

FRESHWATER FISHING SYNOPSIS 2006-2007



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.



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PROVINCIAL REGULATIONS

Region **1**
VANCOUVER ISLAND

Region **2**
LOWER MAINLAND

Region **3**
THOMPSON - NICOLA

Region **4**
KOOTENAY

Region **5**
CARIBOO

Region **6**
SKEENA

Region **7**
OMINECA - PEACE

Region **8**
OKANAGAN

You and the law.

The British Columbia Freshwater Fishing Regulations Synopsis is intended 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 from time to time and it is the responsibility of an individual to be informed of the current Regulations.

In-Season Regulation Changes posted on the Web

For an on-line copy of this Synopsis or to check for in-season regulation changes, go to:
www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish/regulations/intro.html



Front Cover:

Dean River steelhead about to be released
Credit: Keith Douglas (BritishColumbiaPhotos.com)



Please refer to Page 4 "How to Use This Synopsis" before looking up fishing regulations in this booklet.

NEED HELP? Refer to page 4.

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Minister's Message

British Columbia has deservedly earned a reputation as one of the premier recreational fishing destinations in the world. The enormous geographic scope and diversity of aquatic habitats within our province provides a wealth of fishing opportunities for more than 20 species of game fish.

There are wild populations of rainbow, bull (Dolly Varden) and cutthroat trout across the province that provide fabulous angling in both streams and lakes. Our steelhead fishing attracts anglers from around the world, and the turbid Fraser River hides sturgeon giants that can be caught and released within an hour's drive of downtown Vancouver. In addition, the Freshwater Fisheries Society of B.C. provides high-quality hatchery trout for stocking into hundreds of lakes across the province, many of which are at a catchable size.

Along with this diversity of fish, there is a wide array of groups and individuals who rely on

these fisheries resources for recreational opportunities and economic benefits. The Ministry of Environment wants to ensure all British Columbians have an opportunity to contribute to the management of these important resources. To this end, the Fish and Wildlife Branch has recently completed several initiatives that have involved public participation.

The Quality Waters Strategy was recently completed and is now being implemented to ensure that the world-class wild fisheries of the province are properly resourced and managed for the benefit of both present-day and future anglers.

The Ministry also recently completed an extensive consultative process that resulted in the development of a Steelhead Stream Classification Policy. This policy (see Notice below) will provide the framework for the continued conservation of the province's highly valued wild steelhead populations – while at the

same time enhancing steelhead angling opportunities.

I look forward to working with the recreational anglers of the province, and with all the residents who have a stake in the diverse fisheries resources that British Columbia has to offer.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful 2006-07 fishing season for both our resident anglers and for the many visitors who come to partake of these wonderful angling experiences.

Sincerely,



Barry Penner
Minister of Environment



Major Regulation Changes for 2006/2007

NOTE: New regulations and amendments are highlighted in GREEN.

Region 1: On a trial basis, portions of the lower Nanaimo and Oyster rivers have been opened to fishing (see the Tables for details).

- Numerous small lakes have amended gear restrictions or quotas/size limits (see Tables).

Region 2: A portion of the Cheakamus River remains closed to fishing following the CNR derailment.

- To protect holding cutthroat spawners, Ruby Lake is closed near its outlet.

Region 3: Thompson River is now a Classified Water only from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31.

- Edith, Horseshoe and Isobel lakes have reduced rainbow trout quotas.

Region 4: Due to the discovery of illegally introduced northern pike, the entire watershed of Haha Creek is closed to fishing (see Notice, p. 50).

- Slokan River is now open seasonally; all trout & char must be released and a bait ban is in effect (see Tables).
- The Upper West Arm of Kootenay Lake is only open to kokanee fishing from May 20 to May 31.
- See Tables for changes on Champion Lakes #1 & #2, Cherry, Sowerby, St. Mary and Summit lakes; Gold Creek and Little Slokan Lake's tributaries.

Region 5: "Whale" Lake (Gustafsen Lake area) is closed to winter fishing and all rainbows must be released.

- The quota for kokanee on Tyee Lake is increased to 10 per day.

Region 6: All steelhead must be released from the Skeena and Nass watersheds from June 1 to Dec. 31.

- To protect vulnerable lake trout, Hill-Tout Lake is closed to fishing.
- The water-specific restrictions have been removed from Cicuta Lake and its inlet stream.

Region 7A (Omineca): Winter closures, new gear restrictions and/or quota changes are in effect for the following lakes: Byers, Carp, East Hautete, Hautete, "Little Tomas," "Lower Beaverpond," "Mt. Milligan," Nakinilerak, Pacific, Portage, Tomas, and Witch, and the lakes of the McLeod River watershed (above War Falls).

- A bait ban is now in place on the Nechako River downstream of the Hwy. 27 bridge.

Region 8: Okanagan Lake may be opened to kokanee fishing (see Notice, p. 90).

- The water-specific restrictions have been removed from Upper Collier Lake.

Please refer to the Regional Water-Specific Tables for details.

Regulation changes of a more local significance and not cited above are included in the Regional Water-Specific Tables and highlighted in green.

NOTICE TO ANGLERS

The ministry recently established a new **Steelhead Stream Classification Policy**. The intent of the policy is to set out consistent management guidelines for the conservation of **wild steelhead stocks** in B.C., while allowing for the development and maintenance of angling opportunities.

This policy was developed based on sound scientific knowledge and extensive consultation with stakeholders. The policy establishes stream classification categories for wild and hatchery augmented waters, and associated procedures and regulations for each category. **The policy specifies non-retention of any wild steelhead.** Currently there is no retention of wild steelhead in most of the province, but this change will affect certain streams in Region 6 (Skeena).

These changes will not come into effect until the 2007/08 fishing season.

The final policy document may be accessed at:
www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/home/steelhead.

NOTICE TO ANGLERS

Last year we posted a notice alerting anglers of a **proposal to adopt a province-wide bait ban in all streams**. Anglers were invited to submit their comments and concerns. The Ministry would like to thank the many anglers who took the time to provide us with constructive feedback. Upon review of this information and further discussions with fisheries managers, **it was decided not to proceed with this proposal**. Any future restrictions on bait usage in streams will be considered on a water-specific basis.

We welcome your suggestions.

Please send comments to: The Synopsis, Ministry of Environment, Fish and Wildlife Branch, PO Box 9363 STN PROV GOVT, Victoria, BC V8W 9M2



SALMON REGULATIONS



The management of salmon fisheries in B.C., in both tidal and fresh waters, is the responsibility of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO). **The regulations for salmon fishing in fresh water are not included in this Synopsis**, but are available from any DFO Office or through the on-line Freshwater Salmon Supplement at DFO's website (www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/recfish).

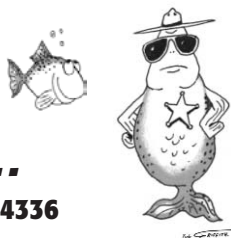
To fish for salmon in fresh water, however, a provincial Non-Tidal Angling Licence is required (see page 6).

To retain any salmon caught in fresh water, your provincial Non-Tidal Angling Licence must be validated with a Non-Tidal Salmon Conservation Stamp (see page 7 for details).

Please note that when fresh waters are closed to fishing or have gear restrictions outlined in this Synopsis, these regulations apply to fishing for salmon as well as for non-salmon species.

REPORT SALMON VIOLATIONS...

Please call 1-800-465-4336



For information on salmon regulations, please contact your nearest DFO office (listed on the Regional Maps in this Synopsis).

■ Visit DFO's website, www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/recfish, for updated salmon regulations.

■ DFO's website also has information on salmon identification, packaging salmon for transport, and obtaining a Tidal Waters Sport Fishing Licence online.

Salmonid Sport Head Recovery Program

Is your salmon or steelhead missing its adipose fin?

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

For more information on this program and the locations of the recovery depots, please refer to DFO's website (see above) or call toll free: 1-866-483-9994.

1. Check any sport-caught salmon or steelhead that you retain to see if the ADIPOSE fin is missing.



2. If so, please bring the head to a Sport Head Recovery Depot.

By participating in the Sport Head Recovery Program, you will be entered into an annual prize draw. You will also receive information on the origin of your fish.

Exotic Alert: Atlantic Salmon in B.C.

The Ministry of Environment encourages anglers to report the catch of Atlantic salmon in lakes and streams near the west coast of the province. Anglers are asked to pay special attention to salmon with unusual spotting and eroded fins.

Atlantic salmon can be identified by:

- 8-11 anal fin rays (Pacific salmon have 11-13 rays)
- Very noticeable, large, black spots on the gill cover (not common on native salmon)
- Large scales and black spots on the back
- May have very noticeably eroded or worn fins from containment in net-pens



2 - 3 Large Black Spots on Gill Cover

8-11 Anal Fin Rays

Report any captures or sightings of Atlantic salmon to the Pacific Biological Station in Nanaimo, 250-756-7000 (collect).

The entire fish (including entrails) should be saved, preferably frozen, for positive identification and biological sampling, with as much information as possible regarding date, location and method of capture.

HOW TO USE THIS SYNOPSIS



1st Read and understand the PROVINCIAL REGULATIONS beginning on page 6. All anglers must abide by these province-wide regulations on all waters in B.C.

In this section you will find information on:

- ▶ Licensing Requirements
- ▶ Definitions you should know
- ▶ Allowable fishing methods
- ▶ Rules on bait usage
- ▶ Quotas and size limits
- ▶ Protected species & "No Fishing" Areas
- ▶ Cleaning, transporting & exporting fish
- ▶ Licence suspensions and prohibitions
- ▶ Examining your licence, gear, and catch
- ▶ Penalties for breaking fishing laws

2nd Read and understand the REGIONAL REGULATIONS for the region in which you wish to fish (see Regional Boundaries map below).

The Regional Regulations are listed on the first page of each regional chapter. In these sections you will find information on regulations which apply region-wide, such as:

- ▶ Regional Daily Catch Quotas, Possession Quotas and Annual Quotas
- ▶ Other General Restrictions which apply region-wide, including:
 - Spring closures
 - Species closures
 - Catch and release periods
 - Bait and tackle restrictions, and
 - Special Notices (such as for steelhead and bull trout fishing)

3rd LOOK UP THE LAKE OR STREAM which you plan to fish in the Regional Water-Specific Tables following the Regional Regulations:

IF YOUR LAKE OR STREAM DOES NOT APPEAR IN THE REGIONAL WATER-SPECIFIC TABLES, NO SPECIAL REGULATIONS ARE IN EFFECT. THEREFORE, YOU MUST ONLY FOLLOW:

- ▶ The Provincial Regulations and
- ▶ The Regional Regulations for the Region you will be fishing in.

IF YOUR LAKE OR STREAM DOES APPEAR IN THE REGIONAL WATER-SPECIFIC TABLES, YOU MUST FOLLOW:

- ▶ The Provincial Regulations,
- ▶ The Regional Regulations for the Region you will be fishing in, AND
- ▶ Any EXCEPTIONS or ADDITIONS listed for your water in the Table.

Note: EXCEPTIONS to regional trout/char size limits or quotas DO NOT APPLY to species of trout or char to be released.



PLEASE DO NOT OVERLOOK REGULATIONS ON TRIBUTARIES AND WATERSHEDS!

There are regulations on some waters that are not specifically listed by name in the tables. **Watch for:**

- ▶ An asterisk (*) indicates that a regulation applies to all tributary streams that flow into the named body of water, including tributaries of tributaries;

Determine whether your stream is a tributary subject to special regulations.

- ▶ "Watershed" - a regulation on a watershed applies to all of the lakes and streams whose water eventually flows into the named waterbody (e.g., Fraser River watershed).

If you do not know which watershed your lake or stream is a part of, consult the B.C. Recreational Atlas, or check with a Fish and Wildlife Regional Office or DFO Office.

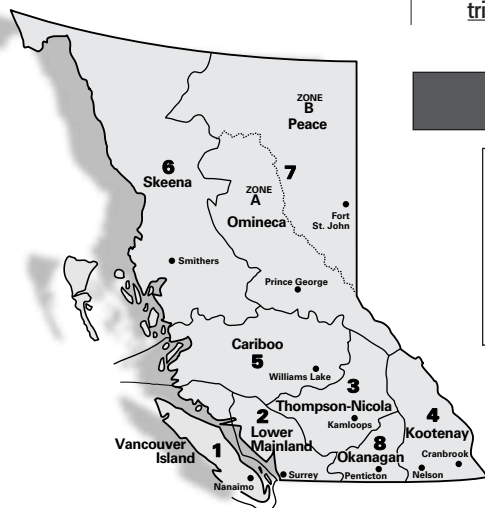
4th IN-SEASON REGULATION CHANGES may have been adopted after this Synopsis was published. These will be emailed to distribution list subscribers, listed on the Fisheries web site, and posted on Fishing Notices in the field.

If you would like instant notification of in-season regulation changes, please subscribe to our **email distribution service**. To sign-up, send a message from your email address to: majordomo@majordomo.env.gov.bc.ca, with the following text in two lines (exactly as shown):

**subscribe fish_regulations_changes
end**

You may also check for in-season changes by visiting the **Fisheries web site** at www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw. Click on the "Fishing" tab at the top, scroll down to "In-Season Regulation Changes," and click on the appropriate region.

If you have questions about in-season changes, please call the appropriate Fish and Wildlife Regional Office listed below.



Regional Boundaries in British Columbia

For more information

Please contact any of the various Fish and Wildlife Regional Offices, the Conservation Officer Service Offices, provincial hatcheries, or the Fisheries and Oceans Canada Offices listed by region in this Synopsis.

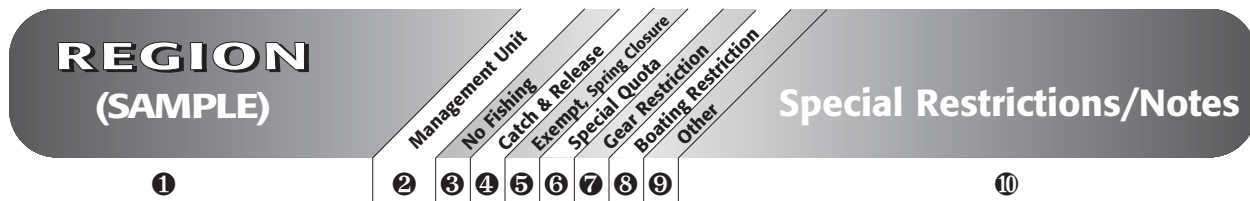
Fish and Wildlife Regional Offices

Nanaimo: 2080A Labieux Rd., V9T 6J9 250-751-3100
Surrey: 10470-152nd St., V3R 0Y3 604-582-5200
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 250-489-8540
Williams Lake: 400-640 Borland St., V2G 4T1 250-398-4530
Smithers: 3726 Alfred Ave., V0J 2N0 250-847-7303
Prince George: 4051 18th Ave., V2N 1B3 250-565-6135
Fort St. John: 400-10003 110th Ave., V1J 6M7 250-787-3411
Penttiston: 102 Industrial Place, V2A 7C8 250-490-8200

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 (up to 10 columns):



① Column 1

This column lists waters with restrictions not covered by the Regional Regulations. An **asterisk (*)** 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 Tables**; see page 88. 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 Units only as a reference to help you locate your target lake or stream. **Not all applicable M.U.s may be listed.** Consult the B.C. Recreational Atlas or Regional maps for Management Unit boundaries.

③ No Fishing

All forms of sport fishing are prohibited for all species in the waters with a dot in this column. Look for more details about closure dates and areas in the "Special Restrictions/Notes" column.

④ Catch & Release

You may fish for the species named in the "Special Restrictions/Notes" column, but you must release any that you catch. You must return your fish to the water as quickly and carefully as possible (see "Releasing Fish", page 11).

⑤ Exempt, Spring Closure

Some regions have a closure during the spring on all streams to protect spawning fish. Where possible, we have created fishing opportunities in sections of these streams by exempting them from the general spring closure. Exempted streams have a dot in the column titled "Exempt, Spring Closure". Look for additional information in the "Special Restrictions/Notes" column.

⑥ Special Quota

If a species of fish has quotas or size limits that differ from the regional restrictions for that species, a dot will appear in this column. The species name will appear in the "Special Restrictions/Notes" column with more information.

⑦ Gear Restrictions

A dot in this column is always followed by at least one of the following messages in the "Special Restrictions/ Notes" column: single hook, single barbless hook, artificial fly only, fly fishing only, or bait ban (see definitions, pages 8 and 9).

⑧ Boating Restrictions

Boating restrictions are adopted for either fisheries management or public safety reasons. A dot in this column will be followed by one of these messages in the "Special Restrictions/Notes" column:

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 power boats... you are not allowed to angle from a power boat on these waters.

No power boats... you are not allowed to use a boat powered by any type of motor on these waters for any purpose.

Electric motors only... you may use only battery-powered electric motors. In addition, wind or human propelled craft may be used. Boats may not be equipped with internal combustion or steam engines.

Engine power restrictions... do not exceed the engine power (given in kilowatts) listed in "Special Restrictions/ Notes" when boating in these waters.

Speed Restriction... do not exceed the speed limit listed in "Special Restrictions/Notes" when power boating in these waters.

No towing... do not tow a person on water skis, a surf board or other water toy.

No vessels... you are not allowed to use a boat or raft of any type.

Please note: most boating restrictions are the responsibility of the **Transport Canada Marine**. They are published here as a courtesy to anglers but, due to space limitations, may not be complete. For more information write to the Transport Canada Marine, Office of Boating Safety, 501-1230 Government St., Victoria, B.C. V8W 3M4, or call 250-363-0394.

⑨ Other

This column is used to draw your attention to additional information in the "Special Restrictions/Notes" column.

⑩ Special Restrictions/Notes

This column clarifies dots in other columns or provides additional information such as:

Age restricted... you may fish in these waters only if you are less than 16 years of age (residents under 16 do not need a licence to fish - see page 6), or are in possession of a valid Non-Tidal Angling Licence indicating either B.C. Senior or B.C. Disabled.

☞ - Denotes age restriction

Classified Water... a Classified Waters Licence is required either all year or for some shorter period of time (see Classified Waters Licences, page 7).

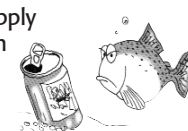
No fishing for... you may not deliberately fish for the species named even if your intention is to release any fish that you may catch. If you accidentally catch a fish of the species named, you must release it as quickly and carefully as possible (see "Releasing Fish", page 11).

Dates... restrictions may apply for all or part of the year. **When no date is listed, the restriction applies all year.** When a date is listed, the restriction applies only for that period of time. Start and end dates are inclusive.

Fish consumption advisory... in waters where fish consumption may present a human health hazard.

Parts of waters... many restrictions, particularly in streams, only apply to a portion of the named body of water. In these cases, the part to which the restriction applies is described.

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

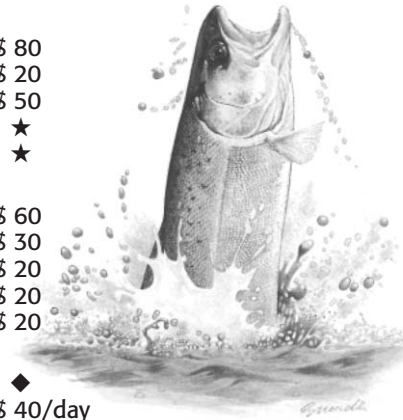


LICENSING REQUIREMENTS



All annual licences are valid for the current licence year, April 1, 2006 - March 31, 2007, commencing on date purchased. Licences are not transferrable and are not valid unless signed by the licence holder. Note: G.S.T. not included in fees listed below.

Licence Type	Resident ⁺ (B.C. Residents)	Non-Resident ⁺ (Residents of Another Province or Territory)	Non-Resident Alien ⁺ (Residents of Another Country)
Basic Licences			
Annual Angling Licence	\$ 36	\$ 55	\$ 80
One Day Angling Licence ^①	\$ 10	\$ 20	\$ 20
Eight Day Angling Licence ^①	\$ 20	\$ 36	\$ 50
Annual Licence for Disabled	\$ 1	★	★
Annual Licence for Age 65 Plus	\$ 5	★	★
Conservation Surcharges (see page 7)			
Steelhead	\$ 25	\$ 60	\$ 60
Non-Tidal Salmon	\$ 15	\$ 30	\$ 30
Kootenay Lake Rainbow Trout	\$ 10	\$ 20	\$ 20
Shuswap Lake Rainbow Trout	\$ 10	\$ 20	\$ 20
Shuswap Lake Char	\$ 10	\$ 20	\$ 20
Classified Waters Licences (see page 7)			
Classified Waters Licence (annual)	\$ 15	◆	◆
Class I Waters Licence	◆	\$ 40/day	\$ 40/day
Class II Waters Licence	◆	\$ 20/day	\$ 20/day



- ① You may buy as many One Day and Eight Day Licences as you need, but only one Annual Licence.
- + See definitions of "resident", "non-resident" and "non-resident alien" on page 8. Members of the armed services and students returning to B.C. may be eligible to purchase licences at the Resident rate. For more information, contact a Government Agent. See below *
- ★ Fee reduction not available. Regular licence required.
- ◆ Not available. See "Classified Waters Licences", page 7.

Note: Most licence fees include a surcharge for the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund. For information on HCTF programs, refer to centrefold.

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 8.
- ▶ You must purchase appropriate supplementary licences and stamps.
- ▶ You must carry your licence while sport fishing 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 (except for Pacific Rim National Park and the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve during the 2006-07 season).

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 reduced fee licence.

- ▶ To get an application form, contact any Government Agent Office*, visit our web site* and click on "BC Disabled Fee Reduction", or write to:
Fish and Wildlife Branch,
PO Box 9363 STN PROV GOVT,
Victoria, B.C. V8W 9M2

Note: No refunds will be made on licences purchased at the full price.

If you are an Indian as defined in the Indian Act (Canada) 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.

What to do if you lose your licence:

- ▶ A duplicate licence must be obtained prior to resuming fishing.
- ▶ Do not attempt to buy a new licence. You are only allowed one annual angling licence per year.
- ▶ Go into any provincial Government Agent Office* or angling licence vendor and request a Statement of Loss form.
- ▶ Complete the Statement of Loss form, certifying: (i) that the licence has been lost or destroyed; and (ii) the number and species of fish retained under the authority of all Conservation Surcharge Stamps attached to the lost licence.

- ▶ Pay the fee for a duplicate licence (\$10 for a basic annual licence, Classified Waters Licence or Conservation Surcharge Stamp for steelhead or non-tidal salmon; \$1 for a basic annual licence for a senior citizen or person with a disability).
- ▶ Note that duplicate licences are **NOT AVAILABLE** for the One or Eight Day Licences, or Conservation Surcharge Stamps for Kootenay Lake rainbow trout, Shuswap Lake rainbow trout or char.

Where to buy a licence:

- ▶ Non-tidal licences are available from nearly 1300 vendors and 58 Government Agent offices throughout the province. Many vendors are retail outlets which provide a wide range of angling advice, gear and services.
- ▶ A complete list of vendors, including several outside the province, is on our web site*.
- ▶ Licences are also available by mail from one of the Government Agent offices. For a list of these offices and for an application package, refer to our web site*. Please do not place an order without obtaining more information from one of these offices.

- + See definition of "Resident", page 8.

* Go to the Ministry's web site www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw and click on "Fishing" at the top of the page, and then on "Licence Vendor Search".

CONSERVATION SURCHARGES



Provincial
Regulations

The front of the basic licence contains boxes for up to five annual Conservation Surcharge Stamps described in detail below. These stamps are valid for the licence year, (i.e., to March 31). **Anglers who purchase more than one short-term licence (i.e., One Day or Eight Day Licences) should keep the current licence and the original licence with its Conservation Surcharge Stamps together while angling.** Moving the stamps to the new licence will invalidate them.

Steelhead

Your basic licence must be validated with a Conservation Surcharge Stamp **if you intend to fish for steelhead anywhere in B.C. (whether you intend to 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, but you are **limited to one stamp per year**, regardless of how many short-term licences you buy. Follow the recording instructions on the back of your angling licence after catching and keeping a steelhead. 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 steelhead is 10, whether hatchery or wild in origin. Most wild steelhead must be released – check the Regional Water-Specific Tables for details.

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 intend to release all salmon caught. You must record your retention of **adult chinook** salmon on the back of your basic angling licence. Note: “Adult Chinook” are defined in the **Freshwater Salmon Supplement** published by DFO (see page 3 of this Synopsis).

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 record your retention on the back of 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 caught in Shuswap Lake*.** You must record your retention on the back of your basic angling licence.

No Conservation Surcharge Stamp is required if you release all Shuswap Lake char over 60 cm.

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*.** You must record your retention on the back of your basic angling licence.

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

* Shuswap Lake includes the main body of Shuswap Lake, Little Shuswap Lake, South Thompson River between Shuswap Lake and Little Shuswap Lake, Seymour, Anstey and Salmon arms and Mara Lake.



