIR (Lakeview Irrigation District)	➔ 8-11	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
SANDNER CREEK	8-15	No Fishing
SATURDAY LAKE	8-6	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW

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WATER BODY MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
SAWMILL LAKE	➔ 8-1	See Burnell Lake
SHANNON LAKE	➔ 8-11	Bass daily quota = 8, yellow perch daily quota = 20
SHANNON LAKE (netted off portion on the south end of the lake)	➔ 8-11	Trout daily quota = 1 🧑 Youth/Disabled Accompanied Water May 1-Jun 15 (see page 4)
SHORTS CREEK	8-11	No Fishing from Westside Road Bridge to Okanagan Lake
SHUSWAP RIVER	8-26	No Fishing from Mara Lake upstream to Mara Bridge
		No Fishing 50 m upstream and 50 m downstream of Trinity Bridge, Jun 15-Nov 15
		Rainbow trout/char catch and release; exempt from spring closure from Mara Bridge upstream to Sugar Lake Upstream of Sugar Lake: No fishing Sept 1-Oct 31; bait ban
SILVER LAKE	➔ 8-8	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
SIMILKAMEEN RIVER	* 8-2	Rainbow and cutthroat trout catch and release Bait ban, Apr 1-Oct 31; exempt from spring closure
SITKUM CREEK	8-23	No Fishing Sept 1-Oct 15
SKAHA LAKE	8-9	Kokanee daily quota = 5 (none over 35 cm from July 10-Oct 31)
		Bass daily quota = 8, yellow perch daily quota = 20
		Speed restrictions or no vessels (as buoyed and signed), various locations
SOUTH LAKE	8-10	No Ice Fishing Trout/char daily quota = 2; bait ban
SQUARE LAKE	➔ 8-21	No Ice Fishing Trout/char daily quota = 2; bait ban
STONY LAKE	8-5	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
SUGAR LAKE	8-23	Bull trout/Dolly Varden daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm); single barbless hook
SUNDAY LAKE	➔ 8-6	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
SWAN LAKE	➔ 8-26	Yellow perch daily quota = 20
TEE PEE LAKES	➔ 8-6	See Friday, Saturday, and Sunday Lakes
TOMMY LEE LAKE	8-5	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
THIRSK LAKE	8-8	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
TREPANIER RIVER	8-8	No Fishing from Hwy 97C to Okanagan Lake
TROUT CREEK	8-8	No Fishing from the trestle in Trout Creek Canyon to Okanagan Lake Upstream of the trestle exempt from spring closure
TROUT LAKE	8-8	Bass daily quota = 8, yellow perch daily quota = 20 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
TUC-EL-NUIT LAKE	8-1	Bass daily quota = 8, yellow perch daily quota = 20 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
TULAMEEN RIVER	8-5	Rainbow and cutthroat trout catch and release
		Bait ban Apr 1-Oct 31
		Exempt from spring closure
TWIN LAKES	➔ 8-1	Yellow perch daily quota = 20 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
UNNAMED LAKES (located immediately north and south of Bluey Lake)	8-6	No Fishing Known by Ministry of Forests designations as lakes 711, 712, 713, 364 and 309 on Map 92H-088
VASEUX LAKE (including two lagoons on the west side of Okanagan River upstream of McIntyre Dam)	8-1	No powered boats (Migratory Bird Sanctuary Regulations) Bass daily quota = 8, yellow perch daily quota = 20
WAP CREEK	8-24	No Fishing downstream of Frog Falls (excluding Wap Lake) Sept 1-June 30 Exempt from spring closure upstream of Frog Falls
WEST KETTLE RIVER	8-12	No Fishing July 25-Sept 15 Rainbow trout catch and release; bait ban Apr 1-Oct 31 Exempt from spring closure
WEST KETTLE RIVER'S tributaries	8-12	No Fishing Jul 25-Sept 15 Rainbow trout catch and release; bait ban
WOOD LAKE	8-22	No Ice Fishing No Fishing for kokanee Sept 1-Mar 31 Kokanee daily quota = 3, Apr 1-Aug 31 Yellow perch daily quota = 20 Speed restriction (10 km/h) on parts
YELLOW LAKE	➔ 8-2	Yellow perch daily quota = 20 Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp) WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration

NOTE: If a lake or stream is NOT listed here, then only the Provincial Regulations ([pages 8-10](#)) and the Regional Regulations ([page 68](#)) apply. Regulations that have changed from the previous published version of the synopsis are **no longer** highlighted in colour. Check for any in-season changes at: www.gov.bc.ca/FishingRegulations.



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Aquatic Invasive Species

Aquatic Invasive Fish

The conservation of B.C.'s native fish species is the highest priority of the provincial Freshwater Fisheries Program.

Every effort to eliminate the risk that Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) pose, and to prevent their further spread, will be made by the Province and its partners.

AIS threaten native fish, their ecosystems, and the recreational fishing they support. This means that fish like trout and char are at risk.

Uninformed people moving AIS from one water body to another (intentionally or accidentally) is the main cause for the spread of invasive fish in B.C. – this is ILLEGAL.

B.C.'s Response to Aquatic Invasive Fish

- Waterbodies with new high-risk introductions may be temporarily or permanently closed to fishing.
- The overall purpose of these fishery closures is to discourage unauthorized introductions and reduce further risk of spread.
- Where feasible, high-risk AIS will be eradicated from waterbodies.
- Where eradication is not feasible, measures to manage risk and prevent high-risk AIS from spreading (such as special regulations) may be implemented.
- For a limited number of lakes, AIS may be managed as a regulated fishery which could be terminated should risks of AIS increase.

See Fish Identification pages (centre glossy) for pictures of common invasive fish species in B.C.

Whirling Disease

The first documented case of whirling disease in BC was in winter 2023 in Yoho National Park. Whirling disease is a disease affecting juvenile salmonid fish including trout and whitefish. It is caused by a microscopic parasite, *Myxobolus cerebralis*, which infects fish through their skin. Physical signs of the disease may include a deformed body or skull, and dark colouration of the tail area. Deformations sometimes cause a whirling swimming pattern. Although there is no risk to human health, the parasite can be lethal in susceptible fish populations (trout, salmon, whitefish). The movement of fish, mud, and water can spread whirling disease.

There is no treatment currently available for whirling disease; therefore, containment and prevention are the best response.

Best Practices to Prevent the Spread of Whirling Disease:

- Never move fish or fish parts from one waterbody to another.
- Use fish cleaning stations where available or put fish parts in the local solid waste system. Do not dispose of fish or any fish parts in a kitchen garbage disposal.
- Clean, Drain and Dry boats or any equipment (waders, life jackets, kayaks, etc.) before moving between waterbodies.
- Avoid using felt-soled waders.
- In addition, within the Columbia River Watershed the public should decontaminate all watercraft, equipment and gear using the provincial protocol. Please visit the whirling disease website: www.gov.bc.ca/whirlingdisease for the protocol and any updates on recommendations for its' use.
- **If you observe fish that are showing signs of whirling disease, do not remove or transport the fish, instead take photos and submit reports to WhirlingDisease@gov.bc.ca**

Aquatic Invasive Plants

Aquatic invasive plants can be submerged or emergent, rooted to the substrate or free-floating. They typically prefer still to slow-moving water and reproduce by seed, stem and root fragments. These plants generally form thick, dense mats of vegetation, and can out-compete and replace native plants, reducing biological diversity, water quality and recreational opportunities.

Invasive Mussel Defence Program

Zebra and quagga mussels are invasive freshwater species that have not yet been detected in B.C. If introduced, these mussels will threaten native species and fisheries in our lakes and rivers. The potential economic impact of these mussels has been estimated to range between \$64 to \$129 million annually in costs to hydropower, infrastructure, irrigation, tourism, property values and boating. Zebra and quagga mussels can attach onto watercraft and fishing gear, and be transported from infested water bodies in other jurisdictions into B.C.

Look for Conservation Officers at watercraft inspection stations located at key border crossings and highways into B.C.

If you are transporting a watercraft (including non-motorized watercraft like canoes, kayaks, car toppers, and inflatable boats) in

B.C., it is mandatory to stop at all watercraft inspection stations that are open along your travel route. Failure to stop at an open watercraft inspection station could result in a fine of \$690. For more information on invasive mussels: www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/invasive-mussels

What can you do to help?

- Follow rules on bait usage (no fin fish, alive or dead) on [page 8](#).
- Where fishing regulations permit, harvest the invasive fish.
- Where fisheries for the invasive fish are closed, you must not target these species and any incidental catches must be released.
- If you suspect your catch is a new introduction and regulations allow it, harvest it, or take a photo if regulations require release and report it using the provincial reporting tools listed below.
- **Don't Let it Loose:** Never release unwanted aquarium pets, water garden plants, live food (e.g., fish, crabs, shellfish, snails) or live bait into the wild.
- **Pull the plug:** Before transporting a boat or other watercraft, owners/operators must remove the drain plug and drain all water on dry land including all internal compartments such as ballasts, bilges, and live wells.
- Ensure any water released from aquariums, ponds or water gardens is done on land and away from household drains, sewers or other bodies of water.
- Under the federal Aquatic Invasive Species Regulations, it is illegal to introduce an aquatic species into a body of water where it is not native, unless authorized under federal, provincial or territorial law. For more information: www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/species-especes/ais-eae/regulations-reglements/index-eng.html

It is ILLEGAL to possess live fish or release live fish into B.C.'s lakes or streams.