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 preserve the unique fishing opportunities provided by these waters, which contribute significantly to the province's reputation as a world-class fishing destination.

All anglers required to buy a basic angling licence must also purchase a Classified Waters Licence before 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 may be purchased from a provincial licence vendor. It is an annual licence. This means you can fish on any Class I or Class II water in the province during the year the licence is valid.

If you are a non-guided “Non-Resident” or non-guided “Non-Resident Alien” angler:

Your Classified Waters Licence for Class I or Class II waters may be purchased from a provincial licence vendor. It is sold on a per diem 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.

EXCEPTION: Non-Resident Aliens may only purchase one Classified Waters Licence for the Dean River.

Note: Non-guided Non-Resident Aliens wishing to fish the classified section of the Dean River should refer to page 59 of this Synopsis.

If you are a GUIDED “Non-Resident” or a guided “Non-Resident Alien” angler:

Your Classified Waters Licence for Class I or Class II waters may be purchased from a provincial licence vendor or directly from a licensed angling guide. It is sold on a per diem 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.

EXCEPTION: Non-Resident Aliens may only purchase one Classified Waters Licence for the Dean River.

Non-Guided, “Non-Resident Aliens” wishing to fish the Classified section of the **Dean River** please see page 59 for more details.

DEFINITIONS YOU SHOULD KNOW



adipose fin ... see diagram on page 96.
adult chinook salmon ... defined in the Freshwater Salmon Supplement (see page 3 in this Synopsis).
anadromous... swimming up rivers from the ocean to spawn (for example, steelhead).
above ... when used in reference to a lake or stream means "upstream of".
angle ... see page 9.
angler ... a person who angles.
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.
bait ... see page 9.
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".
bull trout ... any bull trout that you catch and keep must be counted as part of your Dolly Varden quota.
char ... any fish of the genus *Salvelinus* (brook trout, lake trout, Dolly Varden and bull trout).
chumming ... see page 9.
Classified Waters ... see page 7.
confluence ... a place where two streams meet.
creek ... see streams.
day ... a legal fishing day runs from midnight on one night to midnight on the following night.
down-rigging ... see page 9.
fish ... means fin fish, shellfish and crustaceans (such as crayfish) in any life stage, including eggs.
fly fishing ... angling with a line to which only an artificial fly is attached (floats and sinkers may not be attached to the line).
hatchery trout ... in many waters, hatchery trout may be harvested but wild trout must be released. Hatchery trout are marked before stocking by removal of their adipose fin (see illustration, page 96). Therefore, hatchery trout must have a healed scar in place of the missing fin.
ice fishing ... see page 9.
kokanee ... a land-locked sockeye salmon.
landed immigrant ... a permanent resident of Canada (as defined in federal statute).

length ... to determine whether your fish is of legal size, measure from the tip of the fish's nose to the fork (near the centre) of the tail.
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 his/her 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.
power boat ... a boat driven by an electric, steam or internal combustion engine.
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.
quotas ... see page 10.
river ... see streams.
roe ... see page 9.
set line ... see page 9.
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 than the mouth. Attempting to snag fish of any species is prohibited. Any fish willfully or accidentally snagged must be released immediately.
spear fishing ... see page 9.
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.
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 ... 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 ... trout not marked as hatchery fish. Look for a normal adipose fin (see illustration, page 96) or an unhealed scar in place of that fin, if missing.
year ... the period beginning April 1 and ending March 31 (the licence period).

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	



Allowable Fishing Methods

Although angling is the most popular form of sport fishing in British Columbia, there are other methods that you can use to take fish. Your basic fishing licence entitles you to:

angle ... fish (with or without a rod) with one fishing line to which only **one hook, one artificial lure OR one artificial fly is attached.**

down-rig ... angling with a downrigger is permitted, 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.

set line ... you may only fish with a set line (an unattended line) in lakes of Region 6 & in lakes of Zone A of Region 7. 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)



spear fish ... means to fish with a spear or an arrow that is propelled by a spring, an elastic band, compressed air, a bow or by hand. No spear fishing for "game fish" (see definition, page 8) or salmon, except burbot may be spear fished in Regions 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8. No spear fishing of any kind in Region 1.

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 fish are illegal.

It Is Unlawful To....

- ▶ **Use barbed hooks** or a hook with more than one point in any stream in B.C.
- ▶ **Angle with a fishing line to which more than one artificial fly is attached** (i.e., 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 8). Any fish willfully or accidentally snagged must be released immediately.
- ▶ **Use more than one fishing 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 closed time** (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 & release tips outlined on page 11.
- ▶ **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 10-12.



Rules on Bait Usage

Definitions

"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 (eg. aquatic insects and crayfish) in streams as bait unless a bait ban applies. **When fishing at a lake, you may not possess or use freshwater invertebrates for bait.**

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

Fin fish... the use of fin fish (dead or alive) or parts of fin fish other than roe is prohibited throughout the province, with the following exception: 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 Fraser River (Regions 2 and 7 only), or
- (b) when set lining in lakes of Region 6 or in lakes of Zone A of Region 7.

Use of LIVE bait is strictly controlled...

to limit the spread of undesirable and non-native species.



Quotas

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

Refer to the Regional Chapters for Regional Daily Catch Quotas and to the Regional Water-Specific Tables for special quotas on some individual waters.

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

Possession quota ... no more than twice the daily quota unless otherwise specified (see definition, page 8).

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

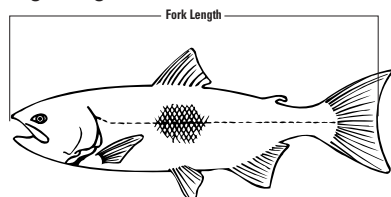
Annual catch quota ... the maximum number of fish that you are allowed to keep in one licence year (April 1 to March 31).

Quotas are not cumulative: you cannot take a quota from each region that you fish. A good rule of thumb is this: 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 "Releasing Fish," page 11).

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 lakes, 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 then keep any of the protected 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. Their status has been determined by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC).

Charlotte Unarmoured Stickleback
Enos Stickleback
Green Sturgeon
Nooksack Dace
Shorthead Sculpin
Umatilla Dace
Giant Stickleback
Lake Lamprey
Salish Sucker
Speckled Dace

For information on any of these species,



Giant Stickleback. (Illus. by Charles Douglas. With permission of the Canadian Museum of Nature, Ottawa)

please enter its common name (given here) on Environment Canada's web site: www.speciesatrisk.gc.ca/search/default_e.cfm.

"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);
- ▶ Within Ecological Reserves (this page);
- ▶ Within 23 m below 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, aeration system) 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 posted with signs. Make sure you read the Regional Regulations for the area in which you will be fishing. If you have any questions, call or write 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, B.C. V8W 9M9, or on the BC Parks web site: www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks.

Provincial Parks & Recreation Areas

Individuals visiting a Provincial Park or Recreation 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 and Recreation Areas except where specifically authorized. All motor vehicles on park roads must be licensed. Use of aircraft to arrive at or depart from some parks is restricted.

National Parks

The seven National Parks within British Columbia are: Kootenay, Yoho, Glacier, 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 parksCanada.pch.gc.ca by selecting a park and clicking on "Activities," then "Fishing," or by contacting Parks Canada at 1-888-773-8888.

For the 2006-07 fishing season only, the provincial freshwater regulations in this Synopsis will be in effect for the non-tidal waters in **Pacific Rim National Park and the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve** and a provincial angling licence will be required. Also note that all fresh waters within **Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve** are closed to fishing throughout the year.



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.
- ▶ Transport no more than your legal limit.
- ▶ Ensure your fish can be identified, counted and measured if necessary (see "Now Wrap it Right", below).

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 insure 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.

Releasing Fish - The Gentle Way



There is a growing trend among anglers to catch and release, unharmed, a part of their allowable catch. As well, more restrictive regulations on specific waters can severely limit the angler's allowable harvest. A fish that appears unharmed may not survive if carelessly handled, so please abide by the following:

1. Play and release fish as rapidly as possible. A fish played for too long may not recover.
2. **Keep the fish in the water as much as possible.** A fish out of water is suffocating. Internal injuries and scale loss is much more likely to occur when out of water.
3. Rolling fish onto their backs (while still in the water) may reduce the amount they struggle, therefore minimizing stress, etc.
4. Carry needle-nose pliers. Grab the bend or round portion of the hook with your pliers, twist pliers upside down, and the hook will dislodge. Be quick, but gentle. **Single barbless hooks are recommended**, if not already stipulated in the regulations.

5. 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 and releasing it with the hook left in.**

6. If a net is used for landing your catch, it should have fine mesh and a knotless webbing to protect fish from abrasion and possible injury.

7. **If you must handle the fish, do so with your bare, wet hands (not with gloves).** Keep your fingers out of the gills, and don't squeeze the fish or cause scales to be lost or damaged. It is best to leave fish in the water for photos. If you must lift a fish then provide support by cradling one hand behind the front fins and your other hand just forward of the tail fin. Minimize the time out of the water, then hold the fish in the water to recover. If fishing in a river, point the fish upstream while reviving it. When the fish begins to struggle and swim normally, let it go.



Photo: Brian Chan

GREAT CATCH! NOW WRAP IT RIGHT!

A guide to cleaning and canning your catch in non-tidal waters (for all species except salmon)

To comply with the law, follow these simple guidelines when you clean and transport your fish.

- ▶ **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 20.

ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE



Penalties for Breaking Fishing Laws

The penalty for fishing offences against the *Fisheries Act* is a **fine of up to \$100,000, a prison term of up to 12 months, or 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 required to attend court.

Notice to Violators

LICENCE SUSPENSIONS & PROHIBITIONS

Did you know? Under Section 24 of the *Wildlife Act*, the Director of the Fish & Wildlife Branch, Ministry of Environment, may prohibit you 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 your offence and is independent of any fine or suspension which may be imposed by a court of law upon your conviction for fish or wildlife offences. Please refer to www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish/enforcement.html for details. It pays to become familiar with the fish and wildlife regulations and to abide by them.

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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.



Photo: Vance Hannah



REPORT ALL POACHERS AND POLLUTERS

The Conservation Officer Service, Ministry of Environment has established a partnership with the Provincial Emergency Program Call Centre to operate a toll-free hotline that allows you to report known or suspected poachers and polluters.

The RAPP program is simple, safe and effective. It is based on the principle that someone other than the criminal has information that can solve the crime.

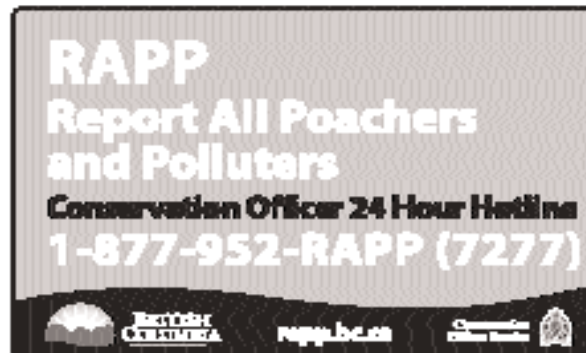
Available 24/7

Use This Number To Report

Violations of Fisheries, Wildlife or Environmental Protection Laws, except salmon related violations which should be reported to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada at 1-800-465-4336

Wildlife/Human Conflicts where public safety is at risk

Starting in 2006, look for this sign along highways and forestry roads in British Columbia



What you can do

1. Familiarize yourself with current regulations.
2. Note down relevant details of suspicious activities, such as: time, date, location, descriptions of violators and/or vehicles. Photographs are useful.
3. Report any fish, wildlife or environmental offences as soon as possible to the Provincial Emergency Program Call Centre.

Report all Poachers and Polluters (RAPP) operates in cooperation with the B.C. Wildlife Federation. The B.C.W.F. pays rewards up to \$2000 for information leading to charges being laid against persons doing wanton damage to wildlife, wildlife habitat or the property of companies or individuals who allow hunters and anglers access to property they control.

Illegally Introduced Alien Sport Fish...A Growing Concern!

(See HaHa Creek Closure p. 50)



The presence of alien sport fish in B.C.'s lakes and streams is not new. However, now there are over six times as many freshwater systems containing these alien species than since they were first documented in the early 1950's. Historically, several species were intentionally released under government authorization into a limited number of waters, but the vast majority of more recent occurrences have been the result of illegal transfers by individuals wishing to create angling opportunities. Several species introduced into B.C. by illegal means have now established self-sustaining populations. **These species include smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, yellow perch, black crappie, pumpkinseed sunfish, walleye (in southern B.C. where they are not native) and most recently northern pike (also in southern B.C. where they are not native).**

These alien species represent a major threat to our native fish and our world-renowned sport fisheries for native trout

and other native species. These alien fish feed on native fish (especially the eggs and juveniles) and compete for limited resources such as food and specialized habitat. Alien fish tend to be voracious feeders – many are predators – and have high reproduction rates that allow them to quickly outnumber native fish. In addition, these species are adept at spreading from the original introduction site so that new populations may become established upstream and downstream over time. Negative impacts, particularly on native trout in southern B.C., have been reported as native populations are replaced by these alien species. While some alien

fish may provide limited angling opportunities, their populations frequently expand at a rapid rate until they become stunted in growth (especially in smaller lakes) and no longer support a viable fishery of any sort.

Illegally Introduced Alienscont'd on page 89



Northern Pike (Introduced Alien in Southern B.C.)

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STEELHEAD RECOVERY PLAN



The Greater Georgia Basin Steelhead Recovery Plan

Wild and hatchery steelhead in 58 of the largest watersheds in the Greater Georgia Basin (from Juan de Fuca Strait north to Johnstone Strait) have experienced serious declines in the last decade, and a majority have been classified as "conservation concern" or "extreme conservation concern" by provincial biologists.

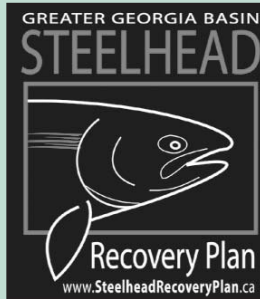
Causes of the Decline

Lower steelhead numbers result from decreased freshwater productivity combined with sharply reduced survival during the ocean phase of their life cycle. The poor ocean conditions are beyond our control and must be balanced by improved freshwater rearing conditions if wild stocks are to survive.

Recovery Objectives

Since the scope of this problem was identified in the late 1990s, provincial fisheries biologists have worked closely with non-government partners, like the BC Conservation Foundation, in developing recovery plans for individual watersheds and steelhead populations. This work led to the release of the Greater Georgia Basin Steelhead Recovery Action Plan in 2002, by A.F. Lill and Associates Ltd., working with the Ministry of Environment under sponsorship of the Pacific Salmon Foundation.

The action plan's primary objective is to stabilize and restore wild steelhead stocks and habitats to healthy self-sustaining levels. A secondary objective is to maintain and restore angling opportunities, which benefit both local communities and the provincial economy.



Recovery Strategies

In 2005/06 steelhead recovery activities on Vancouver Island and in the Lower Mainland received about \$1.3M in direct funding support. An increasing share of annual budgets is being directed to habitat restoration projects including nutrient enrichment, improvement of rearing habitat, placement of spawning gravel, flow augmentation and erosion/ sediment control. Projects now involve an increasing number of rivers with a combination of treatments designed to improve sustainability of the entire fish community, including steelhead. For example, since 2002 rearing habitat has been increased by 19,000 m² through the installation of large woody debris jams in 11 rivers. We have also treated about 725 km of streams with nutrients in 20 watersheds to increase primary productivity and subsequent juvenile fish growth and survival.

More Support Needed

In the coming months, provincial staff and their BCCF partners will work closely with the sport fishing community, conservation and stewardship organizations, First Nations and industry to increase investments in steelhead recovery projects for priority waters within the Greater Georgia Basin. We encourage anglers and non-anglers to support this work which is critical to the preservation of this magnificent species on the south coast.

For more information on the Greater Georgia Basin Steelhead Recovery Plan, visit our web site at www.steelheadrecoveryplan.ca or contact regional fisheries staff in Nanaimo (250-751-3100) or Surrey (604-582-5200).

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ANGLING ETHICS

Over 400,000 anglers enjoy fishing British Columbia's waters. If we are not careful, the popularity that recreational freshwater fishing enjoys may compromise not only the experience anglers are seeking, but also contribute to decline of some fish stocks, impact fish habitat and increase conflicts between anglers.

Respect fish and treat them humanely.

Keep fish immersed in water until you identify the species and its size. Help us look after our fisheries by limiting your harvest to your needs and never exceeding the legal limit. Practice "catch and release" when appropriate or required (see page 11).

Limit catch & release angling.

Catch and release (C & R) done correctly results in high survival rates. Since sub-lethal impacts may occur, multiple captures through excessive C & R can affect individual fish. Don't practice C & R when fish may be under stress:

- ✓ while spawning
- ✓ in hot weather or warm water

Practise courtesy toward other anglers and respect their rights.

Share the water with other users. Practise good angling etiquette by:

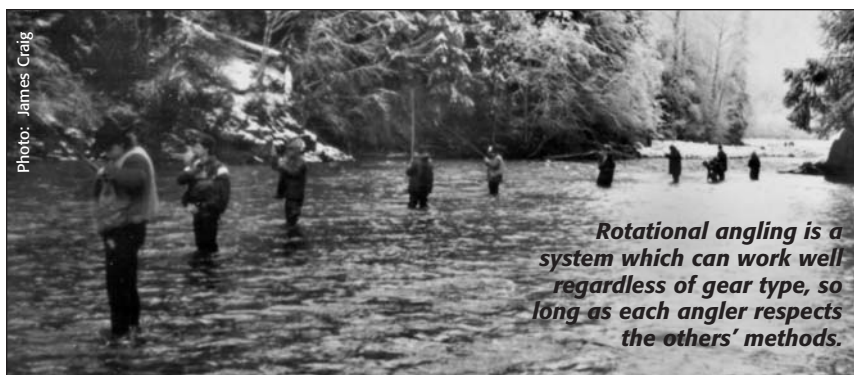
- ✓ moving around a water body in patterns appropriate to your gear and local conditions;
- ✓ leaving adequate room between other anglers and yourself, especially flyfishers.

Respect public and private property.

Always ask permission before entering private property, including Indian Reserve land. Leave natural areas as you found them, keep campsites clean and be careful with campfires.

ROTATIONAL ANGLING

Courtesy and Common Sense - Enjoying the Experience and Sharing the Opportunity.



Rotational angling is a system which can work well regardless of gear type, so long as each angler respects the others' methods.

As angling pressures increase because of population growth, expanding recreational time and improved access to our rivers and streams, the need for courtesy and an angling code of conduct has become more evident.

"Rotation angling" is a system designed to encourage everyone on a stretch of river to fish sequentially through it, whether wading or from a boat. It was designed to allow each angler an equal opportunity to spend some time in the prime pools and riffles. Simply stated, it means starting at the head of a pool or run and following the immediate downstream angler at a courteous distance, with everyone progressing at a reasonable pace.

While rotation angling is not applicable to all waters and conditions, it has become an accepted practice on many of our Classified Waters.

THE BASIC RULES 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 unless no one is following you;
- ✓ 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 local etiquette, avoid any problems by first inquiring about the procedures from the anglers already on the water.

Co-existing with Spawning Salmon

Angling opportunities provided for some species of fish (e.g., trout, char, whitefish) may have negative impacts on holding or spawning salmon in the same river system. In many cases, angling for salmon is prohibited during times when angling for other species remains open. Anglers can minimize disturbances or incidental hooking of salmon by adopting these simple 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.



Sockeye Salmon

Bait Selection

If bait is allowed, avoid using bait types which aggressively attract salmon. Using bait such as worms, grasshoppers or other insects 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. For example, avoid deep pools where salmon are

holding prior to spawning. Also, avoid areas of shallow water where you observe concentrations of spawning salmon and their redds (gravel "nests"). Salmon redds are generally between 1-2 square meters in size and may be recognised 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 will appear to be 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 cooperation of knowledgeable anglers, it is often possible to maintain angling opportunities which might otherwise be eliminated to protect vulnerable fish. Please adjust your angling techniques accordingly.

Help Protect Our Aquatic Habitats From Alien Invaders!



The introduction of alien species is the second greatest threat to biodiversity globally after habitat loss. Alien species are species not native to a particular ecosystem. In B.C., they have been introduced through various means, including intentional introductions and accidental transfers on equipment, in water and as parasites. These aliens often flourish in new environments because they have no natural enemies. Already, alien aquatic species have devastated some of our freshwater ecosystems and sport fisheries through habitat degradation and negative interactions with native species (including competition, predation and interbreeding).

Examples of harmful alien species spreading in B.C.'s aquatic ecosystems:

Yellow perch and bass proliferate quickly and compete with and feed on native fish, possibly diminishing sport fisheries for native species (e.g., rainbow trout).

Bullhead feed on native fish species and degrade habitat. The introduction of brown bullhead into Hadley Lake on Lasquiti Island resulted in the global extinction of a stickleback species pair.

Eurasian water milfoil spreads quickly, degrading fish habitat and impairing boating, swimming and fishing activities. This plant has been identified as a major threat to sockeye in Cultus Lake.



Yellow Perch

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Bullfrogs proliferate quickly and compete with or feed on native amphibian species, birds and fish. They are implicated in the decline of some native frog populations in southern B.C.

YOU CAN HELP!

1. Do not move live fish – Moving any aquatic animal or plant between waterbodies can impact biodiversity. Movement includes deliberate transfer as well as unintentional movement of microscopic organisms (e.g., parasites and diseases). It is **illegal** to possess or move live fish without a permit. It is also **illegal** to use live fish for bait or hold live fish in a "live well" on your boat. See "Rules for Bait Usage" on page 9.

2. Do not move fish parts - Don't use parts of fish caught in one waterbody as bait elsewhere. Furthermore, dispose of all fish guts and non-consumable parts appropriately (see "Angling Safety in Bear Country" on page 20 for disposal suggestions).

3. Report illegal activities – If you see any activities associated with the intentional or accidental movement of live fish and other aquatic organisms, please report these activities to 1-877-952-7277.

4. Thoroughly wash all boating and fishing gear

– Transfer of aquatic alien species may occur through the movement of unwashed equipment from one waterbody to another. You can reduce this threat by cleaning your gear every time you visit a new waterbody in case your gear has been exposed to infested waters. Before you leave the boat launch: (1) drain the water from motors, bilges, transom wells and other containers; and (2) remove plant parts, mud and other organisms from all gear (e.g., boots, boat, anchor and trailer). In addition, wash and sun dry your boat, tackle, nets, waders and other equipment prior to use in another waterbody.

Alien Invaderscontinued on page 89

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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 definitions of "streams" and "stream mouths" on page 8). Note that a stream flowing through the drawdown portion of a reservoir basin is not considered to be part of the reservoir. Anglers are reminded that because lake and stream regulations may differ, care must be taken to ensure that the proper regulations are followed.

Does my boat need to be registered?

All recreational vessels under 15 gross tons and powered by an engine 10 horsepower (7.5 kilowatts) or more must be licenced. The licencing process is free of charge through **Canada Border Services Agency** (refer to the blue pages in your telephone directory for the telephone number of the nearest office).



Photo: Brian Chan



Milfoil

Boating Safety

For important information on 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),

Please contact Transport Canada Marine's Office of Boating Safety toll-free at 1-800-267-6687, or visit their web site at www.boatingsafety.gc.ca and click on "The Safe Boating Guide."

Many B.C. waters have boating restrictions in place. Please refer to the Regional Water-Specific Tables in this Synopsis for boating restrictions on individual waters and page 5 for an explanation of the various types of restrictions.

Eurasian Watermilfoil Alert

Eurasian watermilfoil and other non-native aquatic plants can create environmental, recreational and economic problems in our waters.

Important:

- ▶ **Thoroughly inspect your boat and trailer and remove all aquatic plants before launching and after leaving the water.**
- ▶ **New infestations can develop from even small plant fragments.**

An on-line brochure on Eurasian Watermilfoil is available at: www.env.gov.bc.ca/wat/wq/brochures/milfoil.html. For further information on aquatic plants and weeds go to www.env.gov.bc.ca/wat/wq/wq_aquatic.html, or one of the many other websites on Eurasian Watermilfoil.



Photo: David J. Eagan

River Boating Etiquette and Safety

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

Keep boat launch areas clear so that all boaters have equal access.

Don't mix alcohol and boating. You will need your best reflexes to keep you, your boat and other stream users 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 (10 km/hr within 30m of the shore).

Be careful when boating at dawn and dusk, or in other conditions of 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.



Photo: Mark Beere

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.

Pack out your garbage. Old fishing line, litter, fuel and oil damage fish habitat, endanger aquatic life and reduce water quality.

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How To Find Fish in Small Lakes

Many anglers look at lakes as mysterious black holes that give no clues about where to drop a line or where the fish actually live. Rivers, on the other hand, have currents to define pools, riffles and runs, all of which are important living spaces for trout and other fish species.