Persons convicted for a first offence of the illegal movement of aquatic invasive species could be fined up to \$100,000 and/or receive a prison term of up to 12 months. For a second offence, they could be fined not more than \$200,000 (and not less than \$2,000), and/or receive a term of imprisonment not exceeding two years.

Clean, Drain and Dry your Watercraft

To help prevent the introduction of zebra and quagga mussels and other AIS such as Eurasian watermilfoil and whirling disease, anglers should follow these steps:



Clean: After a watercraft is pulled from the water, thoroughly clean all plants, animals, and mud from the watercraft, motor, trailer, and other equipment.

Drain: Drain all water onto the ground from the watercraft (including bilges, engine compartments, hull, and intakes) and from any containers that can hold water (like bait containers, live wells, and ballast).

Pull the plug! It's the law!

It is illegal to transport your watercraft in BC with the drain plug still in place.

Before transporting a boat or other watercraft, owners/operators must remove the drain plug and drain all water on dry land including all internal compartments such as ballasts, bilges, and live wells.

Dry: Allow all items to dry completely before transporting the watercraft and equipment to another water body.

Out-of-province watercraft

If you're bringing your boat from outside of B.C., e-mail the provincial program at COS.Aquatic.Invasive.Species@gov.bc.ca to determine if your boat is HIGH-RISK, and should be decontaminated for possible presence of zebra or quagga mussels before accessing B.C.'s lakes and rivers. It's free!

How to Report Aquatic Invasive Species

Invasive species on the provincial priority list can be viewed at gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/plants-animals-ecosystems/invasive-species/priority-species/invertebrates. For more information on invasive species and to report suspected sightings by email, webform or the Report Invasives App, please visit: www.gov.bc.ca/invasive-species

Any suspected, transport, possession, sale or release of invasive mussels should be reported immediately to the Conservation Officer Services Report All Poachers and Polluters: 1-877-952-7277 (RAPP).

Proper Fish Handling

Before you arrive at a lake or river, know the regulations for that water body. Fish should always be treated humanely, and anglers should only harvest what they need.

Catching and Releasing Fish

If you are going to release your fish, it is essential to handle the fish carefully to increase its chances of survival.

- Play and release your fish as rapidly as

possible. A fish played for too long may not recover.

- Keep your fish immersed in water unless you have chosen to legally harvest it. A fish out of water is suffocating. Every second a fish spends out of the water decreases its chances of survival. Also, internal injuries and scale loss are much more likely to occur when a fish is out of the water.
- If possible, keep the eyes of your fish covered while unhooking it. Covering a fish's eyes in shallow water (without touching its eyes or pushing down on the gills) can reduce the amount they struggle, and minimize stress.
- Carry needle-nosed pliers. Grab the bend or round portion of the hook with your pliers, twist the pliers upside-down, and the hook will dislodge. Be quick, but gentle. If not already stipulated in the regulations, single barbless hooks are recommended.
- Any legal fish that is deeply hooked, hooked around the gills, or bleeding should be retained as part of your quota. If the fish cannot be retained legally, you can improve its chances for survival by cutting the leader as close to the hook's eye as possible, and releasing it with the hook left in.
- Nets used for landing your catch should have fine mesh and a knotless webbing to protect fish from abrasion and possible injury. Specialty catch-and-release nets feature soft, rubberized mesh that is gentle on fish.
- If you must handle the fish, do so with wet, bare hands. Do not wear gloves, which can remove the protective slime that aids the fish's survival. Keep your fingers out of its gills, and don't squeeze the fish or cause scales to be lost or damaged. If the fish cannot remain upright on its own, gently hold the fish in the water to recover. If fishing in a river, point the fish's head upstream into the current; when it begins to struggle and can remain upright on its own, let it go.
- Leave fish in the water for photos. If you must lift a fish that will be subsequently released, then provide support by cradling your fish behind the front fins with one hand, and placing your other hand just forward of its tail fin. Minimize your fish's time out of the water.

Harvesting Fish for Safe Consumption On the Water

Decide what to do with your fish immediately after catching it. All fish that aren't legally

harvested must be released as quickly as possible. If you do keep your catch, make sure you clean it promptly. Digestive enzymes can spoil the flesh, making it taste bad. To comply with the law, you must leave the head, tail, and all fins on your catch until you get it home (see [page 10](#)). Store your catch in a cool place.

Preparing Fish for the Table

Like any animal, fish can be infected with parasites. Some of these parasites can also infect people. To limit your risk of infection, remember to wash your hands and knife frequently while handling and cleaning fish.

You can kill the parasites by cooking fish to an internal temperature of 70°C for 10 minutes for each 2.5 cm (one-inch) thickness of flesh. Freezing fish to a minimum of -20°C for 7 days, or -35°C for 15 hours, will also kill any parasites; the thawed raw fish is then safe to be eaten in sushi or fed to pets.