A close look at a small lake will reveal prime feeding and resting areas frequented by trout. A typical small lake is shaped like a soup bowl, with a deeper middle portion surrounded by shallow water extending to the shoreline. The shallow water or shoal areas of a lake produce



Photo: Brian Chan

the majority of the food that trout eat. Here the sun can penetrate to the lake bottom and allow green plants to grow which provide the habitat for such food sources as shrimp, mayflies, damselflies, dragonflies, caddis flies and leeches. The effects of the sun and photosynthesis can often be felt in water as deep as six metres.

The next time you go fishing, take a look at how far out the aquatic plant life extends from the shore. During the spring months when the shallow water is still cool, trout will feed right into water less than one metre deep. As the water warms, trout will feed in the deeper parts of the shoal. The really hot summer temperatures finally force the fish off the shoal during daylight hours. At night, when the water cools, trout will often return to the shoals to feed.

A transition zone occurs as the shallower shoal water quickly deepens to the mid-part of the lake. This slightly deeper water is called the drop-off and it generally marks the outer limits of rooted aquatic plant growth because the water is now too deep for sunlight penetration. The drop-off zone makes excellent trout habitat. Here the water remains cool and well oxygenated even during the warm summer months and it is deep enough to provide protection from predators such as loons, ospreys and otters. Trout can leave the drop-off zone to feed for short periods of time on the shoal and then return to the deeper water

refuge. The drop-off zone is always an excellent place to fish and finding the drop-off is easy in clear-water lakes. All you have to do is just follow the shallow water out until the lake bottom can no longer be seen; a good pair of polarized sunglasses can really help. In stained or algae-laden water, the drop-off can be found with an electronic depth sounder or by referring to a contour map of the lake.

See page 88 for information on how to obtain bathymetric (depth) maps for many lakes in the province.

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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 such as fish eggs. Here are some simple precautions to help you avoid bear encounters and conflicts:

Clean your fish a good distance away from camp.

Dispose of fish guts at the same location the fish was caught by puncturing the bladder and dropping in deep or rushing water, well away from heavily used shoreline areas. Avoid disposal in shallow water or where likely to wash up on the beach, bank or boat launch. Burial or burning is not recommended and please **do not place in garbage receptacles!**

Remember not to wipe your hands on your clothing after cleaning fish or 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 is bear sign such as droppings, tracks, or claw or bite marks on trees.

While fishing, if a bear approaches within 50 m (or 100 m for a female with cubs), reel in or cut your line and leave the area immediately.



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REGIONAL DAILY CATCH 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

Note: There is no general minimum size limit for trout/char in lakes

and you must release

- All Dolly Varden
- Wild steelhead
- Cutthroat trout from streams, Oct. 1 to May 31
- Trout/char under 30 cm from streams

Kokanee: 25 (none from streams)

Largemouth and smallmouth bass combined: 4 (none from Apr. 15 to June 15)

Sturgeon: catch and release only

Crayfish: 25

Yellow perch: 20 (see Notice below)

POSSESSION QUOTAS

Possession quotas = 2 daily quotas

ANNUAL CATCH QUOTAS

Annual catch quota for all B.C.:

10 Steelhead per licence year (only hatchery steelhead may be retained in Region 1)

DAILY AND ANNUAL CATCH QUOTAS FOR SALMON

Please refer to the NOTICE on page 3 for Salmon Regulations.

NOTICE TO ANGLERS

PROPOSED REGULATION CHANGES

For details on various fishing regulation proposals in the Vancouver Island Region and your opportunity to provide comments, please visit the Regional Office's website at wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/vir and click on "Fisheries Management." If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the Regional Office directly. Note that there are several significant changes to river fishing under consideration for the 2007-2008 season.

Steelhead angling restrictions on the Nanaimo and Oyster rivers were relaxed to accommodate trial winter steelhead fisheries, which commenced Feb 1, 2006. The Ministry is monitoring these fisheries carefully and may use the results as a basis for further openings in the 2006/07 steelhead season. Anglers interested in the results of these pilot fisheries and the options for opportunities on other Vancouver Island waters are encouraged to visit the web site wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/vir (click on "Fisheries Management") or contact the Fish and Wildlife Regional Office (see next page). Comments are welcome. Anglers are reminded to check for in-season regulation changes that do not appear in this Synopsis by visiting the Ministry's web site at www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw (see page 4).

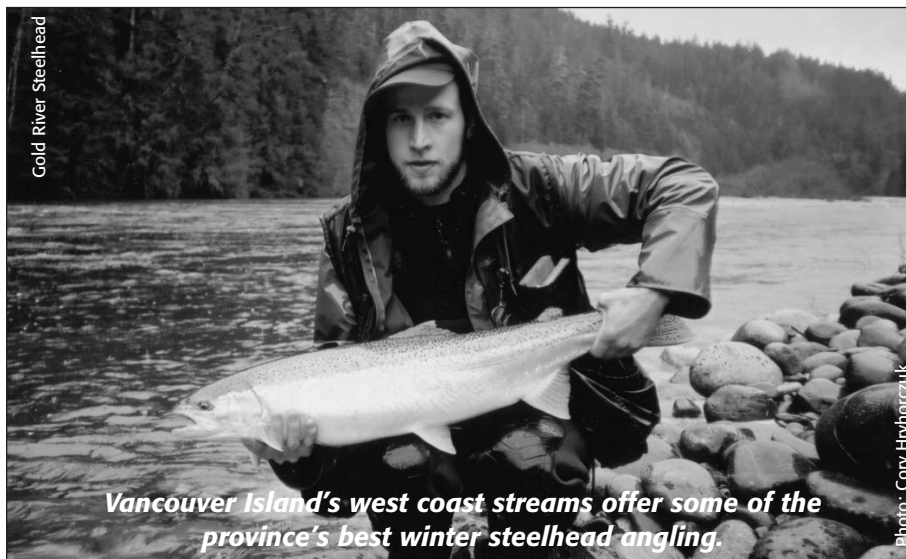
OTHER GENERAL RESTRICTIONS

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.

Steelhead fishing: Your basic licence must be validated with a Conservation Surcharge Stamp if you intend to 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.**

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.



Vancouver Island's west coast streams offer some of the province's best winter steelhead angling.

Yellow Perch in Elk, Langford and Shawnigan Lakes

This non-native species has been introduced illegally into Elk, Langford and Shawnigan Lakes on Vancouver Island. The stocks appear to be thriving despite competition from established native trout and bass populations. Yellow perch are highly adaptive and females produce thousands of eggs for every inch of total length. Biologists are concerned about the serious impact this species may have on our native wild fish populations. We invite anglers to enjoy fishing for this species (catch limit = 20 per day), but remind you that moving and releasing live yellow perch (or any other species for that matter) can do irreparable harm to native fish populations and is an offense punishable by a fine of up to \$100,000 for first time offenders and/or 12 months imprisonment for a second offence. If yellow perch are found in other lakes, please report to regional fisheries staff in Nanaimo (250-751-3100).

NOTE ... See the following tables for exceptions and additional regulations on specific waters.

REGION 1 MANAGEMENT UNITS



These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult one of the commercial Recreation Atlases available for B.C.

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For Salmon Information Only Fisheries and Oceans Canada District Offices (DFO)

Duncan:	(250) 746-6221
Campbell River:	(250) 850-5701
Comox:	(250) 339-2031
French Creek:	(250) 954-1354
Nanaimo:	(250) 754-0230
Port Alberni:	(250) 720-4440
Port Hardy:	(250) 949-6422
Tofino:	(250) 725-3500
Victoria:	(250) 363-3252

Shellfish Information line: 1-866-431-3474

Featured Fisheries 3 See next page

REPORT ANGLING VIOLATIONS
Please see the RAPP Notice on page 12 for details.

Notice
Within Pacific Rim National Park Reserve and Gulf Islands National Park Reserve, provincial freshwater fishing regulations are in effect for the 2006-2007 season.

Region 1 – Vancouver Island
Fish and Wildlife Regional Office
Nanaimo: 2080A Labieux Rd., V9T 6J9, (250) 751-3100

Conservation Officer Service District Offices
Please call one of the numbers below for recorded information or to make an appointment:

Campbell River:	(250) 286-7630	Duncan:	(250) 746-1236
Nanaimo:	(250) 751-3190	Port Alberni:	(250) 724-9290
Port Hardy:	(250) 949-2800	Victoria:	(250) 391-2225

Vancouver Island Hatchery
Duncan: (250) 746-5180

Exotic Alert: Atlantic Salmon



Please refer to the salmon section, p. 3

Vancouver Island Featured Fisheries

Unsure of where to find good fishing? Looking for someplace new?

We can help! Each year a different sample of regional waters will be profiled here.

In addition, be sure to visit www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/recreation/fishing for more great fishing in Provincial Parks.

Other great Family Fishing opportunities may be found at www.bcfamilyfishing.com.

See also www.gofishbc.com/fishstocking.htm for a complete list of stocked lakes.

1 Colliery Dam – Located within a regional park in the city of Nanaimo, Colliery Dam illustrates that you don't need to go too far from the city to find great fishing. The park is a wonderful retreat any time of the year. In addition to great rainbow trout fishing opportunities, there are terrific hiking trails, swimming beaches and scenic views. A part of Chase River watershed, the park is located at the junction of Highway 19 and Nanaimo Lakes Road.

2 Elk and Beaver Lakes – Within Elk/Beaver Regional Park, these lakes are popular recreation spots for families. Elk Lake is stocked with cutthroat trout fry and catchable rainbow trout ("catchables" are fish reared in the hatchery for two years and are bigger and more fun to angle than smaller stocked fish). A variety of other species including perch and bass may also be caught, providing fishers with plenty of action and fun. There are two boat launches on Elk Lake and a fishing pier on the northwest end that is wheelchair-accessible and perfect for anglers unable to get into more challenging areas. Located 12 km north of Victoria along Highway 17, both Beaver and Elk Lakes are



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Leslie Freeborn and Norman Dixon head out in Dixon's 1948 Newfoundland fishing boat hoping for a bite at Elk Lake.

accessible by BC Transit buses. Visit www.crd.bc.ca/parks for details.

3 Lowry Lake – Hidden in the rush beds or shaded under the overhanging willow boughs of Lowry Lake lurk kokanee and stocked cutthroat trout. Fishing from a small boat is best for this lake as the waterfront is quite steep. Visiting anglers may make use of one of the Forest Service recreation sites for camping and also the car-top boat launch. From Port Alberni access is via Highway 4, Great Central Lake Road, Ash River Road and then the road to Thunder Mountain (Branch 8). A truck or 4WD is not necessary. Consider visiting nearby Robertson Creek Hatchery (located off of Great Central Lake Road) to see the rearing of coho, chinook, and steelhead.

4 Spider Lake – The warm water of Spider Lake is noted for its excellent canoeing, kayaking and swimming and the park is an idyllic spot for a quiet family outing. Spider Lake (16 km west of Qualicum Beach) is stocked with catchable rainbow trout and smallmouth bass are also present, providing year-round fishing opportunities. Small car-top boats, canoes and kayaks may be launched from the beach next to a small parking lot located within the provincial park, or boats may also be launched from a steep-banked causeway outside of the park.

5 Spectacle Lake – An accessible spring-fed lake located 30 km north of Victoria on Malahat Drive (Hwy 1), Spectacle Lake is great for fishing, swimming and, in the winter, skating. This provincial park offers the only brook trout fishing on Vancouver Island and is also stocked with cutthroat trout. Park amenities include over 2 km of easy walking trails, many of which are wheelchair accessible, and a boat launch for canoes, kayaks, and car-top boats.

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Salmon fishing can be hot in Island rivers.

3 See preceding page for map locations

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Special Restrictions/Notes

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Management Unit (Not all shown - see p.5)	No Fishing	Catch & Release	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other
Adam River* (EXCEPT Eve River)	1-10	●				Trout/char release above Eve River
Ahnuhati River *	CW 1-15		●			Artificial fly only above Eve River, to Highway 19 bridge
Alice Lake	1-13		●			Class II water Apr 1 - Oct 31; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Apr 1-June 30
Amor Lake	1-10		●			No wild rainbow trout over 50 cm; single barbless hook
Amor De Cosmos Creek	1-10	●				Trout/char daily quota = 2
		●				From upper falls downstream 1 km to (Bear River) logging road bridge 3 km from tidewater
		●				From mouth to falls about 4 km upstream, Dec 1-May 31
"Anderson" Lake (in the Walbran Creek watershed)	1-3		●			Artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
		●				Trout/char and kokanee release *
					●	Unnamed lake approx. 7 km W/SW of Mt. Walbran
Antler Lake	1-9			●		No power boats
Artlish River *	1-12	●				Above the boundary signs at the bridge crossing approximately 10 km from the mouth, Nov 1-Apr 30
Ash River	1-7	●				(a) from Dickson Lake to signs 200 m below Lanternman Falls, Dec 1-Apr 30 (b) from Dickson Falls downstream 30 m to signs, all year, and (c) from Elsie Lake to Dickson Lake, all year
Bainbridge Lake	1-7			●	⊕	No angling from boats, ⊕ = age restriction (see page 5 - Special Restrictions)
Bear Creek (tributary of Stamp R.)	1-7			●		Bait may be used all year
Bear Lake	1-4				●	See Cowichan Lake
Bear River	1-10				●	See Amor de Cosmos Creek
Beaver Lake	1-1			●		Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
Benson River *	1-13	●		●		Trout/char release; fly fishing only
"Big Qualicum" River	1-6				●	See Qualicum River
Bings Creek	1-4			●	⊕	Bait may be used all year, ⊕ = age restriction (see page 5)
Black Creek *	1-6	●				Dec 1-May 31
Blackburn Lake	1-1			●		No power boats
Blackwater Lake	1-10		●	●		Trout/char daily quota = 2; single barbless hook
Bonanza Lake	1-11		●	●		No wild rainbow trout over 50 cm; single barbless hook
Boot Lake	1-10		●	●		Trout/char daily quota = 2; single barbless hook
Brannen Lake	1-5				●	Speed restriction on parts (60 km/h)
Browns River	1-6				●	See Puntledge River *
Buttle Lake's tributaries	1-9	●				
(Lower) Campbell Lake's tributaries	1-6	●				
Campbell River	1-10	●				Feb 1-July 15 (includes Campbell River between Strathcona Dam and (Lower) Campbell Lake)
		●				Between Elk Falls and John Hart Dam Power Station
		●				From Strathcona Dam downstream 100 m
		●				All 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 and trout/char release Dec 1-May 31
		●	●			Downstream of power line crossing located approx 200 m above Quinsam River confluence, both artificial fly only and trout/char release Dec 1-May 31
		●				Cutthroat trout release * (See Quinsam River)
		●				Steelhead release above Comox logging road bridge
					●	No vessels between Elk Falls and John Hart Dam Power Station
Carnation Creek *	1-3	●				
Catherine Creek	1-10	●				
Caycuse River	1-3			●		Fly fishing only above and including Hatton Creek
Chase River	1-5			●	⊕	Bait may be used all year, ⊕ = age restriction (see page 5)
Chemainus River	1-5	●				From Copper Canyon Falls downstream 100 m to signs
		●				Above the Highway 1A (Chemainus Road) bridge*, Dec 1-June 30
Cherry Creek	1-7			●		Bait may be used all year
Chicadee Lake	1-6			●		Electric motors only
Claud Elliott Creek	1-10	●				
Claud Elliott Lake	1-10			●		Artificial fly only, bait ban; single barbless hook
Clear Lake (Quadra Island)	1-15				●	Electric motors only
Cluxewe River *	1-13	●				Above the boundary signs (near the abandoned Port McNeill landfill site) about 2.4 km upstream of the Highway 19 bridge, Dec 1-May 31
			●			Hatchery steelhead daily quota = 1
Colquitz River *	1-1	●				
Comox Lake	1-6		●			No trout/char over 50 cm, Nov 1-Apr 30
				●		Bait ban and single barbless hook, Nov 1-Apr 30
Consort Creek *	1-10	●				
Courtenay River	1-6	●				ONLY OPEN Oct 1-Nov 30
					●	Speed restriction on part (8 km/h)
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

●: stocked lake CW: Classified Waters Licence required to fish Class I or Class II waters, see p. 7
(not all stocked lakes listed, see p. 88)

*including tributaries

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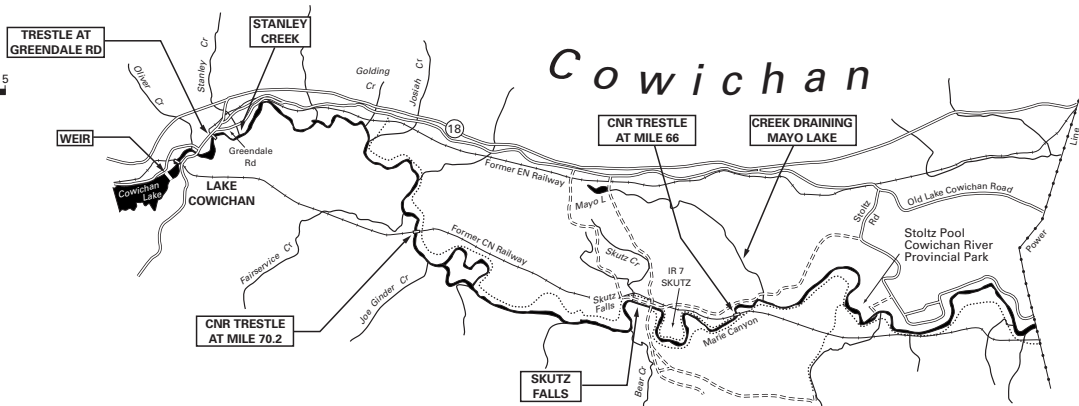
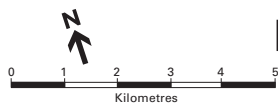
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Cowichan River (see map below)	1-4	●	●					From weir (dam) at Cowichan Lake's outlet to Stanley Creek, Nov 15-Apr 15 Tributaries above and including Holt Creek Wild trout/char release from the trestle at Greendale Road in Lake Cowichan Village to Skutz Falls Cutthroat trout and wild brown trout release below Skutz Falls Bait may ONLY be used above Stanley Creek, Apr 16-Nov 14, & below the Highway 1 bridge in Duncan, all year Fly fishing only from signs at Stanley Creek to CNR bridge (mile 70.2) Speed restriction (8 km/h) & engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp) on parts From boundary signs just upstream from the town of Duncan pumphouse to the Allenby Road bridge (the "White Bridge"), Sept 1-Dec 15 From CNR trestle (at mile 66) to 50 metres below the confluence with the unnamed creek which drains Mayo Lake, Oct 10-Dec 15
Craigflower Creek *	1-1	●						
Crane Lake	1-10		●	●				Trout/char release, bait ban, single barbless hook
Crescent Lake	1-10		●	●				Trout/char release, bait ban, single barbless hook
Cross Lake	1-12			●				Artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
Cruckshank River *	1-6	●						
Cusheon Lake	1-1	●				●		Electric motors only
Davie River	1-11	●						Below Schoen Lake, Dec 1-May 31
Dickson Lake	1-7			●	●			No trout/char over 50 cm; bait ban, single barbless hook
Dimple Lake	1-3		●	●				Trout/char release; bait ban, single barbless hook
Diver Lake	1-5	●				●	★	Electric motors only; ★ = wheelchair accessible
Donner Lake	1-9					●		No power boats
Dougan Lake	1-4					●		Electric motors only
Durrance Lake	1-1					●		Electric motors only
Echo Lake	1-6					●		Electric motors only
Elk Lake	1-2					●	★	Engine power restriction on parts - 7.5 Kw (10 hp); no vessels on parts, no power boats on parts, no towing on parts; ★ = wheelchair accessible
Elk River	1-9		●	●				Trout/char release; fly fishing only
Englishman River	1-5	●				●		From lower falls in Englishman River Park to signs about 100 m downstream Fly fishing only from signs about 100 m below lower falls in Englishman River Park to Morison Creek Wild cutthroat trout release, hatchery cutthroat trout daily quota = 2 Below the lower falls in Englishman River Falls Provincial Park*, Dec 1-May 31
Esary Lake	1-6		●	●				Trout/char release; single barbless hook
Eve River *	1-10	●						Above the fishing boundary signs (near the South Main bridge crossing) located approx. 5.4 km downstream of the Hwy 19 bridge, Dec 1-May 31
Fairy Lake	1-3		●					Trout/char release, Oct 15-Apr 30 Trout/char daily quota = 2, May 1-Oct 14 Bait ban and artificial fly only, Oct 15-Apr 30 Single barbless hook; engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
Farewell Lake	1-10			●	●			Trout/char daily quota = 1; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
Fickle Lake	1-10			●				Artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
Forbush Lake	1-6			●	●			No trout/char over 50 cm; bait ban, single barbless hook
French Creek *	1-5	●						Dec 1 - May 31 Bait may be used when open
Fuller Lake	1-5	●						Electric motors only
Glen Lake	1-2	●				●		Electric motors only
Glendale Creek	1-15		●					Cutthroat trout release
Glenlion River	1-13					●		Bait may be used all year
Gold Lake	1-9			●	●			No wild rainbow trout over 50 cm; bait ban, single barbless hook

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Gold River	1-9	●					Above but not including Muchalat River * From the cascade falls (located about 6.5 km above Muchalat Inlet) to fishing boundary signs about 80 m downstream No power boats
Goldstream River *	1-2	●					Dec 1 - May 31
Gordon River *	1-3	●					Above Bugaboo Creek, Nov 1-Apr 30
Gracie Lake	1-7				●		Electric motors only
Graham Lake	1-6				●		Electric motors only
Great Central Lake	1-7		●				No wild rainbow trout over 60 cm
Green Lake	1-5				●		Electric motors only
Greenstone Creek *	1-10	●					
Gunflint Lake	1-15		●	●	●		Trout/char release; single barbless hook; electric motors only
Hague Lake	1-15				●		Electric motors only
Harris Creek *	1-3	●					Above and including Hemmingsen Creek *
Harewood (Extension) Lake	1-5		●	●			Trout/char daily quota = 2; single barbless hook
Haslam Creek	1-5		●	●			Trout/char release; fly fishing only
Healy (Panther) Lake	1-5		●	●			Trout/char release; fly fishing only, bait ban, single barbless hook
Healy Lake's outlet stream	1-5	●					
Heber River	1-9	●					Above top of the lower canyon, Nov 1-Apr 30 Below top of the lower canyon Fly fishing only below Saunders Creek to the top of the lower canyon, May 1-Oct 31
Hemmingsen Creek *	1-3					●	See Harris Creek
Henry Lake	1-5	●	●				Trout/char release; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
Higgins Lake	1-10	●	●				Trout/char release; bait ban, single barbless hook
Holland Lake	1-5				●		No power boats
Ida Lake	1-11		●	●			No wild rainbow trout over 50 cm; single barbless hook
Illusion Lakes	1-6				●		No power boats
Jasper Lake	1-10	●	●				Trout/char release; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
John Hart Lake's tributaries	1-10	●					Apr 15-July 15 (includes channel below Ladore Dam)
June Lake	1-7				●		Bait ban and artificial fly only
Kakweiken Lake	1-15	●	●				Trout/char release; single barbless hook
Kakweiken River *	1-15	●					Trout/char release
Kemp Lake	CW 1-2				●		Class II water Apr 1 - Oct 31; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Apr 1-June 30 No power boats
Keogh River	1-13	●					Below lower fish counting fence near tidewater Release all steelhead 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 Bait may be used all year
Kitsucksus Creek	1-7			●			
Kokish River	1-11	●					From signs in lower canyon to Ida Lake, Nov 1-Apr 30
Koksilah River *	1-4	●					Dec 1-May 31
Lake Weston ("Weston Lake")	1-1		●				Trout/char daily quota = 2
Langford Lake	1-2			●	●		Artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook; electric motors only
"Link" River	1-13				●		Electric motors only See Marble River
Little Main Lake (Quadra Island)	1-15			●			Bait ban and single barbless hook, Nov 1-Apr 30
Little Qualicum River	1-6	●					Electric motors only From the falls in Little Qualicum Falls Provincial Park to Kinkadee Creek, Apr 1-Nov 30
(CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)		●					From the falls in Little Qualicum Falls Provincial Park to signs 35 m below the hatchery fence, Dec 1-May 31

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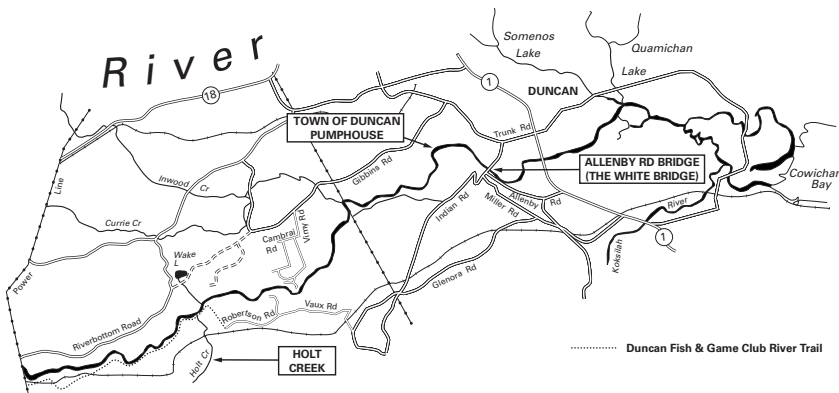


Photo: Robin Feam

A beautiful bright Cowichan River coho.

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		Management Unit (Not all shown - see p.5)	No Fishing	Catch & Release	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other
Little Qualicum River (CONTINUED-SEE PREVIOUS PAGE)			●					All tributaries below the falls in Little Qualicum Falls Provincial Park, 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 approx. 35 m downstream
				●	●			Trout/char release and artificial fly only downstream of signs located 35m below the hatchery fence, Dec 1-May 31
			●					Wild brown trout and wild cutthroat trout release
					●			Fly fishing only, Sept 1-Nov 30 (where open)
Lizard Lake	🐟 1-3					●		Electric motors only
Lizard Pond	1-7			●	●			Trout/char daily quota = 1; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
Lois Lake	🐟 1-4		●	●				Trout/char daily quota = 1; release all brown trout
					●			Artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
Long Lake (Nanaimo)	🐟 1-5					●	★	Speed restriction on parts (60 km/h); ★ = wheelchair accessible
Loon Lake	1-7					●		Electric motors only
Macktush Creek	1-7		●					
Mahatta River	1-13		●					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)
Maple Lake	🐟 1-6					●		Electric motors only
Marble ("Link") River (between Victoria and Alice lakes)	1-13		●					Trout/char release*
								Fly fishing only *
Martha Lake	1-10			●	●			Trout/char daily quota = 2; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
Matheson Lake	🐟 1-2		●		●			Smallmouth bass release; electric motors only
Mayo Lake	🐟 1-4						⊛	⊛ = Age restriction (see page 5 - Special Restrictions/Notes)
"Maxwell Lake" (Lake Maxwell)	1-1					●		Electric motors only
McKenzie Lake	1-2					●		No power boats
McNair Lake	1-10		●		●			Trout/char release; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
Megin Lake	1-8					●		Bait ban, single barbless hook
Michael Lake	🐟 1-5					●		No power boats
Mill Stream	1-2					●		Bait may be used all year
Miller Creek *	1-6		●					
Millstone River	1-5				●			Bait may be used all year
							⊛	⊛ = Age restriction (see page 5), Brannan Lake to Pearson Bridge
Mine Lake	1-15					●		Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
Misty Lake	1-13		●					Located in an Ecological Reserve
Mohun Creek *	1-10		●					Dec 1-May 31
			●					From Menzies Bay logging mainline bridge crossing to Morton Lake
Morte Lake	1-15					●		Electric motors only
Nahmint Lake	1-7			●				No wild rainbow trout over 50 cm
					●	●		Bait ban, single barbless hook; engine power restriction 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
Nahmint River	1-7		●					Below Nahmint Lake, Nov 1-Apr 30
			●					Trout/char release above Nahmint Lake *
					●			Fly fishing only above Nahmint Lake
Nanaimo River	1-5		●					From power line crossing at "Bore Hole" upstream to fishing boundary signs at the mouth of Boulder Creek
			●					From the Cedar Road bridge upstream approx. 400 m to the white square boundary signs near the Hwy 19 bridge, Sept 15-Oct 30
			●					Upstream of the Hwy 1 bridge*, Dec 1-May 31
			●					Cutthroat trout release *
			●		●			Artificial fly only and trout/char release upstream of the westernmost of the two Nanaimo Lakes, known locally as "Second" Lake, including tributaries
						●		Engine power restriction on parts - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
Nimkish River *	1-11		●					Above Davie River, Dec 1-May 31
Nitinat Lake	1-3					●		Note: Nitinat Lake is tidal water; tidal regulations apply and a (federal) Tidal Waters Sport Fishing Licence is required
Nitinat River *	1-4		●					Above Parker Creek
			●					Between boundary signs approx. 100 m upstream of & downstream of "Red Rock Pool," approx. 2 km (by road) south of the Nitinat R. bridge, Aug 25-Dec 31
			●					In "Glory Hole Slough," approx. 1.5 km upstream of the Nitinat R. mouth, & that part of the river located upstream & downstream of the entrance to the slough, as marked by boundary signs on opposite banks of the river, Aug 25-Dec 31
			●					Between boundary signs approx. 50 m upstream of and downstream of the Nitinat River bridge, Aug 25-Dec 31
O'Connell Lake	1-13			●	●			No trout/char over 50 cm; bait ban, single barbless hook
Oyster River	1-6		●					Upstream of the confluence with Little Oyster River*, Dec 1-June 30
			●		●			Trout/char release and artificial fly only below the Hwy 19A bridge, Dec 1-June 30
			●					Wild cutthroat trout release
Panther Lake	1-5					●		See Healy Lake
Perry Lake	🐟 1-12			●	●			Trout/char quota = 1; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
"Pete's Pond"	1-3		●		●			Trout/char release; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
						●		Unnamed lake at the head of San Juan River

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Location	Stocked	Licence	Management Unit (Not all shown - see p.5)						Special Restrictions/Notes
			No Fishing	Catch & Release	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other	
Prior Lake	●	1-2						No power boats	
Prospect Lake	●	1-2						Speed restriction on parts (8 & 60 km/h)	
Provost Dam		1-5						No power boats	
Puntledge River		1-6		●	●			Above BC Hydro diversion dam (about 3.5 km downstream of Comox Lake), including tributaries: trout/char release, fly fishing only	
				●				In Puntledge River spawning channel adjacent to B.C. Hydro diversion dam	
				●				Downstream of the BC Hydro diversion dam (about 3.5 km downstream of Comox Lake) to boundary sign approx. 75m downstream of the Puntledge R. Hatchery counting fence	
				●				Downstream of boundary sign approx. 75 m downstream of the Puntledge R. Hatchery counting fence, ONLY OPEN Oct 1-Nov 30 (EXCEPT that part between signs approx. 100 m upstream & downstream of the confluence with Morrison Creek CLOSED ALL YEAR)	
				●				All tributaries downstream of the BC Hydro diversion dam (about 3.5 km downstream of Comox Lake)	
Qualicum River		1-6		●				Downstream of the E&N Railway bridge, Dec 1- June 15	
				●				From hatchery counting fence to the Hwy 19A bridge, Aug 10-Oct 15	
				●				All tributaries below the Horne Lake dam, Dec 1- June 15	
				●	●			Trout/char release and artificial fly only from the Horne Lake dam downstream to the E&N Railway bridge, Dec 1- May 31	
				●				Wild cutthroat trout release *	
Quatse River *		1-13			●			Fly fishing only *, Sept 1-Oct 15	
					●			May 1-June 15	
					●			Hatchery steelhead daily quota = 1	
Quennell Lake	●	1-5						Above Dick Booth Creek (Dry Creek), Dec 1-June 15	
								Bait may ONLY be used Dec 1-Apr 30, where open	
Quinsam River *		1-6		●				Speed restriction on parts (8 km/h)	
				●				From signs at power line crossing (about 25 m above Quinsam Hatchery weir) to Cold Creek Bridge (about 300 m below weir)	
Roberts Lake	●	1-10		●				Cutthroat release below Quinsam Lake only	
				●				Downstream of the falls below Middle Quinsam Lake, Dec 1-June 30	
Rogers Creek		1-7						No trout/char over 50 cm, Nov 1-Apr 30	
Rooney Lake *	●	1-10						Bait ban and single barbless hook, Nov 1-Apr 30	
Roselle Lake	●	1-11						Bait may be used all year	
Rosen Lake (Read Island)		1-15						⊗ = Age restriction (see page 5 - Special Restrictions/Notes)	
Rowbotham Lake		1-5		●	●			Brown trout daily quota = 1; artificial fly only, bait ban, barbless hook	
St. Mary Lake	●	1-1						Trout/char daily quota = 2; artificial fly only, bait ban	
Salmon River *		1-10		●				No power boats	
				●				Trout/char release; artificial fly only, bait ban, barbless hook	
San Juan River *		1-3						Electric motors only	
Seymour River	CW	1-14						Above Kay Creek	
Shawnigan Creek		1-2						From Kay Creek to signs at confluence with Big Tree Creek, Jan 1-Mar 15	
Shawnigan Lake	●	1-2						No power boats upstream of confluence with White River; speed restriction (10 km/h) from estuary to confluence with White River	
Somass River		1-7						Above Fleet River	
Sooke River *		1-2						Class II water Aug 15-Oct 31*; Steelhead Stamp not required unless fishing for steelhead	
Spider Lake	●	1-6						Bait may be used all year	
Sproat Lake		1-7		●	●			Speed restrictions on parts (8 & 65 km/h)	
Sproat River		1-7		●				Engine power restriction 7.5 Kw (10 hp)	
Stamp River		1-7						Bait may ONLY be used * Nov 1-Apr 30	
								Fly fishing only below Sooke River Falls, Sept 1-Nov 30	
								From the base of the lower "potholes" falls to signs approx. 100m downstream	
								No power boats	
								Cutthroat trout release, no wild rainbow trout over 60 cm	
Stewart Lake	●	1-10						From Sproat Lake to signs 300 m below Hwy #4, June 15-Nov 15	
								Bait may ONLY be used Nov 1-Apr 30	
								Closed between signs 200m above & 500m below Stamp Falls, June 15-Nov15	
Stocking Lake	●	1-5						From the confluence with Ash River upstream to the Great Central Lake dam *, Jan 1-Apr 30	
								Bait ban all year ABOVE signs at "Girl Guide Falls" (approx. 250 m upstream of the mouth of Beaver Creek) *	
"Stowell Lake" (Lake Stowell)	●	1-1						Bait may ONLY be used Nov 1-Apr 30 BELOW signs at "Girl Guide Falls" (approx. 250 m upstream of the mouth of Beaver Creek) *	
Stramberg Lake		1-15		●				Engine power restriction 7.5 Kw (10hp), on parts	
				●				No wild rainbow trout over 50 cm	

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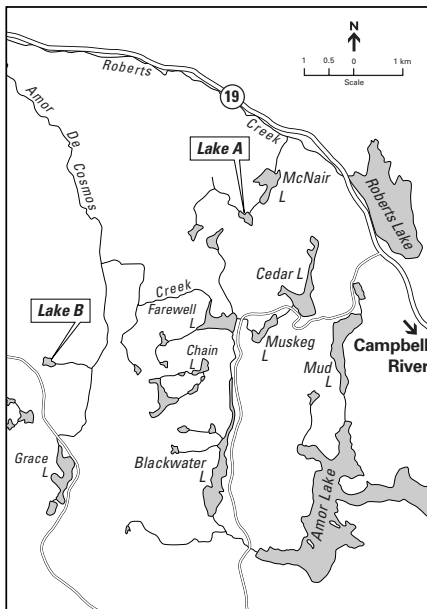
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Strathcona Park waters		1-9						●	No power boats on all waters within Park except Gold, Upper Campbell and Buttle lakes
Tadjiss Lake	🐟	1-4	●	●					Trout/char daily quota = 1; release all brown trout Artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
Taylor River		1-7	●	●					Trout/char release; fly fishing only
Thetis Lake	🐟	1-1						●	Electric motors only
Tlowils Lake	🐟	1-10						●	Electric motors only
Toquart Lake		1-8		●	●				No wild rainbow trout over 50 cm; bait ban, single barbless hook
Toquart River *		1-8	●						Upstream of the boundary signs at the falls (approx. 800 m downstream of Toquart Lake), Nov 1-Apr 30. Note: this includes the river above the lake
Toy Lake	🐟	1-7						●	Artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
Trent River *		1-6	●						Dec 1-May 31
Tsable River *		1-6	●						Dec 1-May 31
Tsable Lake		1-6	●	●					Trout/char release; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
Tsitika River		1-10	●						Above Catherine Creek, Nov 1-Apr 30 Fly fishing only below Catherine Creek
Tsolum River *		1-6	●						
Unnamed Lake "A" - Map A, below		1-10	●	●					Trout/char release; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
Unnamed Lake "B" - Map A, below		1-10	●	●					Trout/char release; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
Unnamed Lake "C" - Map B, below		1-10		●	●				Trout/char daily quota = 2; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
Unnamed Lake "D" - Map B, below		1-10		●	●				Trout/char daily quota = 2; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
Unnamed Lake "E" - Map B, below		1-10	●	●					Trout/char release; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
Unnamed Lake "F" - Map B, below		1-10		●	●				Trout/char daily quota = 2; single barbless hook
Unnamed Lake "G" - Map B, below		1-10		●	●				Trout/char daily quota = 2; single barbless hook
Unnamed Lake "H" - Map B, below		1-10	●	●					Trout/char release; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
Unnamed Lake "I" - Map B, below		1-10		●	●				Trout/char daily quota = 2; single barbless hook
Upper Puntledge River		1-6						●	See Puntledge River
Village Bay Lake		1-15						●	Bait ban and single barbless hook, Nov 1-Apr 30 Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
Wahpeeto Creek		1-14	●						Within 100 m below falls 4.5 km above 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
West Walbran River *		1-3	●						Trout/char and kokanee release
Westwood Lake		1-5						★	★ = wheelchair accessible
White River *		1-10	●						Between signs at salmon viewing pool
Willemar Lake		1-6		●	●				No trout/char over 50 cm; bait ban, single barbless hook
Willow Creek		1-6			●			⊕	Bait may be used all year; ⊕ = Age restriction (see page 5)
Woss River		1-11	●						Rainbow trout release
Wowo Lake	🐟	1-6		●					Trout/char daily quota = 2
Zeballos Lake		1-12	●						Artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook; electric motors only
Zeballos River *		1-12	●						Nov 1-Apr 30

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MAP "A"



"Trout fishing for me is not the taking of fish, but being at one with the stream and all its sights and sounds."

Sigurd F. Olson

MAP "B"

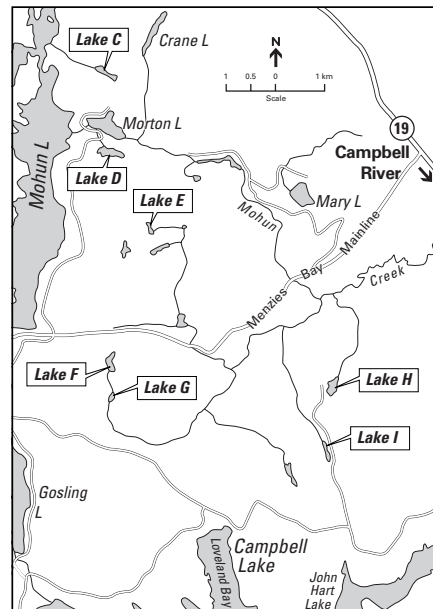


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British Columbia's Lampreys

To most, lampreys are ugly, slimy eel-like parasites that attack salmon and other marine fishes. Despite their bad reputation, these amazingly adaptive fish have been successful for approximately 300 million years!

B.C.'s coastal waters contain three main lamprey species: the sea-run parasitic Pacific lamprey, the sea-run parasitic river lamprey and the freshwater non-parasitic western brook lamprey. A sea-run adult can reach lengths of 90 cm or more!

A lamprey's life cycle is complex and includes several major body changes as it develops from egg to full-sized adult. Phase One of the life cycle is a toothless blind juvenile that hatches from an egg a couple of weeks after spawning. The juvenile then buries itself in the mud for up to several years, feeding on microscopic organisms. Phase Two begins when the lamprey changes into a young adult and leaves its burrow, migrating to the ocean or lake to feed for at least a year. Movement between

fresh and salt water requires osmotic changes, similar to what occurs in salmon. The adult returns to the stream during the summer (Phase Three), hiding among stones over the winter without eating until it spawns in the spring. After spawning is complete, the adult dies.

B.C.'s Two Usual Populations

B.C. contains two very unusual populations of lamprey: the Morrison Creek lamprey (found only in Morrison Creek near Courtenay and thought to be derived from the western brook lamprey) and the Cowichan Lake lamprey (found only in Mesachie and Cowichan lakes and possibly derived from the Pacific lamprey). Unlike most other freshwater lampreys that are non-parasitic, both populations produce a parasitic form which is significantly smaller than sea-run parasitic forms. These two populations allow us to examine and challenge theories on lamprey evolution.



Morrison Creek Lamprey

Photo: Jim Palmer/Morrison Creek Streamkeepers

Both the Morrison Creek lamprey (listed as Endangered) and the Cowichan Lake lamprey (listed as Threatened) are protected under the federal *Species At Risk Act*. Under SARA it is illegal to harm these animals or damage their habitat.

For more information on B.C.'s lampreys, check out the Ministry of Environment's B.C. Species and Ecosystem Explorer website at srmapps.gov.bc.ca/apps/eswp.



West Nile Virus Information



Once West Nile virus (WNV) enters B.C., anglers and other outdoor enthusiasts should know how to protect themselves from infection. Since WNV is a mosquito-borne virus, the usual way for people to become infected is from the bite of an infected mosquito. Preventing mosquito bites will prevent infection with WNV. By the end of 2005, the virus was detected as far west as Alberta and was present in all mainland U.S. states except Washington.

Risk Factors

Even in areas where mosquitoes do carry the virus, very few mosquitoes—much less than 1%—are infected. If bitten by an infected mosquito and infection results, 80% of people will experience no symptoms at all, 20% will develop flu-like symptoms, and fewer than 1% will get severely ill. The severe illness may include meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain and spinal cord) or encephalitis (inflammation of the brain). People over 50 years of age are most at risk for severe illness.

Mosquito Season

In North America, WNV transmission is most likely to occur from mid-May until hard frost (late September-October). The chance that you will become severely ill from any one mosquito bite is extremely small. However, the risk of infection increases with the more mosquito bites you get.

Reducing the Risk While Angling

When angling in undeveloped areas, there are some very effective things you can do to prevent mosquito bites and reduce your risk of infection.

- **Wear protective clothing.** Avoid dark-coloured clothes, because they attract mosquitoes. Full-length pants and a long-sleeved shirt are recommended.

- **Use mosquito repellent.** A recent Health Canada review considers DEET to be both safe and highly effective when used correctly. Thoroughly apply a mosquito repellent containing DEET to your uncovered skin by rubbing it in. The percentage of DEET in repellents should not exceed 30% for adults or 10% for children. DEET should not be used on children under 6 months of age. *New products containing all-natural repellents may be effective for shorter time periods than DEET products – make sure to reapply the product according to the directions.* Some common repellents that do NOT work are bug zappers, audible mosquito repellents (send out sound waves to deter mosquitoes), and Citrosa plants. In situations where you need to use both sunscreen and mosquito repellent, apply the sunscreen first.

- **Avoid peak biting times.** Consider staying indoors at dawn, dusk, and in the early evening, when most mosquito bites occur.

Reducing the Risk at Home

Mosquitoes generally stay within 3 km of where they hatch. Homeowners can reduce the number of nearby mosquitoes by eliminating potential mosquito breeding sites around the home. It doesn't take much time, or water, for mosquitoes to grow from eggs into adults. Therefore, anything that can hold water is a possible growth site. Try to find and eliminate breeding sites on your property by emptying saucers under flower pots,

changing water in bird baths often, unclogging rain gutters, and removing used tires and other debris where rainwater may collect.

Treatment if Infected

Although there is no specific treatment, medication or cure for WNV infection, many of the symptoms and complications of the disease can be treated. Most people who are infected with WNV recover. There is no vaccine for WNV at this time.

Fight the Bite in 2006

Since the first diagnosis of WNV in North America in 1999, the virus has steadily moved westward across Canada and the United States. In western North America, the virus is present in all areas except the far north, Washington state and British Columbia. For more information about WNV, visit the B.C. Centre for Disease Control's website at www.bccdc.org.

There is every reason to expect the introduction of WNV to B.C. during 2006. This year, enjoy the outdoors, but 'Fight the Bite' – cover up and wear mosquito repellent!



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LOWER MAINLAND Regional Regulations

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REGIONAL DAILY CATCH QUOTAS

(See tables for exceptions)

Trout/char: 4,

but not more than

▶ 1 over 50 cm (2 hatchery steelhead allowed)

▶ 2 from streams or sloughs

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

and you must release

- Wild trout/char from streams or sloughs (EXCEPT streams that flow into tidal waters north of and including Jervis Inlet)

- Wild steelhead

- Trout/char under 30 cm from streams or sloughs

Kokanee: 8 (none from streams)

Whitefish: 15 (all species combined)

Crappie: 20

Bass: 4 (largemouth and/or smallmouth combined)

Sturgeon: catch and release only

Crayfish: 25

POSSESSION QUOTAS

Possession quotas = 2 daily quotas

ANNUAL CATCH QUOTAS

Annual catch quota for all B.C.:

10 Steelhead per licence year (only hatchery steelhead may be retained in Region 2)

DAILY AND ANNUAL CATCH QUOTAS FOR SALMON

Please refer to the NOTICE on page 3 for Salmon Regulations.

STEELHEAD ALERT

Steelhead returns to streams in the Lower Mainland Region, especially the ones that flow into Georgia Basin, have declined. As we learn more about the conservation status of steelhead in this region, there may be angling regulation changes imposed on Lower Mainland streams for the purpose of steelhead conservation. Because these changes may occur on short notice, steelhead anglers should check the Fisheries web site before going fishing (see page 4).

OTHER GENERAL RESTRICTIONS

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

Single barbless hook: must be used in all streams and sloughs of Region 2, all year. Also see definition of "angle" on page 9.

Dead fin fish as bait: only permitted in Region 2 when sport fishing for sturgeon in the Fraser River. See page 9 for details.

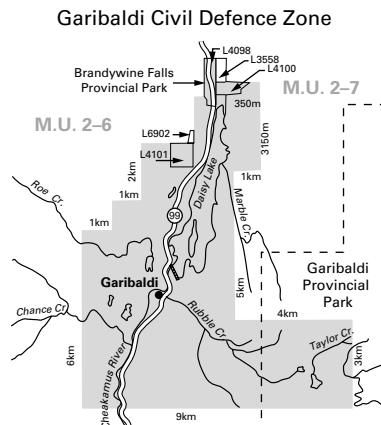
Steelhead fishing in the Lower Mainland Region: Your basic licence must be validated with a Conservation Surcharge Stamp if you intend to fish for steelhead anywhere in B.C. Please see page 7 for details.

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

See page 10 for details.



Notice to Anglers
The area known as the **Garibaldi Civil Defence Zone** is a high risk slide area. People who fish in this area do so at **THEIR OWN RISK.**

NOTICE TO ANGLERS

Reduced quotas for wild trout/char are being considered for Chilliwack Lake and all streams that flow into tidal waters north of and including Jervis Inlet. These potential regulation changes would help ensure the conservation of these important fisheries. If you have any information or concerns regarding this proposal, please contact the Fish and Wildlife Regional Office in Surrey.

TIDAL BOUNDARIES ON RIVERS IN REGION 2

Note: Provincial freshwater regulations apply above these boundaries and Federal tidal regulations apply below 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

Nicomelk 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

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NOTE ... See the following tables for exceptions and additional regulations on specific waters.

REGION 2 MANAGEMENT UNITS



These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult one of the commercial Recreation Atlases available for B.C.

REPORT ANGLING VIOLATIONS

Please see the RAPP Notice on page 12 for details.