Mercury in Fish

Fish is a good source of heart-healthy omega-3 fatty acids, protein and many vitamins and minerals that benefit people of all ages. While these nutrients promote healthy development for pregnant people and young children, these populations should be aware of the potential health risks and eat less high mercury fish.

As the risk of mercury contamination is generally low, mercury levels in fish are not routinely monitored across B.C. lakes and streams. Mercury can accumulate in the muscle tissue of fish, with larger-sized predatory species like lake trout, bass, and walleye tending to accumulate the highest amounts. Currently, only four areas in B.C. have consumption advisories because of higher mercury levels. These advisories are for lake trout and/or bull trout in Jack of Clubs Lake (Region 5), Pinchi Lake (Region 7A), and Williston Reservoir (Regions 7A and 7B), and for bass on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands (Region 1). For more information on healthy eating and guidelines for consumption of fish, please visit www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthwise/avoiding-mercury-fish.

Safety and Etiquette

Safe and Respectful Boating

For your safety and the enjoyment of everyone using the water, please:

- Keep boat launch areas clear to give all boaters equal access. Prepare your boat for launching away from the ramp to avoid

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creating unnecessary delays.

- Don't mix alcohol and boating. You will need your best reflexes to keep you, your boat, and others safe. It's illegal to operate a boat while impaired.
- Limit your speed (particularly when entering corners) to avoid collisions with other boaters, anglers, swimmers, and hidden obstacles. **Respect the Universal Shoreline Speed Restriction of 10 kph within 30 m of the shore.**
- Be careful when boating at dawn and dusk, and in limited light or visibility.
- Refrain from running your boat through water being fished by others. Go slowly or drift by anglers along the shoreline. Be considerate of others.
- Avoid sensitive habitats such as shallow water, spawning areas, and wildlife nesting or foraging areas.
- Give animals crossing the river the space and time to do so. It's illegal to harass wildlife with a boat.
- Pack out your garbage. Old fishing line, litter, fuel, and oil damage fish habitat, endanger aquatic life, and reduce water quality.

Many B.C. waters have boating restrictions in place. Please refer to Regional Water-Specific Regulations Tables in this Synopsis for boating restrictions on individual waters, and on [page 4](#) in the Provincial Regulations for an explanation of the types of restrictions.

Government of Canada Marine Transportation Office of Boating Safety

For information on licencing or registering your boat and regulations related to boating safety, including: operator competency requirements; horsepower restrictions related to the age of operators; universal shoreline speed restrictions; and proper use of personal flotation devices (including Inflatable PFDs).

Toll-free: 1-800-267-6687

Website: tc.canada.ca/en/marine-transportation/marine-safety/boating-safety

Angling Ethics

Conscientious anglers respect the environment, fish, their fellow anglers, and the non-angling public. Become a better angler by following some of the basic Angler's Code of Ethics.

Understand and abide by the fishing regulations

Respect fish and treat them humanely.

Limit your harvest to your needs; never exceed quota. Limit catch-and-release angling, and follow proper techniques (see [page 75](#)).

Practice courtesy toward other anglers, and respect their rights. Share the water with others. Move around a water body in patterns appropriate to your gear and local conditions. Leave adequate room between other anglers and yourself.

Respect public and private property. Always ask permission before entering private property, including Indian Reserve lands.

Keep the environment and aquatic habitat clean and litter-free. Leave your fishing location in better condition than you found it.

Please be aware of various access-management plans restricting motorized vehicles in some fishing areas.

Don't move fish, plants, or wildlife from one lake to another. Clean, drain, and dry fishing equipment and boats before moving to another water body.

Rotational Angling

Rotational angling is a system for fishing streams which can work well regardless of gear type, so long as each angler respects the other's methods. Rotational angling was designed to allow anglers an equal opportunity to fish in the prime pools and riffles of a river. Anglers start at the head of a pool or run and follow the immediate downstream angler at a courteous distance, with everyone progressing at a reasonable pace. While rotational angling is not applicable to all waters and conditions, it has become an accepted practice on busy rivers and many of B.C.'s Classified Waters.

The basic rules of rotational angling are:

- Avoid entering the water downstream of another angler who is already fishing, unless invited to do so.
- Leave adequate room between the downstream angler and yourself, but do not remain stationary.
- After catching a fish, step out of the line and return to the head of the pool, or start of the line.
- If you are not sure about the etiquette, avoid any problems by inquiring about procedures from anglers on the water.

Angling Safely in Bear Country

Bears are found throughout B.C., frequently near streams. Black bears and grizzlies have a keen sense of smell, which may attract them to freshly-caught fish, fish

guts, spawning grounds, and bait. Here are some precautions to help you avoid bear encounters and conflicts.