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Fish and Wildlife Regional Office

Surrey: 10470-152nd St., V3R 0Y3, (604) 582-5200

Conservation Officer Service District Offices

Please call one of the numbers below for recorded information or to make an appointment:

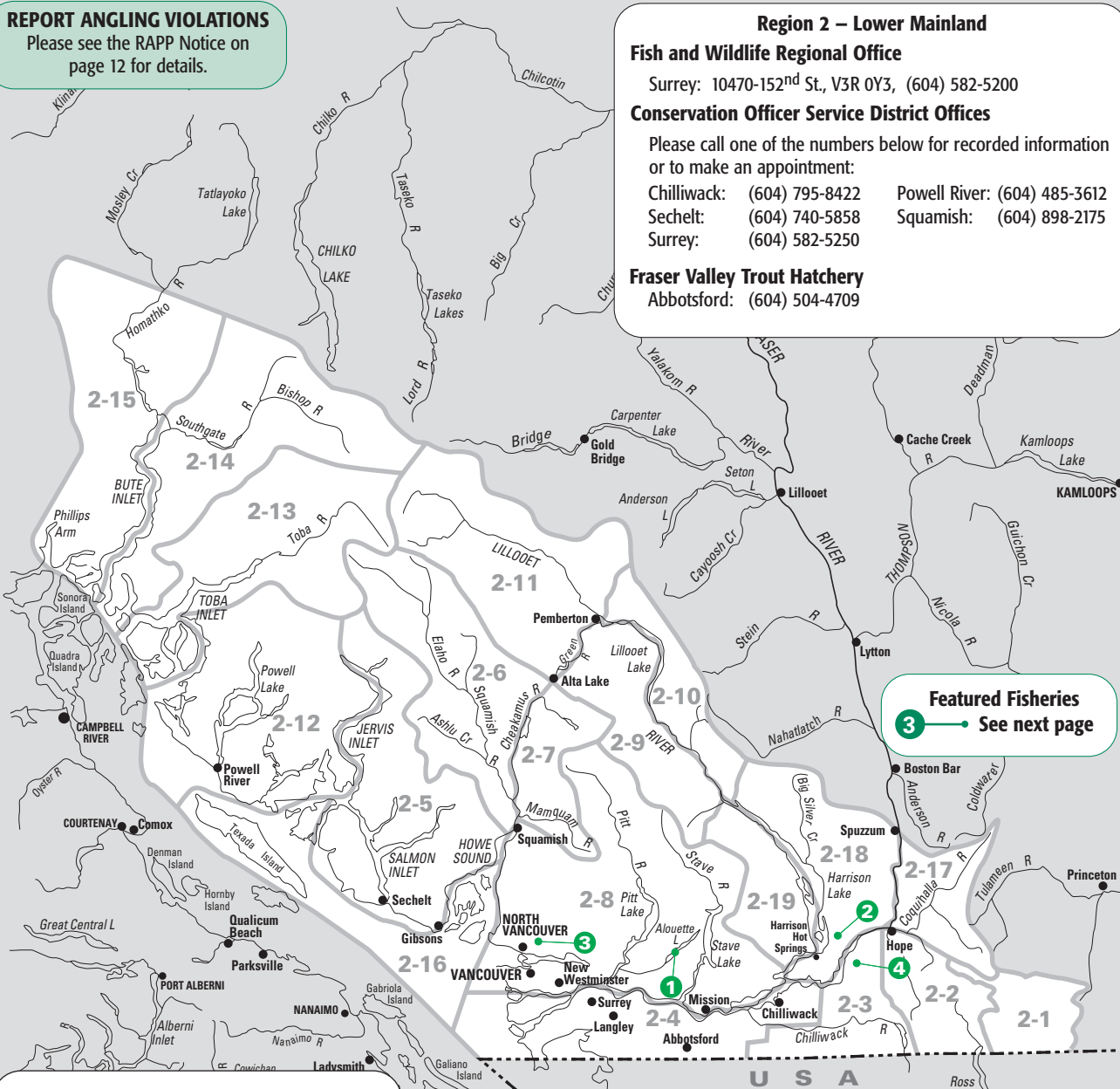
Chilliwack: (604) 795-8422 Powell River: (604) 485-3612
 Sechelt: (604) 740-5858 Squamish: (604) 898-2175
 Surrey: (604) 582-5250

Fraser Valley Trout Hatchery

Abbotsford: (604) 504-4709

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Featured Fisheries
 3 See next page

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE LAKES

(Noted in the tables by the symbol ★)

The following lakes in Region 2 are wheelchair accessible and have been stocked with trout:

- Como Lake (Coquitlam) M.U. 2-8
- Deer Lake (Burnaby) M.U. 2-8
- Green Timbers Lake (Surrey) M.U. 2-4
- Mill Lake (Abbotsford) M.U. 2-4
- Rice Lake (North Vancouver) M.U. 2-8
- Trout Lake (Vancouver) M.U. 2-8

Exotic Alert: Atlantic Salmon



Please refer to the salmon section, p. 3

For Salmon Information Only Fisheries and Oceans Canada District Offices (DFO)

Chilliwack: (604) 702-2278
 Delta: (604) 666-8266
 Langley: (604) 607-4150
 Mission: (604) 814-1055
 Pender Harbour (604) 883-2313
 Powell River (604) 485-7963
 Vancouver/Steveston/
 Squamish (604) 664-9250

Shellfish Information line: (604) 666-2828

Lower Mainland Featured Fisheries

Unsure of where to find good fishing? Looking for someplace new?

We can help! Each year a different sample of regional waters will be profiled here.

In addition, be sure to visit www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/recreation/fishing for more great fishing in Provincial Parks.

Other great Family Fishing opportunities may be found at www.bcfamilyfishing.com.

See also www.gofishbc.com/fishstocking.htm for a complete list of stocked lakes.

1 Alouette Lake – Alouette Lake, in Golden Ears Provincial Park (11 km north of Maple Ridge), provides anglers with one of the most diverse fisheries in the province! Recent reservoir restoration has increased fish numbers resulting in nearly 4 kg (9 lbs) bull trout and lake trout up to 10 kg (22 lbs)! Other fish present include kokanee and rainbow trout. There are three large campgrounds, an extensive system of trails for hiking and horseback riding, and a large cement boat launch at the south end of the lake with overnight parking for vehicles and trailers. The park's nearby Mike Lake and Gold Creek also offer great freshwater fishing opportunities. For more information on reservoir restoration please visit

www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish/regulations/archive.html.

2 Hicks Lake – Hick's Lake (50 metres deep at the south end) is the largest and deepest of four small lakes within the park named for the legendary Bigfoot, 7 km north of Harrison Hot Springs. Sasquatch Provincial Park's remarkable waters provide visitors with outstanding recreation opportunities, particularly fishing. The lakes and streams in the park provide excellent habitat for over ten species of fish including trout, whitefish, and salmon. As well, the three smaller lakes are stocked with cutthroat, rainbow, and brook trout.



Photo: Johnny Van Toi

Catch the early evening bite at Sasquatch Provincial Park.

3 Rice Lake – Rice Lake, located a short walk from the entrance to the Seymour Demonstration Forest at the north end of Lillooet Road in North Vancouver, is an excellent family fishing opportunity close to the city. It is stocked with catchable rainbow trout several times a year. "Catchables" are fish reared in the hatchery for two years and are bigger and more fun to angle than smaller stocked fish. A fishing dock, which is located in the southeast corner of the lake and was specially designed to give disabled anglers easy access, provides an ideal opportunity for children to catch their first trout! In the Demonstration Forest you may also find fishing opportunities in the Seymour River, with access via the

Fisherman's Trail, along with numerous trails for hiking and mountain biking.

4 Wahleah ("Jones") Lake – Jones Lake, located east of Chilliwack via Laidlaw Road, is stocked with a variety of fish—cutthroat trout, kokanee and rainbow trout are among the species you might find at the end of your line. At the north end of the lake there is a boat launch and a campsite promising days of fun and family adventure!

3 See preceding page for map locations



Photo: Tim Yesaki

Fraser River angling—always challenging and rewarding!

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Alice Lake	🐟	2-7						● No power boats
Alouette Lake (parts of)	🐟	2-8						● 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	●					● Above signs near Alouette River Corrections Branch ● Above 216th St. (including North Alouette River), May 1-June 30 ● No power boats on mainstem
Alpha Lake	🐟	2-9						● Electric motors only
Alta Lake	🐟	2-9	●	●	●			● Release all fish; bait ban, single barbless hook; speed restriction (12 km/h)
Anderson Creek *		2-4	●					
Angus Creek		2-5	●					
Ashlu Creek		2-6			●			● Bait ban
Bear (Mahood) Creek *		2-4	●					● Above 152nd St. (Johnson Road)
Bear Lake		2-18						● No power boats
Big Silver Creek		2-18	●					● May 1-June 30
Birkenhead Lake		2-11	●					● Bull trout (char) release
Birkenhead River *		2-11			●			● Bait ban
Brem River		2-13	●					● From upstream edge of falls (1.5 km from river mouth) to a point 100 m downstream ● Bait ban*, May 1-Oct 31
Brothers Creek *		2-8	●					
Browning Lake	🐟	2-8						● No power boats
Brunette River		2-8	●	●				● From Cariboo Dam to Cariboo Rd ● Release all steelhead
Brunette River's tributaries		2-8	●					
Burnaby Lake		2-8						● No power boats
Burnaby Lake's tributaries		2-8	●					
Calvin Creek		2-5	●					
Campbell River *		2-4	●					● Above 12th Ave all year; below 12th Ave., Apr 1-June 30 ● Below 12th Ave., Aug 1-Dec 31, closed only from 21:00 hours to 05:00 hours each day
Capilano River *		2-8	●					● Above signs at footbridge situated 100 m below fish fence ● Bait ban, Aug 1-Oct 31 ● Release all steelhead
Chapman Creek *		2-5	●					● From upstream edge of falls (2.5 km from the creek's mouth) to 100 m downstream
Cheakamus River*		2-7	●					● Above the lower falls (approx. 1.5 km upstream of the suspension bridge at Misty Lane) to the dam at Daisy Lake ● Bait ban (mainstem only)
Cheam Lake		2-3	●					
Cheekye River *		2-7	●					● Includes Brohm Creek
Chehalis Lake's tributaries		2-19	●					
Chehalis River *		2-19	●					● From signs at Chehalis Lake outlet to main logging road bridge 2.4 km downstream ● Below main logging road bridge 2.4 km below lake, May 1-31 ● Hatchery steelhead daily quota = 1
Chilliwack / Vedder Rivers * (does not include Sumas River) (see map on page 37)		2-4	●	●				● Above and including Slesse Creek ● Below Slesse Creek to Vedder Crossing bridge: (a) closed May 1-June 30; (b) hatchery rainbow trout of any length 50 cm or less: daily quota = 4, July 1 - Apr 30; (c) hatchery steelhead daily quota = 1, year round ● Below Vedder Crossing bridge: (a) fly fishing only, bait ban, hatchery rainbow trout release (50 cm or less), and hatchery cutthroat release, May 1-31; (b) closed June 1-30; (c) hatchery rainbow trout of any length 50 cm or less: daily quota = 4, July 1-Apr 30 ; (d) hatchery steelhead daily quota = 1, year round
Chilqua Slough		2-8						● Speed restriction (8 km/h)
Cogburn Creek *		2-18	●					● May 1-June 30
Como Lake ★	🐟	2-8						● 🚫 = Age restriction (see page 5 - Special Restrictions/Notes)
Coquihalla River *		2-17	●					● Closed (a) above the downstream entrance to the lower railway tunnel, all year and (b) below the downstream entrance to the lower railway tunnel, Apr 1-Oct 31
Coquitlam River		2-8	●	●				● Trout/char (including steelhead) release and bait ban, below the downstream entrance to the lower railway tunnel, Nov 1-Mar 31 (see map on page 37) ● Above Mary Hill Bypass bridge, May 1-June 30 ● Hatchery trout daily quota = 2 (20-30 cm only), from Lougheed Highway bridge to Mary Hill Bypass bridge, July 1-Oct 15
Corbold Creek		2-8						● No power boats on parts
Cougar Canyon Creek		2-4	●					● Bait ban
Cranberry Lake		2-12						● No power boats
Cultus Lake		2-3						● No vessels on parts; speed restriction (5km/h) at north end, as buoyed and signed
Davis Lake		2-8						● No power boats

🐟: stocked lake (not all stocked lakes listed, see p. 88)
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		Management Unit (No. all shown - see p. 5)	No Fishing	Catch & Release	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other
Deer Lake (Burnaby) ★	🐟	2-8				●		No power boats
Deer Lake (Sasquatch Park)	🐟	2-18				●		Electric motors only
Elaho River		2-6			●			Bait ban
Elgin Creek *		2-4	●					
"Errock" ("Squakum") Lake		2-8				●	●	Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp); official name: Lake Errock
Fergus Creek *		2-4	●					
Florence Lake		2-8		●	●			Trout/char release; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
Foley Lake	🐟	2-3				●		Electric motors only
Francis Lake	🐟	2-19				●		No power boats
Fraser River		2-4			●			Dead fin fish may be used for bait only when fishing for sturgeon. See p. 9 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 located 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
Frost Creek		2-3	●					Oct 15-Apr 15
Garden Bay Lake	🐟	2-5				●		Electric motors only
Goat Lake *		2-12	●					Nov 1-Mar 31
Grace Lake	🐟	2-19				●		No power boats
Green Lake		2-9				●		Speed restriction on parts (10 km/h) and no towing on parts Release all fish; bait ban, single barbless hook
Harrison Lake		2-18				●		Speed restriction (10 km/h) at south end, as buoyed and signed
Harrison River		2-18				●		Speed restriction or no power boats in small bays along the river as signed
Haslam Lake		2-12				●		Electric motors only
Hastings Creek *		2-8	●					
Hatzic Lake and Slough		2-8				●		Speed restriction on parts (8 & 50 km/h)
Hicks Lake	🐟	2-18				●		Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
Hope Slough		2-8				●		Electric motors only
Hotel Lake	🐟	2-5				●		Electric motors only
Hyde Creek		2-8	●					
Hyland Creek *		2-4	●					Above 152nd Street (Johnson Road)
Indian River		2-8			●			Bait ban, Dec 1-Sept 30
Inland Lake		2-12	●					Nov 1-Mar 31*
				●	●			No cutthroat trout 40 cm or more; engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
					●			Single barbless hook, Apr 1-Oct 31
Ivey (Horseshoe) Lake *	🐟	2-11	●					Dec 1-Mar 31
				●	●			Trout/char release; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
"Jones" Lake		2-3				●		See Wahleach Lake
Kanaka Creek		2-8	●					May 1 - June 30
			●					From Cliff Park Falls to 112th Ave
Kawkawa Lake		2-17	●					Closed Dec 1-Feb 28
				●				Kokanee daily quota = 4
Khartoum Lake		2-12		●				Trout/char daily quota = 2 (none 40 cm or more)*, kokanee daily quota = 4
					●			Single barbless hook
Klein (Killarney) Lake	🐟	2-5				●		Electric motors only
Kokomo Lake		2-5				●		Electric motors only
Levette Lake		2-6				●		Electric motors only
Lightning Lake (Manning Park)		2-1				●		No power boats
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 R. 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 page 37 and Little Lillooet Lake, below)
Lily ("Paq") Lake		2-5		●	●			Trout/char release; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
						●		Electric motors only
Little Campbell River		2-4					●	See Campbell River
Little Lillooet Lake		2-10	●		●			Trout/char release; single barbless hook
Little Muddy Creek		2-1	●					
Little Stawamus Creek *		2-8	●					
Liumchen Creek		2-3	●					Below the lower falls
Lois Lake		2-12		●				Trout/char daily quota = 2 (none 40 cm or more)*, kokanee daily quota = 4
					●			Single barbless hook
Lonzo ("Marshall") Creek *		2-4	●					Feb 1-June 15
				●				Trout/char only 20-30 cm in length may be kept
						☆		☆ = Age restriction (see page 5 - Special Restrictions/Notes)
Lost Lake (near Alta Lake)	🐟	2-8				●		Electric motors only
"Lucille Lake" (Lake Lucille)		2-6				●		Electric motors only
Lynn Creek		2-8	●					Between signs 200 m above and 150 m below Twin Falls Bridge *
						●		Bait ban (mainstem only)

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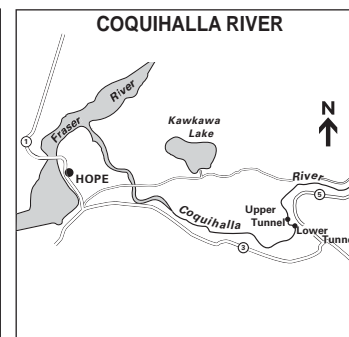
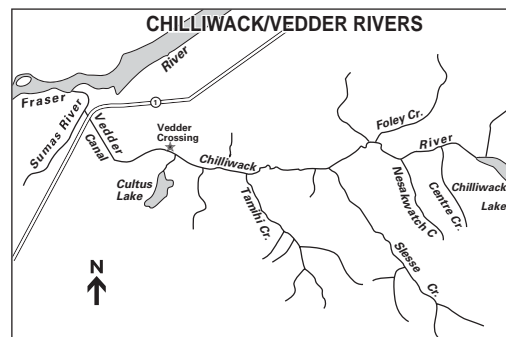
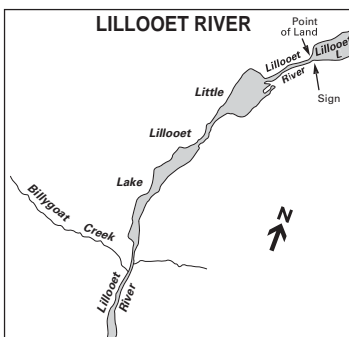
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McCartney Creek *	2-8	●						
McKay Creek *	2-8	●						
McLennan Creek *	2-8	●						
Mamquam River	2-7			●				Bait ban
"Marshall" Creek	2-4					●		See Lonzo Creek
Mashiter Creek	2-7	●						
Miami Creek	2-19				●			Electric motors only
Mike Lake	2-8	●			●			No power boats
Mixal (Bear) Lake	2-5				●			Electric motors only
Morgan Lake	2-8	●		●				Trout/char release; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
Morris Lake	2-19	●	●	●				Wild trout/char release; hatchery trout/char daily quota = 2 (none under 30 cm)
Morris Creek	2-19				●			Electric motors only
Mosquito Creek *	2-8	●						
Nathan (Beaver) Creek *	2-4	●						Above 272nd Street (Jackman Road)
Nelson Creek *	2-8	●						
Nicomelk River	2-4	●						Above 208th St. (Berry Road), all year*; Below 208th St, Apr 1-June 30*
		●						Below 208th St, Aug 1-Dec 31: closed only from 21:00 hrs to 05:00 hrs each day*
					●			No angling from power boats above dyke gates, no towing on parts, speed restriction (15 km/h)
Nicomen Slough	2-8				●			Speed restriction on parts (8 km/h)
Nita Lake	2-9	●			●			Electric motors only
Noons Creek	2-8	●						Above railway bridge *
Norrish (Suicide) Creek	2-8	●						May 1-June 30
North Alouette River	2-8	●						Above 216th St. (Fifth Ave), May 1-June 30*
					●			No power boats
North Lake	2-5	●			●			Electric motors only
One-Mile Lake	2-11				★			★ = Age restriction (see page 5 - Special Restrictions/Notes)
Partington Creek	2-8	●						
"Paq" Lake	2-5				●			See Lily Lake
Phelix Creek *	2-11	●						
Pitt Lake	2-8		●	●				North of boundary signs (on the east and west shores) near the head of the lake: wild trout/char release and single barbless hook
Pitt River *	2-8	●			●			Closed within Garibaldi Park; speed restriction at Grant Narrows (10 km/h)
					●			Bait ban upstream of Pitt Lake
Powell Lake *	2-12	●						Nov 1-Mar 31
					●			No power boats in One Mile Bay
Rodgers Creek *	2-8	●						
Rolley Lake	2-8	●			●			No power boats
Ross Lake	2-2	●		●	●			Nov 1-June 30
			●	●	●			Char release, trout daily quota = 3 (none under 33 cm), bait ban
					●			Note: Boundary between Ross Lake and Skagit River is marked by signs
Ruby Creek *	2-5	●						From Ruby Lake to signs 100 m downstream
Ruby Lake	2-5	●						In the outlet bay within 100 m of the head of Ruby Creek
Sakinaw Lake	2-5	●		●				Wild cutthroat trout daily quota = 2 (none 40 cm or more)
		●						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
		●						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 release
Salmon River *	2-4	●						Above 232nd St. (Livingstone Road)
Sardis Park Pond	2-4				★			★ = Age restriction (see page 5 - Special Restrictions/Notes)
Sasamat Lake	2-8	●			●			No power boats, May 1-Sept 30; electric motors only, Oct 1-Apr 30
Sayres (Cedar) Lake	2-8	●		●	●			Trout/char daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
					●			Electric motors only

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		Management Unit (Not all shown - see p. 5)	No Fishing	Catch & Release	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other
Schkam (Lake of the Woods) Lake	2-18							● Electric motors only
Scotia Creek *	2-11		●					
Scott (Hoy) Creek *	2-8		●					
Serpentine River	2-4		●					Above 168th St. at Bothwell Park * Below 168th St. at Bothwell Park, Apr 1-June 30* Below 168th St. at Bothwell Park, Aug 1-Dec 31, closed only from 21:00 hours to 05:00 hours each day*
Seymour River	2-8		●				●	No angling from power boats above dyke gates Above signs at Spur 7 (1.5 km below Seymour Dam) Between signs 200 m above and 130 m below pipeline bridge (near Greater Vancouver Water District gate)
Seymour River's tributaries	2-8		●					Trout/char release (including steelhead); fly fishing only, and bait ban from Spur 4 bridge to signs at Spur 7
Shovelnose Creek *	2-6		●					
Showh Lakes	2-11		●		●			Trout/char release; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
Silverhope (Silver) Creek *	2-2		●					Above Silver Lake, Oct 1-July 31 Above Silver Lake, fly fishing only and bait ban, Aug 1-Sept 30 Silver Lake to the bailey bridge situated 8 km above Hwy #1 Bait ban below bailey bridge situated 8km above Hwy #1
Silver (Silverhope) Lake	2-2		●		●			Release all fish; single barbless hook
Skagit River *	2-2		●		●			Nov 1-June 30 Release all fish; bait ban
South Alouette River	2-8						●	Note: boundary between Skagit River and Ross Lake is marked by signs See Alouette River
Squamish Powerhouse Channel (a Squamish River tributary located upstream of Ashlu Creek)	2-6				●			Bait ban
Squamish River	2-6				●			Bait ban
Squamish River's tributaries	2-6		●					All tributaries closed to fishing EXCEPT: Ashlu Creek, Cheakamus, Elaho and Mamquam Rivers, and the Squamish Powerhouse Channel
Statlu Creek *	2-19		●					
Stawamus River	2-9				●			Bait ban, Dec 1-Sept 30
Strawberry Slough	2-8				●			Speed restriction on parts (8 km/h)
Sumallo River * (includes that portion know locally as "Cedar" Lake, at Sunshine Valley)	2-2		●					Nov 1-June 30 Bait ban
Sweltzer Creek *	2-3		●					
Taillefer Creek	2-11		●					May 1-June 30
Tamih Creek	2-3		●					Below the falls 200 m upstream of Chilliwack River Above the falls 200 m upstream of Chilliwack River, May 1-June 30
Trout Lake (Sasquatch Park)	2-18					●		No power boats
Trout Lake (Sechelt)	2-5					●		Electric motors only
Twin Lakes *	2-8		●					
Vedder River	2-4						●	See Chilliwack River
Wagg Creek	2-8		●					
Wahleach ("Jones") Lake	2-3			●				Trout/char daily quota = 2 (none under 40 cm)
Wahleach ("Jones") Lake's tributaries	2-3		●					
Waugh (Worm) Lake	2-5					●		Electric motors only
Weaver Lake and Creek *	2-19		●					Closed from signs at log booms on Weaver Lake to Sakwi Creek Engine power restriction in Weaver Lake - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
West Lake	2-16							Speed restriction (12 km/h)
Whonnock Lake	2-8					●		No power boats
Widgeon Creek	2-8					●		No power boats
Widgeon Slough	2-8					●		Speed restriction (5 km/h)
Wolf Lake	2-19					●		No power boats
Wood Lake	2-19					●		No power boats

◐: stocked lake (not all stocked lakes listed, see p. 88)

*: wheelchair accessible

*including tributaries

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White Sturgeon Recovery Initiative

Photo: David R. Gluns



Hatchery-raised juvenile sturgeon

Species at Risk Act (SARA). Federal and provincial agencies are working together to address how listing under SARA may affect sturgeon fisheries in B.C.

In the Nechako, Columbia and Kootenay rivers, the primary concern for white sturgeon is very limited reproductive success (i.e., recruitment failure). In each case, recruitment failure has been occurring for at least 25 years, and if it continues, these populations will go extinct within one generation. As a result, the Nechako, Columbia and Kootenay watersheds have been closed to sturgeon fishing.

In the Fraser River and some of its lower tributaries, a popular 'catch and release' fishery remains because white sturgeon there have been reproducing successfully. Due to past harvesting, this population is smaller than it was historically, but recently has been estimated to be about 60,000 fish above 40 cm in length. Anglers are requested to take extra care when releasing these fish (please refer to page 11).



As the largest freshwater fish in North America, white sturgeon command our attention. They are intriguing and mysterious members of an ancient lineage. In 2003, the Committee on the Status of Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) designated white sturgeon as an endangered species and it is now being considered for legal listing under the federal

A **conservation plan** for the Fraser River population was recently completed, and **recovery plans** have been developed for white sturgeon in the Nechako, Columbia and Kootenay rivers. An overarching species recovery plan is also being developed because some (or all) populations may soon be formally listed under the *Species at Risk Act*. These documents, developed with participation of government agencies, First Nations and stakeholders, will guide future recovery actions, management and research.

All planning efforts continue to support ongoing research which is examining factors such as the effects of hydroelectric dams, the loss of floodplain habitats, the impacts of pollution, and (for the mid and lower Fraser) the interaction between fishing and conservation. For the populations outside the mainstem Fraser River, understanding recruitment failure will take time, so, to combat continued declining numbers, conservation-based fish culture has been implemented for the Kootenay and Columbia rivers, and is being planned for the Nechako. Artificial rearing of white sturgeon (see photo) is being pursued in carefully designed breeding plans. Monitoring of released fish will answer key questions and support the recovery of naturally reproducing populations.

For more information, please refer to the COSEWIC website at www.cosewic.gc.ca and the SARA registry at www.speciesatrisk.gc.ca.



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Try catch-and-release sturgeon fishing in the Fraser River and some of its lower tributaries

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THOMPSON-NICOLA Regional Regulations

Region 3



REGIONAL DAILY CATCH QUOTAS

(See tables for exceptions)

Trout/char: 6,

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 to Oct. 31
- Lake trout from Oct. 15 to Jan. 31

Kokanee: 5 (none from streams)

Whitefish: 15 (all species combined)

Burbot: 2

Sturgeon: catch and release only

Crayfish: 25

Yellow perch: 20

POSSESSION QUOTAS

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

ANNUAL CATCH 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 AND ANNUAL CATCH QUOTAS FOR SALMON

Please refer to the NOTICE on page 3
for Salmon Regulations.

OTHER GENERAL RESTRICTIONS

Spring time closure: No fishing in any stream in Region 3 from Jan. 1 to June 30 (see tables for exceptions).

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

Steelhead fishing: Your basic licence must be validated with a Conservation Surcharge Stamp if you intend to 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.

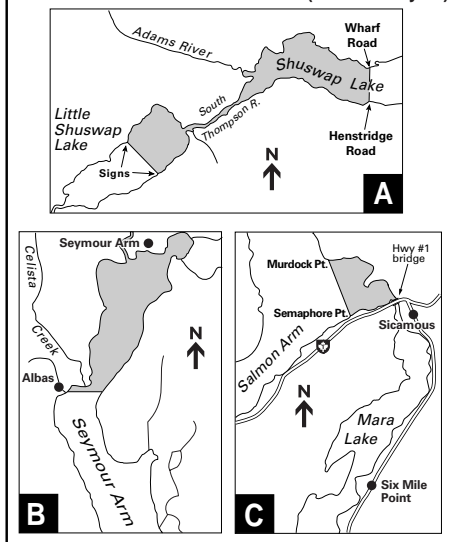
REPORT TAGGED FISH

Please report tagged and/or adipose fin-clipped 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 & phone number so we can provide you with details.

Walk-In Lakes

Please see Notice on page 48

SHUSWAP LAKE CLOSED AREAS (Mar 15 - May 31)



NOTICE TO ANGLERS

STEELHEAD MANAGEMENT CHANGES

In response to declining abundance of steelhead in the Thompson-Nicola Region, steelhead fisheries in the 2006/07 season will be closed.

THE FOLLOWING WATERS ARE CLOSED TO ALL FISHING:

Thompson River (below signs at Kamloops Lake outlet to CNR bridge below Lytton) from October 1 to May 31 (see tables for exceptions);

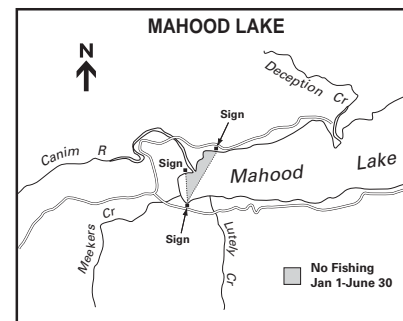
Fraser River (from Hwy 99 Bridge at Lillooet to BC Hydro tail race outflow channel) from October 1 to May 31;

Nahatlatch River below Nahatlatch Lake and Stein River: from January 1, 2007 to May 31, 2007;

Frances and Hannah Lakes: from January 1, 2007 to May 31, 2007; and

Seton River below Seton Lake: from April 1, 2007 to May 31, 2007.

Sport fishing openings will be announced in-season, if scientific information suggests that abundance is adequate to support a fishery. This shift in management approach is in response to steelhead abundance levels reaching critically low levels. The short term objective is to reverse the decline by managing the sport and commercial fisheries and working cooperatively with First Nations.



NOTICE TO ANGLERS

Illegal Movement of Live Fish

See important information on page 13.

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NOTE ... See the following tables for exceptions and additional regulations on specific waters.

REGION 3 MANAGEMENT UNITS



These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult one of the commercial Recreation Atlases available for B.C.

Region 3 – Thompson-Nicola Fish and Wildlife Regional Office

Kamloops: 1259 Dalhousie Dr., V2C 5Z5, (250) 371-6200

Conservation Officer Service District Offices

Please call one of the numbers below for recorded information or to make an appointment:

Clearwater: (250) 674-3722 Kamloops: (250) 371-6281
Lillooet: (250) 256-4636 Merritt: (250) 378-8489

Clearwater Hatchery

Clearwater: (250) 674-2580

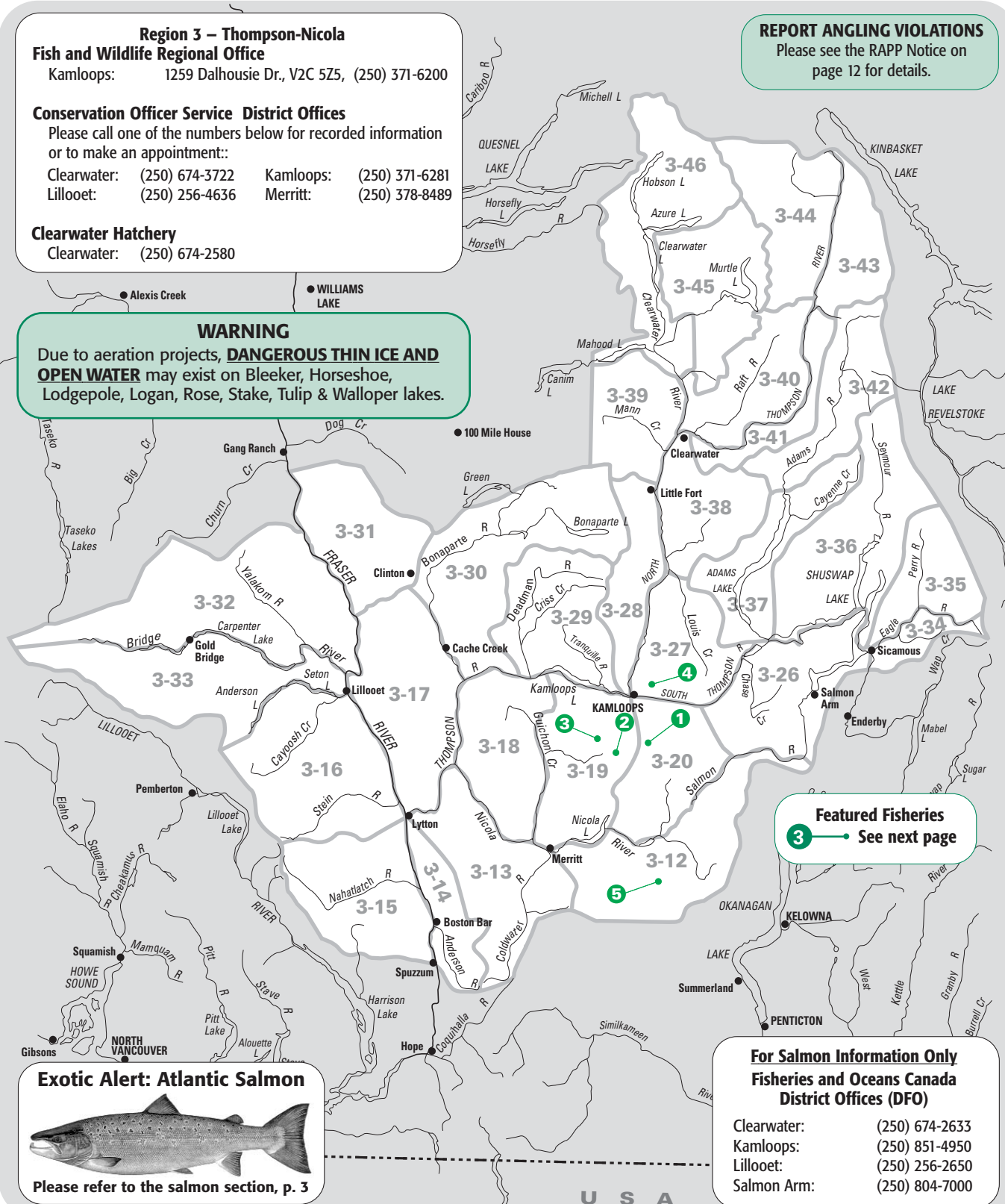
REPORT ANGLING VIOLATIONS

Please see the RAPP Notice on page 12 for details.

WARNING

Due to aeration projects, **DANGEROUS THIN ICE AND OPEN WATER** may exist on Bleeker, Horseshoe, Lodgepole, Logan, Rose, Stake, Tulip & Walloper lakes.

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Featured Fisheries
3 — See next page

Exotic Alert: Atlantic Salmon



Please refer to the salmon section, p. 3

For Salmon Information Only Fisheries and Oceans Canada District Offices (DFO)

Clearwater: (250) 674-2633
Kamloops: (250) 851-4950
Lillooet: (250) 256-2650
Salmon Arm: (250) 804-7000

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Thompson-Nicola Featured Fisheries

Unsure of where to find good fishing? Looking for someplace new?

We can help! Each year a different sample of regional waters will be profiled here.

In addition, be sure to visit www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/recreation/fishing for more great fishing in Provincial Parks.

Other great Family Fishing opportunities may be found at www.bcfamilyfishing.com.

See also www.gofishbc.com/fishstocking.htm for a complete list of stocked lakes.

1 The Lakes of Roche Lake Provincial Park – Head to Roche Lake Park for the opportunity to angle in five world-class trout fishing lakes (Roche, Bulman, Horseshoe, Ernest, and Black lakes)! These lakes are stocked annually with rainbow and/or brook trout and each lake provides a different fishing experience. For example, the aqua blue water and white marl shoals of Black Lake provide an attractive backdrop to some great fishing action. Roche and Horseshoe offer rustic camping facilities complete with boat launches suitable for small trailered boats. Canoes, float tubes and car-top boats are also great options for angling the park's lakes. Roche Lake Park is accessed via gravel road from Hwy 5A at the north end of Trapp Lake (36 km southeast of Kamloops). For Ernest and Bulman lakes a 4WD is needed.

2 Lac le Jeune – Lac le Jeune Provincial Park offers a diverse assortment of recreational activities including swimming, fishing, boating, hiking, and nature appreciation. The campground serves as a base for use of Lac le Jeune, and nearby Walloper, Stake and McConnell lakes. The waters of Lac le Jeune are known for rainbow trout, which can reach 1.5 kg (3 lbs) in size. Lac le Jeune amenities include a trailer accessible boat launch and a



The Thompson-Nicola's clear skies and fish-filled lakes reward experienced and novice anglers alike!

75 m wheelchair-accessible fishing wharf located in the day use area. Walloper Lake has a wharf for shore fishing that offers a great opportunity for success and is suited to family fishing for trout in the .5 kg (1 lb) range. Bundle up this winter—both lakes have excellent fishing year round! This park can be accessed by following signs from Hwy 1 at Kamloops or Hwy 5 (the Coquihalla) 37 km south of Kamloops.

3 Paska Lake – This is a great family fishing lake! Rainbow trout grow to about 1.0 kg (2 lbs) feeding on the abundant freshwater shrimp, caddis flies and dragonfly nymphs. From Kamloops follow Highway 5 south to Exit 336 and head west for roughly eight kilometres to Paska Lake Road.

Both Paska and nearby Face (Mile High) lakes have Forest Service recreation sites for camping.

4 Paul Lake – Easy access, beautiful scenery in a mixed forest of Douglas-fir, pine and aspen, and a diversity of outdoor recreational activities make Paul Lake Provincial Park a popular destination. The lake is stocked with rainbow trout and offers consistently good fishing. There is a boat launch suitable for launching car-top boats in the very popular day-use area as well as over 400 m of sandy beach, picnic tables and a pleasant 90 unit campground. Hiking trails lead through the forest

to the summit of Gibraltar Rock, approximately 150 m in elevation above the lake. To access Paul Lake, turn off from Hwy 5 just north of Kamloops at Paul Lake Road and follow the signs.

5 Pennask Lake – The fishing at Pennask Lake is excellent! The Freshwater Fisheries Society of B.C. collects several million native rainbow trout eggs annually from Pennask Creek, providing roughly 40% of the provincial hatchery needs. The lake offers excellent success for fly anglers. Native rainbow trout have made the Thompson Region famous. Anglers can expect good success and trout to .5 kg (1 lb). A 4WD vehicle is required to access this Southern Interior provincial park, located about 50 km north of Peachland (please visit www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks for directions).

3 See preceding page for map locations

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Special Restrictions/Notes

		Management Unit (Not all shown - see p. 9)	No Fishing	Catch & Release	Exempt Spring Closure	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other
Abbott Lake	🐟	3-18	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
Adams Lake		3-37	●			●			Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook North of a line drawn due west from mouth of Mornich River, Mar 15-June 30
Adams River (above Adams Lake)		3-37		●					Daily quota = 1 bull trout or lake trout (no bull trout under 80 cm or lake trout under 60 cm) Lake trout release, Oct 15-Jan 31
Adams River (below 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 & Nov 1-Dec 31
Albreda River		3-43	●						Bull trout (Dolly Varden) release, Aug 1-Oct 31
Alice Creek		3-46	●						Rainbow trout and char release; bait ban; no power boats
Amphitheatre Lake	🐟	3-27	●						Jan 1-Sept 30
Andy Lake	🐟	3-27	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
Anstey River		3-36	●					●	Electric motors only
Antler Lake	🐟	3-18	●						Rainbow trout and char release; bait ban
Aylmer (Star) Lake		3-27	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
Azure Lake		3-46	●						Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Badger Lake		3-27	●						Provincial broodstock lake
Bare Lake	🐟	3-29	●						Trout daily quota = 2
Big Bar Creek		3-31		●					Dec 1-Apr 30
Big Bar Lake	🐟	3-31	●					●	Bait ban, single barbless hook
Big O.K. ("Island") Lake	🐟	3-18	●						Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Birch Lake	🐟	3-30	●						Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Blackwater Creek		3-33	●						Below Big Bar Lake
Blackwell Lake	🐟	3-20	●						Speed restriction (10 km/h) and no towing
Bleeker Lake	🐟	3-20	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
Blowdown Lake		3-39	●						Rainbow trout release; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
Blue Lake	🐟	3-20	●						Engine power restriction - 7.5 kw (10 hp)
Bob Lake		3-19	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
Bolean Lake		3-26	●						WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!
Bonaparte River		3-30	●						Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Brian Lake		3-39	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
Bridge River		3-33	●						Rainbow trout daily quota = 2
Broken Hook Lake	🐟	3-39	●						Artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
Brook Lake		3-13	●						Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Bulman Lake	🐟	3-20	●						Electric motors only
Calling Lake	🐟	3-18	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
Campbell Creek		3-20		●					Bait ban, single barbless hook
Campbell Lake	🐟	3-20	●						Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Canim River (also in M.U. 5-15)		3-46	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
Caverhill Lake		3-30	●						Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; single barbless hook
Cayoosh Creek		3-16		●					Trout/char release; bait ban, single barbless hook
Celista Creek		3-36	●						Rainbow trout daily quota = 8
Chase Creek		3-26		●					No trout under 25 cm below falls
Chataway Lake		3-18	●						Rainbow trout and char release and bait ban below the falls
Clanwilliam Lake		3-34	●						Electric motors only
Clearwater Lake		3-46	●						Lake trout and bull trout (Dolly Varden) release
Clearwater River		3-40	●						From falls at outlet of lake to signs 1500m above falls, Jan 1-July 15
		3-46	●						Rainbow trout daily quota = 2
				●					Above old Clearwater Bridge, closed Jan 1-July 15
									Below old Clearwater Bridge, open July 1-Apr 30
									Bait ban (a) from Falls Creek to Mahood River, all year, and (b) from Mahood River to N. Thompson River, Sept 1-July 31
									No angling from power boats below Falls Creek
Clinton Creek		3-30		●					Trout/char release

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🐟: stocked lake CW: Classified Waters Licence required to fish Class I or Class II waters, see p. 7 *including tributaries
(not all stocked lakes listed, see p. 88)

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Special Restrictions/Notes

		Management Unit (Not all shown - see P.5)	No Fishing	Catch & Release	Exempt Spring Closure	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other
Colborne Lake ("Lake 1373")		3-39	●						Dec 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 1
Coldwater River		3-13	●	●					● Located 2 km south of Lolo Lake in the Mann Cr. drainage Open June 1-Dec 31 No trout under 25 cm
Coldwater River's tributaries		3-13							● No fishing for bull trout all year (any caught must be released)
Community Lake	🐟	3-27	●						● See Juliet, July and Mine Creeks Dec 1-Apr 30
Copper Lake	🐟	3-39	●			●			Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook Dec 1 - Apr 30
Corbett Lake		3-12	●						Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Courtney Lake	🐟	3-12	●						Dec 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 2 Artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
Crazy Creek		3-35	●	●					Dec 1-Mar 31
Cutoff Valley Creek		3-30		●					Rainbow trout daily quota = 1; bait ban, single barbless hook Closed below the falls all year, open above the falls all year
Dardanelles Lake	🐟	3-20				●			Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Deadman River		3-29				●			No trout under 25 cm below Mowich Lake
Deep Lake	🐟	3-28				●			Trout/char daily quota = 2
Dominic Lake	🐟	3-19	●						Jan 1-Apr 30
Douglas Lake		3-12		●					Burbot release
Downton Lake (Reservoir)		3-33		●					Bull trout release
Dum Lake	🐟	3-28	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
Dutch Lake	🐟	3-40						●	Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
Eagan Lake		3-30	●						Jan 1-Apr 30
Eagle River		3-34		●				●	Kokanee daily quota = 2; single barbless hook, May 1-Dec 31 Rainbow trout and char release; speed restriction (5 km/h)
Edith Lake	🐟	3-19				●			Bait ban below Griffin Lake Rainbow trout daily quota = 2
Elbow Lake	🐟	3-29				●			Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Eleanor Lake		3-40						●	Electric motors only
Englishman Lake	🐟	3-13	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
Ernest Lake	🐟	3-20	●						Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook Dec 1-Apr 30
Estelle Lake		3-30						●	Rainbow trout daily quota = 2 Artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook; electric motors only
Face (Mile High) Lake	🐟	3-19	●						Rainbow trout daily quota = 2 (none over 40 cm) Bait ban, single barbless hook
Fatox Lake		3-29				●			Jan 1-Apr 30
Fiftynine Creek		3-30				●			Rainbow trout daily quota = 2
Fiftyseven Creek		3-30				●			
File Creek		3-45				●			Rainbow trout daily quota = 2
Flapjack Lake		3-39						●	Electric motors only
Float Lake	🐟	3-39				●			Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Frances Lake		3-15						●	Single barbless hook
Fraser River		3-14	●	●					Jan 1, 2007-May 31, 2007 Above Thompson River, except as noted below
			●						From signs 6.5 km south of Boston Bar to signs 2.8 km south of Hells Gate
			●						From the lower entrance of the fish ladder at Bridge River rapids to the BC Railway bridge 2 km north of Lillooet, Mar 31-June 20
			●						From the Hwy 99 bridge at Lillooet downstream approx. 1.2 km to BC Hydro's tail race outflow channel, Oct 1-May 31
Fred Lake	🐟	3-19	●						● See page 40 for bull trout daily quota Dec 1-Apr 30
Friskin Lake	🐟	3-20	●						Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook Dec 1-Apr 30
Gammarus Lake	🐟	3-39				●			Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Gem Lake		3-39				●			Rainbow trout daily quota = 8
Glimpse Lake	🐟	3-20						●	Electric motors only
Grant Lake		3-30				●			Rainbow trout daily quota = 8
Griffin Lake		3-34		●					Lake trout and bull trout (Dolly Varden) release
Grizzly Lake (in Lemieux Creek drainage)	🐟	3-39	●						● Located approx. 4 km SW of Taweel Lake Dec 1 - Apr 30
Guichon Creek		3-18		●					Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook Open June 1-Dec 31
				●					No trout under 25 cm below Mamit Lake

🐟: stocked lake

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Special Restrictions/Notes

			Management Unit (Not all shown - see p. 9)	No Fishing	Catch & Release	Exempt Spring Closure	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other
Gump Lake	🐟	3-18	●		●	●				Dec 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Gun Lake	🐟	3-32	●							Bull trout (Dolly Varden) release
Gypsum Lake	🐟	3-18						●		Electric motors only
Hadlow Lake	🐟	3-27	●							Dec 1-Apr 30
Hammer Lake	🐟	3-30						●		Electric motors only
Hannah Lake		3-15					●			Single barbless hook Jan 1, 2007-May 31, 2007
Harper Lake	🐟	3-26	●							Dec 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Hat Creek		3-17			●					
Hatheume Lake	🐟	3-12	●							Dec 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 1 Artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
Heather Lake	🐟	3-39						●		Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Heffley Lake (parts of)	🐟	3-27						●		No towing, speed restriction (15 km/h)
Hemp Creek		3-46			●					
Heidi Lake	🐟	3-39								Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Hihium Lake	🐟	3-30	●							Dec 1-Apr 30 Bait ban, single barbless 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!
Hosli Lake	🐟	3-20	●							Dec 1-Apr 30
Hourglass Lake		3-39	●							Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook Dec 1-Apr 30
Hudson Bay Lake	🐟	3-30								Rainbow trout catch & release; bait ban, single barbless hook
Hyas Lake	🐟	3-27	●							Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
"Island" Lake		3-18							●	Dec 1-Apr 30 See Big O.K. Lake
Island Lake	🐟	3-29								Rainbow trout daily quota = 1; bait ban, single barbless hook
Isobel Lake	🐟	3-28								Trout/char daily quota = 2
Jacko Lake	🐟	3-19	●							Dec 1-Mar 31
Jackpine Lake	🐟	3-28								Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Jackson Lake	🐟	3-12	●							Dec 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; single barbless hook
Janice (Long Island) Lake		3-39	●							Dec 1-Apr 30
Jimmy Lake	🐟	3-12	●							Dec 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm) Bait ban, single barbless hook; electric motors only
John Frank Lake	🐟	3-20	●							Dec 1-Apr 30 Bait ban, single barbless hook
Johnny Lake		3-39								Rainbow trout daily quota = 8
Juliet Creek		3-13	●							
July Creek		3-13	●							
Kane Lakes	🐟	3-13							●	See Lower Kane and Upper Kane lakes
Keith Lake		3-30								Rainbow trout daily quota = 8
Knouff Lake	🐟	3-27								See Sullivan Lake
Kwotlenemo (Fountain) Lake	🐟	3-17							●	Electric motors only
Lac Le Jeune	🐟	3-19							●	★ Speed restriction (20 km/h); ★ = wheelchair accessible
Lajoie (Little Gun) Lake	🐟	3-32							●	Electric motors only
"Lake 1372"		3-39	●							Dec 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 1 Unnamed lake 200 m south of Colborne Lake
"Lake 1373"		3-39								See Colborne lake
Lance Lake		3-39								Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Leighton Lake	🐟	3-18	●							Dec 1-Apr 30 Bait ban, single barbless hook Within 100 m of the mouth of the inlet stream, May 1-Nov 30 Within 100 m of the Tunkwa Creek outlet, May 1-Nov 30
Little Dum Lake	🐟	3-28	●							Dec 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Little Heffley Lake		3-27							●	No power boats
Little Lac Des Roches (at west end of Lac Des Roches)		3-30							●	Speed restriction (20 km/h)
"Little Peter Hope" Lake		3-20	●							Dec 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook Unnamed lake approx. 200 m SW of Peter Hope Lake
Lloyd Lake		3-30	●							Dec 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook

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REGION 3

Thompson-Nicola

Special Restrictions/Notes

		Management Unit (Not all shown - see P.5)	No Fishing	Catch & Release	Exempt, Spring Closure	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other
Lodgepole Lake	●	3-19							Electric motors only; WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!
Logan Lake	●	3-19							Rainbow trout daily quota = 1; single barbless hook
Lolo Lake	●	3-39							Electric motors only; WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!
Loon Lake		3-30	●						Electric motors only NE of signs near the mouth of Thunder Creek and the public access site Within 500 m of outlet stream at SW end of lake as marked by signs, Dec 1-Apr 30
Lorenzo Lake		3-39							Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Lorna Lake		3-39							Rainbow trout daily quota = 8
Lost Lake (near Taweel Lake)		3-39							Rainbow trout daily quota = 1
Lower Kane Lake	●	3-13							Dec 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Lundbom Lake	●	3-12							Dec 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Lynn Lake	●	3-28							Dec 1-Apr 30
Machete Lake (including that portion known as "Bear" Lake)	●	3-30							Jan 1-Apr 30 Kokanee daily quota = 2; single barbless hook
Mahood Lake (see map p. 40 for area closure)		3-46	●						Within boundary signs at the western tip of the lake, Jan 1-June 30 Trout/char release, bait ban and single barbless hook: within boundary signs at the western tip of the lake, July 1-Dec 31
			●						Within 200 m of the Mahood River outlet, Jan 1-June 30
			●						Trout/char release, bait ban and single barbless hook: within 200 m of the Mahood River outlet, July 1-Dec 31
Mahood River		3-46	●						Jan 1-June 30 Trout/char release; bait ban
Maka Creek		3-13							No trout under 25 cm
Mamit Lake		3-18	●						Burbot release
Mara Lake		3-26							See Shuswap Lake
Marshall Lake	●	3-32							Speed restriction (15 km/h)
McArthur Island Slough		3-28							No power boats from 12th St. bridge to mainstem
McGillivray Lake		3-27							Bait ban, single barbless hook
McNomee Creek		3-36	●						Rainbow trout and char release; bait ban
Mellin (Jerry) Lake		3-12	●						Dec 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Menzies Lake		3-13	●						
Mine Creek		3-13	●						
Monte Creek		3-20							
Moore Creek		3-19							
Moosehead Lake	●	3-39							Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
"Morgan" Lake	●	3-19							● Unnamed lake approx. 1.5 km NW of Pat (Six Mile) Lake adjacent to the Old Trans-Canada Hwy/Six Mile Hill Rd; also called "Highway" Lake Rainbow trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
			●						Dec 1-Mar 31
Morrisey Lake		3-27							Bait ban, single barbless hook
Murtle Lake		3-45	●						Only in Diamond Lagoon (as marked by signs), Jan 1-June 30
Murtle River		3-45							
Nahatlatch Lake (East and West)		3-15							● Single barbless hook; see page 40 for bull trout daily quota
Nahatlatch River		3-15	●						Closed from Frances Lake downstream 400 m to signs at logging road bridge Below Nahatlatch Lake (including Hannah and Frances lakes; except as noted above), open until Dec 31, 2006; closed Jan 1, 2007 to May 31, 2007 Above Nahatlatch Lake, open all year Trout daily quota = 2 (none under 30 cm)
			●						Open above Nicola Lake, July 1-Dec 31 and open below Nicola Lake, June 1-Feb 28
			●						Trout/char release below Nicola Lake, Jan 1-Feb 28
									No trout under 25 cm below Nicola Lake
									● No fishing for bull trout, all year (any caught must be released)
Nicola Lake		3-19	●						Burbot release
Niskonlith Lake	●	3-27							Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
Nora Lake		3-39							Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
"Norman" Lake		3-19							Rainbow trout daily quota = 2, ● Unnamed lake approx. 600 m SE of Durand Lake
North Thompson River		3-27							● No trout under 30 cm; see page 40 for bull trout daily quota
Nugget Lake	●	3-12	●						Dec 1-Apr 30 Bait ban, single barbless hook
Paradise Lake		3-12							Rainbow trout daily quota = 8
Paska Lake		3-19	●						Dec 1-Apr 30 Engine power restriction - 7.5 kw (10 hp)
									● Rainbow trout daily quota = 6; bait ban, single barbless hook
Pass Lake	●	3-29	●						Dec 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm)
									Artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook

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REGION 3

Thompson-Nicola

Special Restrictions/Notes

	Management Unit (Not all shown - see p. 9)	No Fishing	Catch & Release	Exempt Spring Closure	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other	Special Restrictions/Notes
Paul Creek (below Paul Lake)	3-27		●					☼	Open all year and ☼ = age restriction (see page 5 - Special Restrictions)
Pennask Creek	3-12	●							Above Pennask Lake
Pennask Lake	3-12	●							Dec 1-Apr 30
Perry River	3-35		●		●				Artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
Peter Hope Lake	3-20	●							Rainbow trout and char release; bait ban
Pillar Lake	3-26	●							Dec 1-Apr 30
Pinantan Lake	3-27	●						●	Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
Pinnacle Lake	3-12	●							Electric motors only
Pioneer (Cecilia) Lake	3-39				●	●			Dec 1-Apr 30
Plateau Lake	3-20							●	Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Portage Lake	3-39				●				Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Pressy Lake	3-30							●	Electric motors only
Pringle Creek	3-20		●						Rainbow trout daily quota = 8
Prospect Creek	3-13								Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
Rainbow Lake	3-12	●						●	No trout under 25 cm
Randy Lake	3-28				●	●			No fishing for bull trout, all year (any caught must be released)
Red Lake	3-29	●							Dec 1-Apr 30
Richard Lake	3-39				●	●			Rainbow trout daily quota = 2, single barbless hook
Roche Lake	3-20	●							Rainbow trout daily quota = 8
Rock Lake	3-12	●						●	Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
Rock Island Lake	3-39	●							Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Roscoe Lake	3-18				●				Dec 1-Apr 30
Rose Lake	3-20	●						●	Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Ross Moore Lake	3-19	●							Dec 1-Apr 30
Salmon Lake	3-12	●							Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Salmon River	3-26		●						Dec 1-Apr 30
Scotch Creek	3-36		●						Artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
Scuitto Lake	3-20				●				Rainbow trout & char release & bait ban below Hwy #97 bridge at Falkland
Seton River (includes BC Hydro Power Canal above the dam up to signs located on Seton Lake)	3-16				●				Rainbow trout and char release; bait ban
Seymour River	3-36		●						Rainbow trout daily quota = 2
Shumway Lake	3-20	●							No trout under 25 cm below Seton Lake
Shuswap Lake (see maps page 40) (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	●							Below Seton Lake, Jan 1, 2007-May 31, 2007
		●							Rainbow trout and char release below the falls
		●							Bait ban
		●							No fishing north of fishing boundary signs located at south end of lake Apr 1-Oct 31; see map page 48
		●							No fishing through the ice
		●							From line between signs on Murdock and Semaphore points, to Hwy#1 bridge, Mar 15-May 31 (see map C page 40)
		●							Entire area north of Albas, Mar 15-May 31 (see map B page 40)
		●	●						Closed Mar 15-May 31, and rainbow trout and char release, June 1-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 page 40)
					●				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
								●	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)
Six Mile (Pat) Lake	3-19	●							Dec 1-Mar 31
Skinny Lake	3-30				●				Rainbow trout daily quota = 8
South Barriere Lake	3-38				●				Rainbow trout daily and possession quotas = 12 (none over 30 cm)
South Thompson River	3-20				●				
Spider Lake	3-39								See Shuswap Lake for part between Shuswap Lake and Little Shuswap Lake
Spius Creek	3-13								Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Spooney Lake	3-27	●							No trout under 25 cm
Spruce Lake	3-32				●				No fishing for bull trout, all year (any caught must be released)
Stake Lake	3-19	●						●	Dec 1-Apr 30
									Bait ban, single barbless hook
					●				Trout/char daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
								●	WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!

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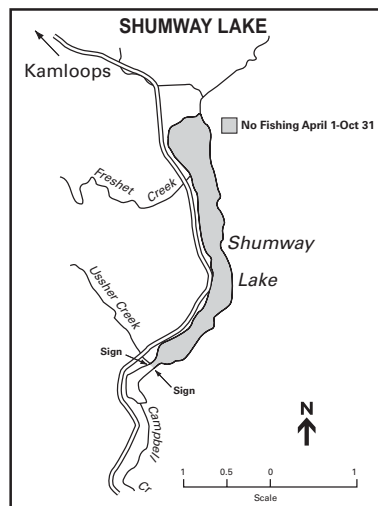
Special Restrictions/Notes

		Management Unit (No all shown - see P.5)	No Fishing	Catch & Release	Exempt: Spring Closure	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other
Star Lake	🐟	3-39							● Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
Stein Lake		3-16							● No power boats
Stein River		3-16		●	●				No trout under 25 cm Jan 1, 2007 to May 31, 2007
Stump Lake	🐟	3-20							● Speed restriction (70 km/h)
Sullivan (Knouff) Lake	🐟	3-27			●	●			Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; single hook
Summit Lake	🐟	3-39	●						Dec 1 - Apr 30
Summit Lake		3-28		●	●				Rainbow trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
Ta Hoola Lake		3-39		●	●				Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Texas Creek		3-16		●					Rainbow trout daily quota = 4; single hook
Thelma Lake		3-39			●				Rainbow trout daily quota = 8
Thompson River above Kamloops L.		3-28		●					
Thompson River	🐟	3-13	●	●					● Only open June 1-Sept 30,
(below signs at Kamloops Lake outlet to CNR bridge below Lytton)		3-14		●	●				Trout/char daily quota = 2 (none under 35 cm)
		3-18	●	●	●				Special additional opening from the CNR bridge below Deadman River to CNR bridge above Bonaparte R., May 1-31: trout/char release; artificial fly only
									Bait ban upstream of the boundary signs located near Martel
									● No angling from boats
									● Below signs at Kamloops Lake*: Class II water Oct 1-Dec 31 and Steelhead stamp mandatory Oct 1-Dec 31
Three Valley Lake	🐟	3-34	●						Lake trout and bull trout (Dolly Varden) release
Thuya Lake		3-28			●				Rainbow trout daily quota = 8
Trails End Lake		3-28			●				Rainbow trout daily quota = 8
Tranquille Lake		3-29			●				Rainbow trout daily quota = 8; kokanee daily quota = 10
Tranquille River		3-29		●					
Trout Creek (Wells Gray Park)		3-46	●	●					Open Oct 1-June 30
Tulip Lake	🐟	3-20							● WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!
Tunkwa Lake	🐟	3-18	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
Tumtum Lake		3-42			●	●			● Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
Tupper Lake	🐟	3-18					●		Bull trout (Dolly Varden) daily quota = 1 (none under 80 cm); bait ban
Upper Kane Lake	🐟	3-13	●						Electric motors only
Victor Lake	🐟	3-34		●					Dec 1-Apr 30
Walker Creek		3-32	●						Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Walker Lake	🐟	3-12	●						● Lake trout and bull trout (Dolly Varden) release
Wallop Lake		3-19							Dec 1-Apr 30
Warren Lake	🐟	3-27	●						● WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!
Wasley Lake	🐟	3-12			●	●			Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
White Lake	🐟	3-26	●						Rainbow trout daily quota = 1
Wineholt Lake	🐟	3-39			●	●			Within 400m of the mouth of Cedar Creek as designated by signs, Dec 1-June 30
					●	●			Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; single barbless hook
					●	●			Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook

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Notice: Walk-In Lakes

Walk-In Zones have been established around the following small lakes located within or adjacent to Tree Farm Licence 18, northwest of the town of Clearwater in M.U. 3-39:

Constance, David, Deube, Downey (Jones), Earl, Efdee, Frank, George, Goodwin, Loch Ness (Lost Girl Guide), Marshall, Neil, Rioux, Robinson, Smith, 2 Mile and Walter.

These areas are CLOSED YEAR-ROUND TO ALL UNAUTHORIZED MOTOR VEHICLES, including all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles. Please Contact the Clearwater Forest District Office at Box 4501, RR #2, Clearwater, B.C. V0E 1N0 (phone 250-587-6700) for more information, including the exact location of these waters.

"There will be days when the fishing is better than one's most optimistic forecast, others when it is far worse. Either is a gain over just staying home"

Roderick Haig-Brown, *Fisherman's Spring*

FAMILY FISHING WEEKEND

JUNE 16-17-18

Family Fishing Weekend makes it easy for any Canadian resident who has ever wanted to try fishing to enjoy B.C.'s great outdoors and discover one of our most popular pastimes. Check www.bcfamilyfishing.com for complete details on fishing regulations, suggested places to fish and for details on where special community events are being held.

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FRESH WATER FISHING

Help Protect Our Fish Resources— Learn to Fish Within the Rules

During B.C.'s Family Fishing Weekend, residents of Canada* may fish in most of B.C.'s thousands of lakes and streams, compliments of the provincial government. Except as noted below, a Freshwater Angling Licence is not required. Everyone can have fun within the rules, so please abide by all current angling regulations.

(*persons who have lived in Canada for the preceding 12 months)

Regular Fishing Licences Required to Fish Classified Waters

Several dozen special trout and steelhead streams called "Classified Waters" (see pages 6 & 7) cannot be fished during Family Fishing Weekend without purchasing a regular angling licence plus a Classified Waters Licence. Please check the regional tables to see which streams are "classified" on June 16, 17 and 18.

To Keep A Special Fish, You May Need to Make a Contribution to Conservation

Like any seasoned angler, you decide if you release your catch or keep it (regulations permitting). Everyone can fish for and keep a wide variety of fish during Family Fishing Weekend, but a Conservation Surcharge Stamp (see p. 7) is needed if you plan on keeping a few special fish:

- Kootenay Lake rainbow trout over 50 cm;

- Shuswap Lake rainbow trout over 50 cm;
- Shuswap Lake char (bull trout, Dolly Varden or lake trout) over 60 cm;
- Any salmon caught in non-tidal water (check the federal regulations for openings and size limits for salmon); or
- Any steelhead (where harvest is permitted)

To keep and eat these special fish, you must have purchased the appropriate stamp in advance of fishing, affixed it to a **FREE** Family Fishing Weekend freshwater licence and recorded your catch on the back of your **FREE** licence. If you have not purchased the required stamp, then any of these special fish caught must be released. **FREE** FFW licences are available as a download at:

www.bcfamilyfishing.com



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Some Tips:

First, become familiar with the province-wide regulations (on pages 9-12) which cover allowable fishing methods, general rules on bait usage and general "No Fishing" areas.

Next, select the region you will be fishing in and refer to the regional regulations. Look for things like regional daily catch quotas and general gear restrictions.

Finally, check to see if the specific lake or stream you want to fish is listed in the regional tables and has any special restrictions.

The instructions in "How to Use This Synopsis" on page 4 will make this clear.

The regulations (plus any recent updates) are also posted at:

www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish/recreational.html.

TIDAL (SALTWATER) FISHING

Fisheries and Oceans Canada invites everyone to participate in B.C.'s Family Fishing Weekend and enjoy the pleasures of saltwater sport fishing.

- Tidal Waters Fishing Licences are required for ALL anglers. They must be **PURCHASED** by adults (16 and older), but are **FREE** for those under 16.
- Pick up a B.C. Tidal Waters Sport Fishing Guide when you obtain your licence.
- Please see page 3 for information on salmon regulations and check for updates, including area closures at: www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/recfish.

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KOOTENAY Regional Regulations *Region 4*



REGIONAL DAILY CATCH QUOTAS

(See tables for exceptions)

Trout/char: 4, but not more than
 ▶ 1 over 50 cm
 ▶ 2 from streams
 ▶ 1 bull trout

Kokanee: 10 (none from streams)
Whitefish: 15 (all species combined)
Largemouth and smallmouth bass combined: 4

Walleye: 8
Burbot: 2
Yellow perch: 20
Crayfish: 25

Sturgeon: Closed to all fishing

POSSESSION QUOTAS

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

ANNUAL CATCH QUOTAS

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

OTHER GENERAL RESTRICTIONS

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

Trout/char release: in streams from Nov. 1 to March 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 8.

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

NOTICE TO ANGLERS

HAHA CREEK WATERSHED CLOSED TO FISHING

The presence of illegally transplanted **northern pike** in the Haha Creek watershed has necessitated a full angling closure in ALL lakes and streams in the watershed. This will prevent access to and further transplants of this species which is not native to the region. In addition to Haha Creek, the closed waters include Edith Creek, Haha Lake, Edith Lake, Bednorski Lake, Lund Lake and all unnamed lakes and streams.

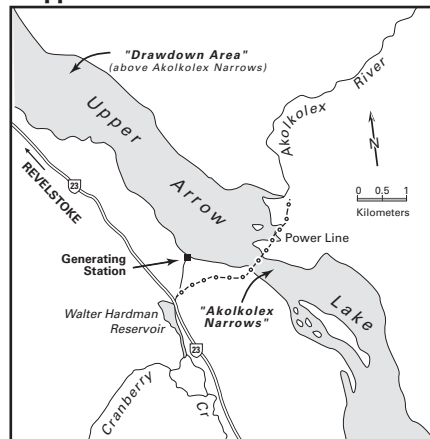
Northern pike have a negative impact on native aquatic species (fish, birds, amphibians) through ambush predation and by potentially introducing non-native disease and parasites. The closure will be in effect until the Ministry successfully controls or eradicates **northern pike** in these waters. Please see page 13 for more information on the negative impacts of alien species.

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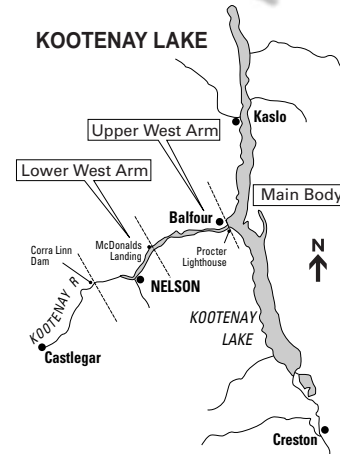
PROPOSED REGULATION CHANGES

For details on various fishing regulation proposals in the Kootenay Region and your opportunity to provide comments, please visit the Regional Office's website at wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/kor and click on "Fisheries" after June 15, 2006.

Upper Arrow Lake - Akolkolex Narrows



KOOTENAY LAKE



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.

NOTICE TO ANGLERS

MANY EAST KOOTENAY RIVERS NOW CLASS II WATERS

In addition to a basic angling licence, a **Classified Waters Licence** is now required year-round to fish the following rivers/creeks and ALL of their tributaries (whether or not the tributaries are named in the tables): Bull, Elk, Kootenay (upstream of White River), Skookumchuck, St. Mary, White and Wigwam. **(Steelhead Conservation Surcharge Stamps are not required in Region 4.)** Non-Residents - please see page 7 for licensing details, and for a map of the seven watersheds go to: www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish/pdf/kootenay_cw_map.pdf

Guided Anglers – is your guide licenced? Freshwater angling guides must be licenced in B.C. It is an offence to guide without a licence.

NOTE ... See the following tables for exceptions and additional regulations on specific waters.

REGION 4 MANAGEMENT UNITS



These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult one of the commercial Recreation Atlases available for B.C.

REPORT ANGLING VIOLATIONS

Please see the RAPP Notice on page 12 for details.

Featured Fisheries

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Region 4 – Kootenay

Fish and Wildlife Regional Office

Cranbrook: 205 Industrial Rd. G, VIC 7G5, (250) 489-8540

Fish and Wildlife Subregional Office

Nelson: Suite 401-333 Victoria St., V1L 4K3, (250) 354-6333

Conservation Officer Service District Offices

Please call one of the numbers below for recorded information or to make an appointment:

Castlegar: (250) 365-8611 Cranbrook: (250) 489-8540
 Creston: (250) 428-3220 Fernie: (250) 423-7551
 Invermere: (250) 342-4266 Nelson: (250) 354-6397
 Revelstoke: (250) 837-9683

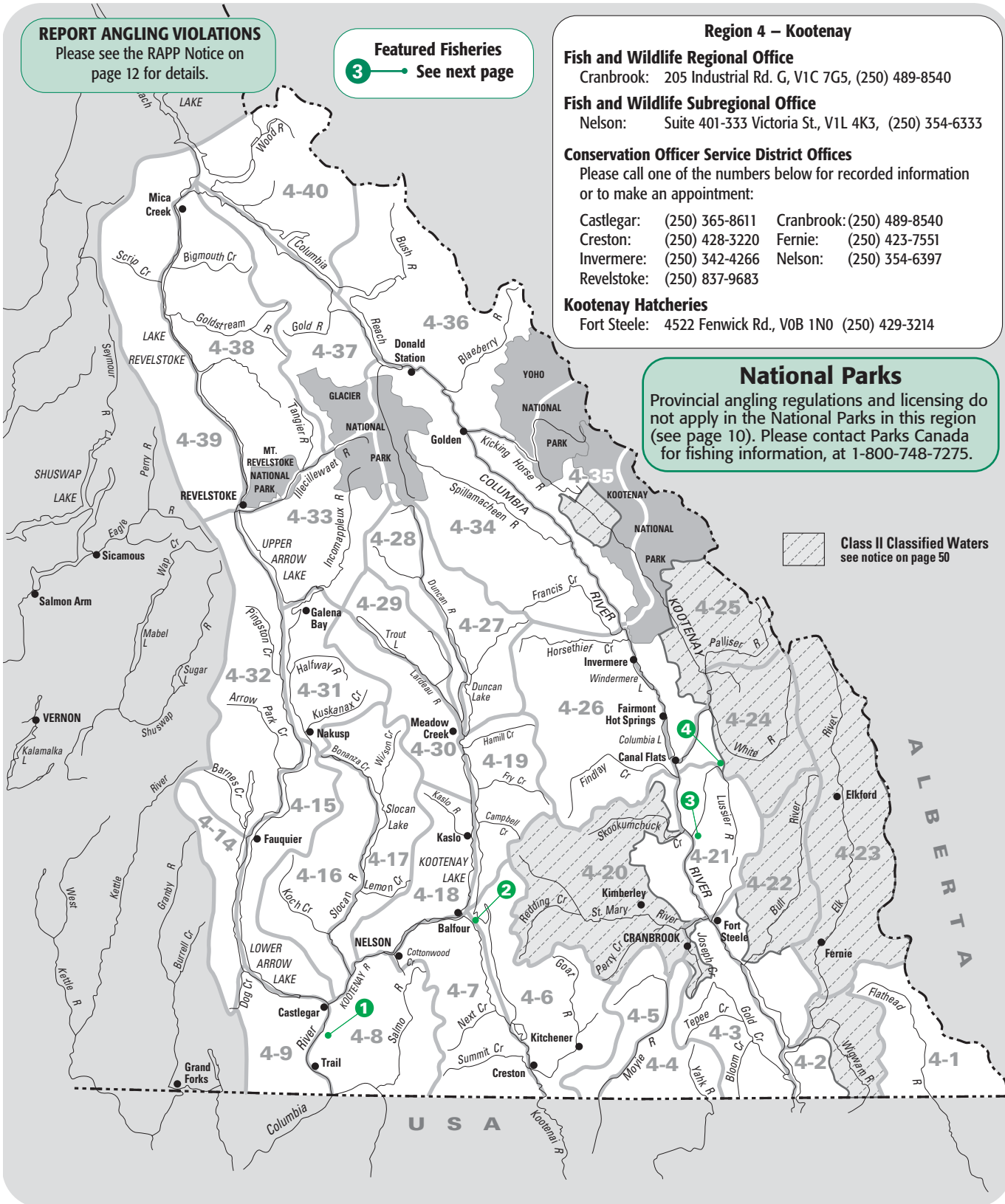
Kootenay Hatcheries

Fort Steele: 4522 Fenwick Rd., V0B 1N0 (250) 429-3214

National Parks

Provincial angling regulations and licensing do not apply in the National Parks in this region (see page 10). Please contact Parks Canada for fishing information, at 1-800-748-7275.

 Class II Classified Waters see notice on page 50



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Kootenay

Kootenay Featured Fisheries

Unsure of where to find good fishing? Looking for someplace new?

We can help! Each year a different sample of regional waters will be profiled here.

In addition, be sure to visit www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/recreation/fishing for more great fishing in Provincial Parks.

Other great Family Fishing opportunities may be found at www.bcfamilyfishing.com.

See also www.gofishbc.com/fishstocking.htm for a complete list of stocked lakes.

1 Champion Lakes – Known as an ideal family fun destination, Champion Lakes Provincial Park in south central B.C. with its three lakes presents an all-inclusive recreational package, including rainbow fishing, camping, canoeing, hiking, nature appreciation and swimming. Six-and-a-half kilometres of multi-use trails link the lakes together. Third Champion Lake with its two day-use areas is known for its warm water and is popular with the locals. Launching sites for canoes, kayaks and car-top boats are available at the Third and Second lakes. The Third lake is open for ice fishing in the winter. This park is 6 km northeast of Fruitvale off Highway 3B or just 8 km west of the junction of Highway 3 and 3B.

2 Kootenay Lake – Over 100 km in length, Kootenay Lake hosts outstanding sport fisheries. This lake, nestled between the Purcell and Selkirk Mountains, is the historic home of Gerrard rainbow trout! Gerrard rainbows average about 8 kg (18 lbs), but can grow up to 15 kg (33 lbs). Anglers come from all over

the world in pursuit of this trophy fish! Other sport fish present are kokanee and bull trout. In addition to varied camping and day-use opportunities, some highlights of Kootenay Lake's five lakeside Provincial Parks include lakeshore campsites and fishing opportunities near Midge Creek and Pilot Point, as well as Lost Ledge's handy concrete boat launch. For more information on these parks, please refer to the BC Parks website (above).

3 Premier Lake – Located 72 km north of Cranbrook off of Hwy 93/95, Premier Lake is an easily accessible lake in the East Kootenays offering good fishing. Although there are a variety of activities available in the provincial park including camping, hiking and swimming, the renowned angling opportunities are the main attraction for visitors. The emerald green waters of Premier Lake and four smaller lakes nearby (Canuck, Yankee, Cats Eye and Quartz) offer exceptional and varied fishing experiences. During winter, Premier Lake has great ice fishing, so don't forget your auger! Species found in Premier Lake include rainbow and brook trout. A boat launch is available. The Staples Creek fish ladder and fish collection station provide eggs for the Kootenay Fish

Photo & fish by Doug Seaton



A beautiful 10 kg Gerrard rainbow trout from Upper Arrow Lake...just like those lurking in Kootenay Lake!