- Clean your fish a good distance away from camp.
- Dispose of fish guts at the location the fish was caught. Puncture the bladder and drop the guts into deep or rushing water, well away from heavily used shoreline areas. Avoid disposal in shallow water, or where the guts are likely to wash up on a beach, bank, or boat launch. Burial or burning of guts is not recommended, and please do not place guts in garbage receptacles.
- Remember not to wipe your hands on your clothing after cleaning fish, or after handling fish or bait such as fish eggs.
- Bears can be drawn to many types of food – not only fish and bait, but also groceries or garbage. Take precautions both while fishing and at your camp. Keep fish eggs in well-sealed and secure containers.
- Make your presence known by talking loudly or making noise, particularly along streams and in areas where there are signs of bear activity (droppings, tracks, or claw or bite marks on trees).
- If a bear approaches within 50 m (or 100 m for a female with cubs) while you're fishing, reel in or cut your line and leave the area immediately.

Fish Tagging in British Columbia

Provincial fisheries managers need your co-operation with fish-tagging studies in British Columbia. Some fish are marked with a "spaghetti" tag in the back near the base of the dorsal fin. Study fish may also be radio-tagged, with a small wire protruding from the mouth or from a healed scar on the stomach of the fish. **If you catch a tagged fish, please record the following information:**

1. tag colour and number
2. date and location where caught or found
3. species
4. fish length (centimeters or inches)
5. method of capture (for example: angling, found, etc.)

If you catch a fish with a tag, don't let the tag influence whether you retain or release the fish. In most of B.C., if you release the fish, do not remove the tag or transmitter so the fish can continue contributing information to the study.

The Cariboo Region is one exception. Gently remove all tags whether the fish is released or retained.

Please **return all tagged fish information to the Fish and Wildlife Office in the region where the fish was captured.** Refer to the Regional Regulations page for addresses and phone numbers. If you are interested, the regional office is able to provide further information on the study.

If you capture a hatchery steelhead with a clipped maxillary (jaw) on the Stave River please take a photo, record location and



time spent fishing and send information to SCFishandAquaticWildlife@gov.bc.ca

Up to \$100 Reward Tagging Program

If you are fishing the Bridge, Chilco, Chilliwack, Chimney, Comox, Cowichan, Deka, Horne, Horse, Meziadin, Okanagan, Oyster, Quesnel, Sugar, Tyee lakes, or Upper Pitt river, be aware that there are reward tags that must be cut off from the fish (retained or released). To collect the reward, return the tag to the Fish and Wildlife Office in the region where the fish was captured. **Even if releasing the fish on these lakes, anglers should clip off ALL tags** (another exception to the preferred standard practice).

Freshwater Fisheries Management

Fisheries management differs considerably between regions based on species distribution and area specific considerations. You can access information regarding regional management priorities and initiatives at www.gov.bc.ca/fish-management.

Salmon Management

The management of salmon fisheries in B.C., in both tidal and fresh waters, is the responsibility of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO).

Non-tidal salmon fishing licence: To fish for salmon in fresh water, a provincial Non-Tidal Angling Licence is required (see page 6). If you wish to retain any salmon caught in fresh water, you must also purchase a Non-Tidal Salmon Conservation Stamp (see page 6 for details).

Non-tidal salmon fishing regulations: The regulations for salmon fishing in fresh water are not included in this Synopsis but are available at www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/rec/salmon-saumon-eng.html. Please note that when fresh waters are closed to fishing, or have gear restrictions outlined in this Synopsis, the regulations apply to fishing for salmon as well as for non-salmon species.

Definition of Adult Chinook in Non-Tidal Waters: An adult chinook in most non-tidal waters is defined as measuring over 50 cm from the tip of the nose to the fork of the tail, with the following exceptions:

- Measuring over 62 cm from the tip of the nose to the fork of the tail in the following rivers: Fraser River from the CPR Bridge at Mission upstream to the powerline crossing situated about one kilometre upstream from the Agassiz-Rosedale Bridge, from September 5 to December 31; Harrison River downstream from white fishing boundary signs situated near the mouth of the Harrison River, from September 5 to December 31; Chilliwack/Vedder River downstream from Slesse Creek, from July 1 to December 31; and Sumas River downstream from the Barrowtown pumping station, from July 1 to December 31.
- Measuring over 65 cm from the tip of the nose to the fork of the tail, year round in the Bella Coola, Atnarko, Iknouk, Kemano, Khutzymateen, Kildala, Kincolith, Kitimat, Kitlope, Kwinimass, Nass, and Skeena rivers.

River Angling Tips to Minimize Impacts to Salmon

Angling opportunities provided for some species of fish may have negative impacts on salmon. In many cases, angling for salmon is prohibited during times when angling for other species is open. Anglers can minimize disturbances or incidental hooking of salmon by adopting these voluntary measures:

Gear Selection. Use fishing gear which will effectively avoid hooking salmon. For example, use fly-fishing gear with a floating line and a dry fly. Sinking lines or spoons are not recommended, as spawning salmon can be easily foul-hooked. If the target species is smaller than the spawning salmon, use of a light tippet is a good added measure.

Bait Selection. If bait is allowed, avoid using bait types which aggressively attract salmon. Using bait such as worms will effectively avoid salmon, yet attract other species such as trout and whitefish.

Wading the River. Concentrate angling activity in areas of the river where salmon may be less prevalent. Avoid deep pools where salmon are holding prior to spawning. Avoid areas of shallow water where you observe concentrations of spawning salmon and their redds (gravel “nests”). Salmon redds are generally between one to two square meters in size, and may be recognized by the appearance of clean-looking gravel which is loose and soft underfoot, as opposed to firmer and darker gravel nearby. When newly formed, redds have a depression with a mound of gravel on the downstream side. Eggs will be buried in the mound of gravel and for several metres downstream. Walking on the redds may kill buried eggs, so please avoid them entirely.

With the co-operation of knowledgeable anglers, it is possible to maintain angling opportunities which might otherwise be eliminated to protect vulnerable fish. Please adjust your angling techniques accordingly.

Salmon Sport Head Recovery Program

Is your chinook or coho salmon missing its adipose fin? Heads from chinook and coho



salmon with a missing adipose fin should be submitted to the nearest Salmon Sport Head Recovery Depot. The heads may contain implanted coded-wire tags with information important for management and research.

1. Check any sport-caught chinook or coho salmon that you retain to see if the adipose fin is missing.
2. If the adipose fin is missing, please bring the head to a Salmon Sport Head Recovery Depot.

By participating in the program, you are improving data quality for the management of salmon populations and sustainable fisheries. You will also receive information on the origin of your fish.

Contact Fisheries and Oceans Canada at www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/rec/salmon-saumon-eng.html or calling 1-866-483-9994 toll free, for more information on this program, and the locations of the recovery depots.

INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

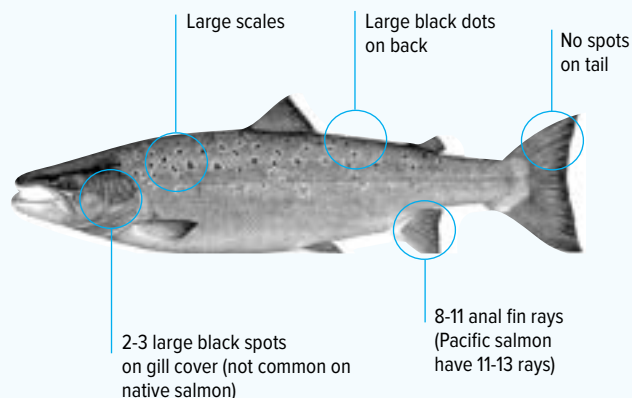
⚠ ATLANTIC SALMON ALERT

Anglers are encouraged to report the catch of Atlantic salmon in lakes and streams near the west coast of the province.

Atlantic salmon may have very noticeably eroded or worn fins from containment in net-pens, and can be identified by the following features:

If you catch an Atlantic salmon, the entire fish (including entrails) should be saved, preferably frozen, for positive identification and biological sampling. Record as much information as possible regarding the date, location, and method of capture.

Report any captures or sightings to: **Atlantic Salmon Watch Program**
Toll Free: 1-800-811-6010



Compliance and Enforcement

Inspection

If asked, you must allow a conservation officer, fishery officer, RCMP constable, park ranger in a provincial park, park warden in a national park, or an officer under the Wildlife Act to examine your fishing licence, gear, and catch.

It is every angler's responsibility to know and comply with regulations.

Penalties for Breaking Fishing Laws

The penalty for fishing offences against the Fisheries Act for a first offence is a fine not exceeding \$100,000 and, for any subsequent offence, to a fine not exceeding \$100,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or to both. If an enforcement officer finds any fish illegally caught or held, or any equipment, vehicle, vessel, or other item used in the commission of an offence, the officer may seize them without a warrant. Depending on the severity of the offence, you may be issued a fine by ticket or be required to attend court.

Licence Suspensions and Prohibitions

Under Section 24 of the Wildlife Act, persons who commit an offence may be prohibited from holding a hunting and/or fishing licence for a specified period (up to a 30-year prohibition). The period will depend on the severity of the offence, and is independent of any fine or suspension which may be imposed by a court of law upon conviction for fish or wildlife offences.

RAPP
Report All Poachers and Polluters
Conservation Officer 24-Hr Hotline:
1-877-952-RAPP (7277)

BRITISH COLUMBIA CONSERVATION OFFICER SERVICE

rapp.bc.ca

Report All Poachers and Polluters

If you see a violation, or suspected violation, of Fisheries, Wildlife, or Environmental Protection Laws

1. Never confront or attempt to apprehend a suspect.
2. Record suspect/vehicle information, type of violation, location, date, and time.
3. Report as soon as possible to the Conservation Officer 24-Hour RAPP hotline.

The RAPP hotline should also be used to report wildlife-human conflicts where public safety is at risk.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)

For violations related to tidal recreational fisheries and in-river salmon fisheries, contact Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

Toll Free: 1-800-465-4336

Transport Canada Office of Boating Safety

For violations related to boating regulations

(i.e.) licencing, horsepower restrictions, speed restrictions, and proper use of personal flotation devices contact the Office of Boating Safety at 604-666-2681 or the R.C.M.P.

B.C. Wildfire Service

Under the Wildfire Act the public must stay clear of fire fighting aircraft. If a boater gets in the way of an airtanker, helicopter or other fire fighting aircraft they could get a \$1,150 fine or an administrative penalty of up to \$100,000.

REWARD

The BC Wildlife Federation pays rewards up to \$2,000 for information leading to the charges of persons who have violated laws related to the protection of fish, wildlife, or the environment, or who have damaged the property of companies or individuals who provide access to hunters and anglers.

Contacts

Wildlife and Ecosystems Branch Province of British Columbia

For enquiries regarding angling regulations in fresh water.

Website address: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/fishing-hunting/fishing>

E-mail: fishandwildlife@gov.bc.ca

Conservation Officer Service of British Columbia Report All Poachers and Polluters (RAPP)

To report violations of fisheries, wildlife, or environmental protection laws or wildlife-human conflicts where public safety is at risk.

Website address: rapp.bc.ca
Toll Free: 1-877-952-7277 (RAPP)

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)

Freshwater salmon fishing is under the jurisdiction of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO). Contact them for more information on salmon management in British Columbia, recreational tidal fishing or salmon fishing regulations, to obtain a Tidal Waters Sport Fishing Licence, or to report salmon fishing violations.

Website address: <https://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/rec/licence-permits/application-eng.html>

Toll Free: 1-800-465-4336 (to report salmon fishing violations)

E-mail: info@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

Fishing BC

For fishing stories, destinations, and trip ideas, Fishing BC is the go-to site for fishing inspiration and planning your next fishing vacation.

Website address: fishingbc.com

Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC

The Society is a non-profit fisheries organization funded by licence revenues. They stock 800 lakes around the province, help restore fish species at risk, and deliver programs to educate anglers – including Learn to Fish. Contact them for stocking information, fishing tips or to learn more.

Website address: gofishbc.com
Toll Free: 1-888-601-4200
E-mail: fish@gofishbc.com

Government of Canada Marine Transportation Office of Boating Safety

Website address: tc.canada.ca/en/marine-transportation/marine-safety/boating-safety

Toll Free: 1-800-267-6687

Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation

The Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation provides grants for conservation projects, and educates the public about British Columbia's natural assets. The Foundation is primarily supported through angling, hunting, trapping, and guiding licence surcharges.

Website address: hctf.ca

Toll free: 1-800-387-9853

National Park Fishing Information

Website address: parks.canada.ca/

Fish & Wildlife Regional Offices

Nanaimo

2080A Labieux Rd., V9T 6J9
250-751-7220

Surrey

200-10428 153rd St., V3R 1E1
604-586-4400

Kamloops

1259 Dalhousie Dr., V2C 5Z5
250-371-6200

Nelson

401-333 Victoria St., V1L 4K3
250-354-6333

Cranbrook

205 Industrial Rd. G, V1C 7G5
250-426-1766

Williams Lake

400-640 Borland St., V2G 4T1
250-398-4530

Smithers

Bag 5000, 3726 Alfred St., V0J 2N0
250-847-7260

Prince George

2000 South Ospika Blvd, V2N 4W5
250-614-7400

Fort St. John

400-10003 110th Ave., V1J 6M7
250-787-3411

Penticton

102 Industrial Pl., V1J 6M2
250-490-8200

Definitions

above: when used in reference to a lake or stream means “upstream of”.

adipose fin: see diagram on [page 13](#).

adult chinook salmon: see [page 77](#).

anadromous: swimming up rivers from the ocean to spawn (for example, steelhead).

angling: fishing with a hook and line, with or without a rod. It **does not** include fishing with a set line.

annual: the licence year, beginning April 1 and ending on March 31.

artificial fly: a single-pointed hook that is dressed only with fur, feathers, hair, textiles, tinsel and/or wire, and to which no external weight or external attracting device is attached. Two or more hooks tied in tandem is not permitted. Where gear is restricted to artificial flies, floats and sinkers may be attached to the line. Where areas are restricted to “fly fish only” floats and sinkers may not be attached to the line or fly.

bait: see [page 8](#).

barbless hook: a hook without a barb on any part of the hook, including both the point and shank. Existing tackle may be modified by completely removing the barb, or by crimping the barb down so that its point is flush against the shaft.

below: when used in reference to a lake or stream means “downstream of”.

chumming: see [page 8](#).

Classified Waters: see [page 7](#).

confluence: a place where two streams meet.

creek: see streams.

daily quota: the maximum number of fish of a given species, group of species, or size class that you may keep in one calendar day.

day: a legal fishing day runs from midnight one night to midnight the following night.

fish: means fin fish, shellfish and crustaceans (such as crayfish) in any life stage, including eggs.

fishing: means fishing for, catching or attempting to catch fish by any method.

fly fishing: angling with a line to which only an artificial fly is attached (floats, sinkers, or attracting devices may not be attached to the line when fishing is restricted to “fly fishing only”).

hatchery trout: in some waters, hatchery trout may be harvested but wild trout must be released. In these waters, hatchery trout are marked before stocking by removal of their adipose fin (see centre colour section). Therefore, these hatchery trout must have a healed scar in place of the missing fin.

kokanee: a land-locked sockeye salmon.

landed immigrant: a permanent resident of Canada (as defined in federal statute).

licence year: the period beginning April 1 and ending March 31.

Management Unit: a Management Unit is a subdivision of a region. For detailed maps of Management Units, the British Columbia Recreational Atlas is available at many bookstores.

max: abbreviation for maximum.

min: abbreviation for minimum.

non-resident: means you are not a “resident”, but (a) you are a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant, OR (b) your primary residence is in Canada, AND you have resided in Canada for the immediately preceding 12 months.

non-resident alien: means you are neither a “resident” nor a “non-resident”.

ordinary residence: a residential dwelling where a person normally lives, with all associated connotations including a permanent mailing address, telephone number, furnishings and storage of automobile; the address on one’s driver’s licence and automobile registration, where one is registered to vote. A motor home or vessel at a campsite or marina is not considered to be an ordinary residence.

possession quota: the number of fish of any species that an angler may have in their possession at any given time, EXCEPT at place of ordinary residence (see above). In most instances, the possession quota is two times the daily quota. See Tables for exceptions.

resident: means your primary residence is in British Columbia, AND (a) you are a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant, AND have been physically present in B.C. for the greater portion of each of 6 calendar months out of the immediately preceding 12 calendar months, OR (b) you are NOT a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant, but have been physically present in B.C. for the greater portion of each of the immediately preceding 12 calendar months.

river: see streams.

set line: a fishing line that is left unattended in the water.

single hook: a hook having only one point. (In contrast, a treble hook is a hook having three points on a common shaft.)
Note: use of a treble hook is permitted unless “single hook” is specified.

slough: a stagnant channel or backwater.

snagging (foul hooking): hooking a fish in any other part of its body other than the mouth. Attempting to snag fish of any species is prohibited. Any fish willfully

or accidentally snagged must be released immediately.

spear fishing: fishing with a spear or arrow that is propelled by a spring, an elastic band, compressed air or a bow or by hand.

sport fishing: fishing for recreation and not for sale or barter. Sport fishing includes angling, spear fishing, set lining and crayfish trapping.

steelhead: a rainbow trout longer than 50 cm in waters where anadromous rainbow trout are found. Both hatchery and wild steelhead may be found in B.C. waters.

streams: flowing waters (rivers, sloughs and creeks). Note that standing water behind a beaver dam on a stream is considered part of the stream. A stream flowing through the drawdown portion of a reservoir basin is still considered to be a stream, not part of the reservoir.

stream mouth: the point at which the surface elevation of a stream and the water body into which it flows are the same, except as posted by signs or markers, or otherwise defined.

tributaries: all streams that contribute to a larger stream or to a lake.

trout/char: all regulations that apply to trout (as a group) also apply to char unless char are specifically excluded.

watershed: all the streams and lakes that drain the land into a named waterbody, including the named waterbody itself.

wild trout: in some waters, hatchery trout may be harvested but wild trout must be released. In these waters, wild trout will not be marked as hatchery fish and will have a normal adipose fin (see illustration on [page 13](#)), or will have an unhealed scar in place of that fin, if missing.

Freshwater game fish are defined as follows:

TROUT	OTHER
Rainbow Trout	Kokanee
Steelhead	Arctic Grayling
Cutthroat Trout	Burbot (Ling)
Brown Trout	White Sturgeon
CHAR	Black Crappie
Dolly Varden	Northern Pike
Bull Trout*	Yellow Perch
Lake Trout	Walleye
Brook Trout	Goldeye
WHITEFISH	Inconnu
Lake Whitefish	Crayfish
Mountain Whitefish	
BASS	
Largemouth Bass	
Smallmouth Bass	

*Any bull trout that you catch and keep must be counted as part of your Dolly Varden quota.



100% of fishing licence revenue directly benefits freshwater fisheries in British Columbia

Every penny of your licence fees goes to the Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC and Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation to help fund conservation and educational programs, research, improving angler access, and the provincial stocking program.

To learn more, visit gofishbc.com or hctf.ca