Hatchery and signs posted along Staples Creek explain the life cycle of rainbow trout.

4 Whiteswan Lake - The shining waters of two mountain lakes, Whiteswan and Moose ("Alces"), and a natural hot springs are the focal points of Whiteswan Lake Provincial Park. Five campgrounds, a historic lakeside hiking trail and abundant wildlife viewing opportunities make this park a perfect setting for a vacation. Visitors may watch a moose feeding in the fog-shrouded water, admire spectacular views of the Rocky Mountains or use one of the four available boat launches to enjoy angling in the one of the East Kootenays' most productive lakes. Whiteswan Lake was recently stocked with Gerrard rainbow trout and Moose Lake is stocked annually with 1,000 Pennask rainbow. In addition, Whiteswan Lake provides excellent ice fishing opportunities in the winter. Access is from Highway 93/95, turn east 4.5 km south of Canal Flats onto the Whiteswan Forestry Road. Lussier Hot Springs are near the park entrance.

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3 See preceding page for map locations

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Special Restrictions/Notes

Waterbody	Stocked	Licence	Date	Management Unit (Not all shown - see p. 5)						Special Restrictions/Notes
				No Fishing	Catch & Release	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other	
Abruzzi Creek		CW	4-23	●						Sept 1-Oct 31 Trout/char release and bait ban, June 15-Aug 31 Class II water when open, including tributaries
Akolkolex River *			4-33	●						Trout/char release; bait ban
"Alces" Lake	●		4-24						●	See Moose Lake
Alexander Creek* (above the easternmost Hwy 3 bridge)		CW	4-23	●						Sept 1-Oct 31 Trout/char release and bait ban, June 15-Aug 31 Class II water when open
Alexander Creek (below the easternmost Hwy 3 bridge)		CW	4-23						●	See Elk River's tributaries Class II water when open, including tributaries
Arrow Lakes			4-15 4-32						●	See Lower Arrow Lake and Upper Arrow Lake
Arrow Lakes' tributaries			4-15 4-32						●	See Lower Arrow Lake's tributaries and Upper Arrow Lake's tributaries
Arrow Park (Mosquito) Creek			4-32	●						
Asher Creek			4-30	●						Below South Fork (5 km from Trout Lake), June 15-Oct 31
Baynes Lake	●		4-22						●	Electric motors only
Beaver Lake	●		4-17						●	Electric motors only
Big Fish (Dunbar) Lake			4-34						●	Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
Bighorn (Ram) Creek *		CW	4-2						●	A tributary of Wigwam River; see Wigwam River *
Big Sheep Creek *			4-9	●						Sept 1-Oct 31
Botts Lake			4-34	●						Nov 1-Apr 30 Trout/char daily quota = 2; bait ban, single hook; electric motors only
Box Lake	●		4-15						●	Electric motors only
Bridal Lake	●		4-7						●	No power boats
Bridge Creek			4-38	●						
Bull River *		CW	4-22	●						Trout/char 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
Burton Creek			4-15	●						From Woden Creek to Hwy #6 bridge, June 15-Oct 31, and east of a line between signs 300 m below the Hwy #6 bridge, all year
Cadorna Creek		CW	4-23	●						Sept 1-Oct 31 Trout/char release and bait ban, June 15-Aug 31 Class II water when open, including tributaries
Cameron Slough			4-21						●	See Lewis Slough
Caribou Creek			4-15	●						From Rodd Creek to Hwy #6 bridge, June 15-Oct 31, and east of a line between signs 300m below the Hwy #6 bridge, all year
Caribou Lakes	●		4-32						●	Electric motors only
Cartwright Lake	●		4-34						●	Engine power restriction - 7 Kw (10hp)
Cedar Lake (near Golden)	●		4-34						●	Electric motors only
Cerulean Lake			4-25	●					●	Trout/char release; bait ban
Champion Lakes No. 1 and 2	●		4-8	●						Nov 1-Mar 31 Trout release Apr 1-30; artificial fly only, bait ban and barbless hook, Apr 1-30 No power boats
Champion Lake No. 3	●		4-8						●	No power boats; open to fishing all year
Chatter Creek			4-36	●						
Cherry Lake			4-3						●	Trout/char daily quota = 8
Cleland Lake	●		4-34						●	Engine power restriction - 7 Kw (10hp)
Coal Creek (below old MF&M Railway bridge 7 km above Elk River)			4-23						●	⊗=Age restriction on part described (see page 5) Part described NOT a Classified Water
Coffee Creek			4-18	●						Below signs at falls 10 km from Kootenay Lake
Columbia Lake			4-25						●	Speed restriction (10 km/h) near eastern shore and at south end, as buoyed and signed
Columbia Lake's tributaries			4-25	●						All year (except Dutch Creek)
Columbia River			4-8 4-15 4-26 4-34 4-38	●						From Revelstoke Dam to Hwy #1 bridge, all year From old Robson Ferry to CPR bridge, Mar 1-June 30 All parts open are EXEMPT from the regional Nov 1-Mar 31 trout/char release and the regional Apr 1-June 14 closure Kokanee daily quota = 10 from Keenleyside Dam to old Robson Ferry Burbot & bull trout release below Keenleyside Dam to Washington State border No fishing for sturgeon from Keenleyside Dam to Washington State border, all year Speed restriction (10 km/h) in main channel from Mud Lake to Columbia Lake See Upper Arrow Lake for the portion of the Columbia River which may be found below the Hwy #1 bridge in Revelstoke (depending on reservoir level)
Connor Lake			4-23	●						May 1-June 30
Connor Lake's tributaries			4-23	●						Apr 1-June 30
Cottonwood Lake	●		4-8						●	Trout/char daily quota = 8; electric motors only
Crawford Creek			4-6	●						
Crawford Creek			4-33	●						June 15-Oct 31

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		Management Unit (No. all shown - see P.5)	No Fishing	Catch & Release	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other	Special Restrictions/Notes
Cub Lake	🐟	4-34						●	Electric motors only
Cultus Creek *		4-7	●						Below Laib Creek
Deer Creek		4-15	●						
Dorothy Lake	🐟	4-26						⊛	⊛ = Age restriction (see page 5 - Special Restrictions/Notes)
Duck Lake		4-6		●					Bass daily quota = 4 (only 2 over 40 cm), June 16-May 14 Bass release, May 15-June 15
Duncan Lake		4-27		●					No power boats The regular trout/char daily quota (4) may include not more than one rainbow trout over 50 cm and one bull trout any size
Duncan Lake's tributaries		4-27		●					Bull trout release (includes Upper Duncan River and tributaries)
Duncan River *		4-19	●						Below Duncan Dam, including sloughs and backwaters
Dutch Creek*		4-26		●				●	Whitefish may be fished for and retained in mainstem below Lardeau River, Mar 1-Apr 15 (release all other species)
Echoes Lakes (near Kimberley)	🐟	4-20	●						Trout/char release from Ben Able Creek to Columbia Lake and/or River Bait ban, June 15-Oct 31 EXEMPT from Columbia Lake's tributaries closure
Edwards Lakes	🐟	4-2		●					Nov 1-Mar 31 Bait ban, single hook Trout daily quota = 1 in the aggregate from both lakes (none under 50 cm)
Elk River (above Elko Dam)	CW	4-2		●					Electric motors only Bait ban, June 15-Oct 31
		4-23	●						Trout/char release from Lower Elk Lake to Forsyth Creek, 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, June 15-Oct 31
				●					All other parts: trout/char daily quota = 1 (none under 30 cm), June 15-Oct 31
								●	No power boats
Elk River (below Elko Dam)	CW	4-2		●	●				Class II water when open, including tributaries Trout/char daily quota = 1 (no cutthroat under 30 cm, no bull trout under 75 cm) and bait ban, June 15-Oct 31
								●	No power boats
								●	Class II water when open, including tributaries
Elk River's tributaries (See Exceptions)	CW	4-2	●						Sept 1-Oct 31
		4-23		●	●				Trout/char daily quota = 1 (none under 30 cm) & bait ban, June 15 - Aug 31
								●	EXCEPTIONS - SEE SEPARATE LISTINGS FOR: Abruzzi Cr., Alexander Cr.* above the easternmost Hwy #3 bridge, Bighorn (Ram) Cr., Cadore Cr., Fording R. below Josephine Falls, Forsyth Cr. from Connor Lk. downstream 3 km, Line Cr., Lodgepole Cr. below the falls near km 26 post, Michel Cr., Morrissey Cr., Wigwam River
								●	ALL tributaries (EXCEPT Coal Creek below old MF&M Railway bridge 7 km above Elk River) are Class II waters when open
Enid Lake	🐟	4-26		●					Trout/char daily quota = 2
Findlay Creek*		4-26	●	●					Trout/char release (mainstem only) from Doctor Creek bridge to Lavington Creek bridge, June 15-Oct 31; other parts (including tributaries) trout/char daily quota = 2 (none under 30 cm), June 15-Oct 31
									Bait ban, June 15-Oct 31
Fish Lake (in Top of the World Park)		4-21		●	●				Trout/char daily quota = 2; bait ban, single hook
Fisher Maiden Lake	🐟	4-26						⊛	⊛ = Age restriction (see page 5 - Special Restrictions/Notes)
Flathead River		4-1		●					Bull trout release
Flathead River's tributaries		4-1	●						Trout daily quota = 1 (none under 30 cm) and bait ban, June 15-Oct 31
				●					Sept 1-Oct 31
				●					Bull trout release
				●	●				Trout daily quota = 1 (none under 30 cm) and bait ban, June 15-Aug 31
Fording River (below Josephine Falls)	CW	4-23	●	●					Trout/char release and bait ban, June 15-Oct 31
								●	Class II water when open, including tributaries
Fording River (above Josephine Falls)	CW	4-23							See Elk River's tributaries
Forsyth Creek	CW	4-23	●						Closed from Connor Lake downstream 3 km
								●	For remainder, see Elk River's tributaries
								●	Class II water when/where open, including tributaries
Fortress Lake		4-40			●				Bait ban
Garbutt Lake	🐟	4-22						●	See Norbury Lake
Gibson Lake (in Kokanee Creek drainage)		4-18		●					Cutthroat trout daily quota = 8
Goat River *		4-6	●	●					Trout/char release (mainstem only) from Leadville Creek to Cameron Creek; other parts (including tributaries EXCEPT Kitchener Creek): trout/char daily quota = 2 (none under 30 cm), June 15-Oct 31
								●	Bait ban, June 15-Oct 31 (EXCEPT Kitchener Creek)
Gold Creek*		4-3	●	●					Trout/char release; bait ban
Grizzly Lake		4-25	●						
Haha Creek watershed		4-3	●						All waters closed, including Haha Cr., Edith Cr., Haha Lake, Edith Lake, Bednorski Lake, Lund Lake and all unnamed lakes and streams
Halfway River		4-31	●						Below falls 11 km from Arrow Lake
Hall Lake		4-34						●	Electric motors only
Hellroaring Creek	CW	4-20	●						Below Angus Creek
								●	Class II water when/where open, including tributaries

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Location	Date	Management Unit (Not all shown - see p. 5)	No Fishing	Catch & Release	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other	Special Restrictions/Notes
Hill Creek	4-31		●						
Horseshoe Lake	4-22		●						No power boats
Idlewild Lake	4-3		●						Dec 1-Mar 31
(old Cranbrook reservoir)								☼	☼ = Age restriction (see page 5 - Special Restrictions/Notes)
Illecillewaet River	4-33		●						Below Albert Canyon
				●					Note: whitefish may be fished for & retained below Albert Canyon, Feb 1-Apr 15 (release all other species)
Island Lake	4-23			●	●				Trout daily quota = 2, single hook
Jade Lake	4-34		●						Nov 1-Apr 30
Jim Smith Lake	4-20				●				Artificial fly only, bait ban; electric motors only
Jordan River *	4-39		●						No power boats
				●					Above Kirkup Creek, closed Nov 1-June 14
					●				Above Kirkup Creek: both bait ban and trout/char release, June 15-Oct 31
									Kirkup Creek and downstream, closed all year
Kaslo River	4-18		●						Below Keen Creek to boundary signs at river mouth at Kootenay Lake
				●					Above Keen Creek: trout/char release, artificial fly only, and bait ban
Keen Creek	4-18		●						Below falls 6 km from Kaslo River
Kiakho Lakes	4-5		●						Dec 1-Mar 31
Kikomun Creek Park	4-22		●						No power boats in Hidden, Surveyors, Muskrat, Engineers, Stink, Fisher and all other lakes in the park
Kinbasket (McNaughton) Lake	4-36		●						In Bush Arm within 200 m of bridge (Bush-Sullivan Road)
				●					The regular daily trout/char quota (4) may include not more than one rainbow trout over 50 cm and one bull trout any size; Kokanee daily quota = 15
								●	See Succour Creek
Kinbasket (McNaughton) Lake's tributaries	4-36		●						Bull trout release
Kitchener (Meadow) Creek	4-6		●						Does not include Columbia River upstream of Kinbasket Reservoir
									Sept 1-Mar 31 (see Goat River)
									EXEMPT from Apr 1-June 14 closure
Koch Creek	4-16								A tributary of Slocan River. See Slocan River*
Koocanusa Lake	4-2								See Lake Koocanusa
Kootenay Lake, all parts (Main Body, Upper West Arm and Lower West Arm)	4-19			●					Trout/char daily and possession quotas = 2 (not more than one rainbow trout over 50 cm and one bull trout any size)
				●					Burbot release
Kootenay Lake - Main Body (see map page 50 for location)	4-19		●						North of a line between signs at Argenta and Mosquito Landing
			●						North of a line between signs at Lost Ledge Cr. & Salisbury Cr., Feb 1-June 10
								●	Conservation Surcharge Stamp required to keep rainbow trout over 50 cm, annual quota = 5
									Barbless hook
Kootenay Lake - Upper West Arm (see map page 50 for location)	4-7		●						Rainbow trout release, Jan 1-May 31
			●						Kokanee release June 1-May 19
				●					Kokanee daily quota = 5, May 20-31
									NOTE: the combined daily quota for kokanee from the Upper West Arm (when open to kokanee harvest) and the Lower West Arm cannot exceed 5
					●				Artificial fly only and bait ban, June 1-Aug 31
Kootenay Lake - Lower West Arm (see map page 50 for location)	4-7			●					Kokanee 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 cannot exceed 5
Kootenay Lake's tributaries	4-7		●						Bull trout release
	4-19							●	Does not include the Kootenay River upstream from Kootenay Lake to the U.S. border near Creston
Kootenay River	CW		●						From CPR bridge near Creston downstream 2 km to navigation dolphin
	4-7		●						Below Brilliant Dam: closed Apr 1-June 14; trout/char release Nov 1-Mar 31
	4-8							●	No fishing for sturgeon below Brilliant Dam, all year
	4-21		●						Burbot and bull trout release below Brilliant Dam
	4-22							●	Downstream from the Idaho border to Brilliant Dam: EXEMPT from Apr 1-June 14 closure AND from Nov 1-Mar 31 trout/char release
	4-24								Burbot release from Idaho border near Creston to Kootenay Lake, including tributaries to that part
	4-25		●						Upstream of the Montana border to White River: EXEMPT from Apr 1-June 14 closure; trout/char daily quota = 1 (none under 30 cm), Apr 1-Oct 31; bait ban, June 15-Oct 31; trout/char release, Nov 1-Mar 31
	4-35							●	Above White River: closed Apr 1-June 14; trout/char daily quota = 1 (none under 30 cm), June 15-Oct 31; bait ban, June 15-Oct 31; trout/char release, Nov 1-Mar 31
									Upstream of White River, including tributaries: Class II water when open
Kuskanax Creek	4-31		●						Below falls (1 km above Gardiner Creek)
Lake Koocanusa	4-2			●					Kokanee daily quota = 15
Lake Revelstoke	4-38		●						From Mica Dam to signs at the narrows immediately downstream of the mouth of Bigmouth Creek
	4-39								The regular trout/char quota (4) may include not more than one rainbow trout over 50 cm and one bull trout any size
Lake Revelstoke's tributaries	4-38		●						Bull trout release
Larchwood Lake	4-20		●						Nov 1-Mar 31
									Trout daily quota = 1 (none under 40 cm); bait ban, single hook

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Location	Dates	Management Unit (No. all shown - see p. 5)	No Fishing	Catch & Release	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other	Special Restrictions/Notes
Lardeau River *	4-29 4-30		●						Below signs at Trout Lake outlet, including sloughs and backwaters, EXCEPT Poplar Creek above signs 5 km from Lardeau River and Healy Creek above Healy Creek Falls
Larix Lake	4-25		●						Whitefish may be fished for and retained in mainstem below Howser bridge, Mar 1-Apr 15 (release all other species)
Lazy Lake	4-21		●						Speed restriction (8 km/h)
Lead Queen Lake	4-34		●						Electric motors only
Lemon Creek	4-17		●						
Lewis ("Cameron") Slough	4-21		●						No power boats
Lillian Lake	4-26		●						Electric motors only
Line Creek *	4-23		●						
"Little Mitten" Lake (approx 400 m west of Mitten Lake)	4-34		●						Nov 1-Apr 30
Little Sheep Creek	4-9		●						Trout/char daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm); bait ban, single hook
Little Slocan Lake's tributaries	4-16								Sept 1-Oct 31
Little Slocan River	4-16								EXEMPT from Slocan River's* closure and Slocan River's* trout/char release
Lodgepole Creek (below falls near Km 26 post on Lodgepole Road)	4-2		●						Bait ban, June 15-Oct 31
Lodgepole Creek (above falls)	4-2		●						A tributary of Slocan River. See Slocan River*
Loon Lake	4-2		●						Sept 1-Oct 31
Lower Arrow Lake	4-14 4-15		●						Trout/char release, June 15-Aug 31
Lower Arrow Lake's tributaries	4-14		●						Fly fishing only, bait ban
Lower Elk Lake	4-23		●						Class II water when open, including tributaries
Lower Halgrave Lake	4-34		●						See Elk River's tributaries
Lussier River	4-21		●						Dec 1-Mar 31
Mackenzie Creek	4-31		●						Electric motors only
Mather (Cherry) Creek	4-20		●						
"McClain" Lake	4-34		●						The regular trout/char daily quota (4) may include not more than one rainbow trout over 50 cm and one bull trout any size
McNaughton Lake	4-36		●						Kokanee daily quota = 5; NOTE: The combined daily quota for kokanee from Upper Arrow Lake (including "the drawdown area"; see Upper Arrow Lake) and Lower Arrow Lake cannot exceed 5
Michel Creek * (above the easternmost Hwy 3 bridge)	4-23		●						Bull trout release
Michel Creek (below the easternmost Hwy 3 bridge)	4-23		●						No power boats
Midge Creek *	4-7		●						Nov 1-Apr 30
Moose ("Alces") Lake	4-24		●						Dec 1-Apr 30
Morrissey Creek *	4-2		●						Artificial fly only, bait ban; electric motors only
Moses Creek	4-39		●						Sept 1-Oct 31
Moyie Lake	4-4		●						Trout/char release and bait ban, June 15-Oct 31
Moyie River *	4-5		●						Class II water when open
Murphy Creek	4-9		●						
Nagle Creek	4-39		●						
Nancy Greene (Sheep) Lake	4-9		●						Kokanee daily quota = 15
Nine Bay Lake	4-34		●						No power boats from bridge at south end of Moyie Lake to U.S. border
Norbury (Little Bull) Creek	4-22		●						Bull trout and cutthroat trout release, bait ban
Norbury (Garbutt) Lake	4-22		●						
Norns (Pass) Creek	4-15		●						
Palmer Bar Creek	4-5		●						
Peckhams Lake	4-22		●						Trout daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm); bait ban, single hook
Pend d'Oreille River	4-8		●						See Kinbasket Lake
									Trout/char release and bait ban, June 15-Oct 31
									Class II water when open
									Trout/char daily quota = 1 (none under 30 cm) and bait ban, June 15-Oct 31
									Class II water when open, including tributaries
									Dec 1-Apr 30
									Artificial fly only, bait ban; electric motors only
									Sept 1-Oct 31
									Trout/char release and bait ban, June 15-Aug 31
									Class II water when open
									Kokanee daily quota = 15
									No power boats from bridge at south end of Moyie Lake to U.S. border
									Bull trout and cutthroat trout release, bait ban
									No power boats
									Nov 1-Apr 30
									Trout/char daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm); bait ban, single hook
									⊗ = Age restriction (see page 5 - Special Restrictions/Notes)
									No power boats
									Below falls 2 km from Columbia River
									EXEMPT from the Apr 1-June 14 closure
									No power boats
									No fishing for sturgeon below Waneta Dam, all year
									Burbot and bull trout release below Waneta Dam
									EXEMPT from the Apr 1-June 14 closure

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Management Unit (Not all shown - see p. 5)	No Fishing	Catch & Release	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other	Special Restrictions/Notes
Pend d'Oreille River's tributaries (EXCEPT Salmo River *)	4-8	●				●	INCLUDES tributaries of the reservoirs behind Waneta Dam & Seven Mile Dam Bull trout release Bait ban, June 15-Oct 31 Below Lisbon Creek
Perry Creek	CW 4-20	●				●	Class II water when/where open, including tributaries Trout daily quota = 2 Trout/char daily quota = 8
Phillipps Lake	4-23		●				
Plaid Lake	4-19		●				
Prattle Creek	4-36	●					
Premier Lake	4-21	●					Entire lake, Dec 1-Jan 2 South of signs on lakeshore, May 15-June 20 Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; single hook No towing, speed restriction (15 km/h), south half only
Premier Lake's tributaries	4-21	●					
Quinn Creek *	CW 4-22	●					Trout/char release Bait ban, June 15-Oct 31 Class II water when open See Lake Revelstoke
Revelstoke Lake	4-38					●	See Lake Revelstoke
Revelstoke Lake's tributaries	4-38					●	See Lake Revelstoke's tributaries
Rock Island Lake	4-25	●					
Rosebud Lake	4-8	●	●		●		Trout/char daily quota = 2; no power boats Below barrier 1 km above Hwy #23 Bridge
St. Leon Creek	4-31	●					
St. Mary Lake	4-20	●					Burbot release
St. Mary River	CW 4-20	●					Trout/char release from Dewar Creek to St. Mary Lake and from Mark Creek to McPhee Bridge Other parts: trout/char daily quota = 1 (none under 30 cm)*, June 15-Oct 31 Bait ban and fly fishing only below St. Mary Lake Bait ban above St. Mary Lake *, June 15-Oct 31 Class II water when open, including tributaries From Sheep Creek to South Salmo River: release all trout/char (including bull trout); remainder of mainstem: trout/char daily quota = 1 (none under 30 cm), June 15-Oct 31, and release all bull trout Bait ban Regional quotas apply, EXCEPT release all bull trout; bait ban
Salmo River	4-8	●	●				Electric motors only
Salmo River's tributaries	4-8	●	●				Trout/char release Bait ban, June 15-Oct 31
Sam's Folly Lake	4-34	●			●		
Sand Creek (below Hwy 3)	4-22	●					
Sandown Creek	4-20	●					
Seven Mile Reservoir's tributaries	4-8					●	See Pend d'Oreille River's tributaries
Schroeder Creek	4-18	●					
Silverton Creek	4-17	●					
Skookumchuck Creek *	CW 4-20	●					From opposite Km 38 on the Skookumchuck Forest Service Road to Buhl Creek, Sept 1-Oct 31 (mainstem only) Trout/char release; bait ban Class II water when/where open Fly fishing only on mainstem between Buhl and Sandown creeks
Slewiskin (MacDonald) Creek *	4-15	●					
Slocan Lake	4-17		●				The regular trout/char daily quota (4) may include not more than one rainbow trout over 50 cm and one bull trout any size Bull trout release
Slocan Lake's tributaries	4-17	●					
Slocan River *	4-17	●					July 15-Aug 31 (EXCEPT Koch Creek* above falls and Little Slocan Lake's tributaries; See Lemon Creek) Bait ban (where open), June 15-Oct 31 Trout/char release (EXCEPT Koch Cr* above falls & Little Slocan Lake's tributaries)
Snow Creek	4-15	●					Below Hail Creek
Snowshoe Lake	4-32				●		Electric motors only
Sowerby ("Grundy") Lake	4-21	●	●				Trout daily quota = 2 (none over 40 cm); single hook
Steamboat Lake	4-34	●			●		Electric motors only
Succour Creek	4-36	●					Including bay of Kinbasket Lake south of signs on lakeshore
Sullivan River *	4-40	●					Sept 1-Oct 31
Summer Lake	4-22	●					Dec 1-Apr 30
Summit Creek*	4-7	●	●				No fishing, June 15-July 15; bull trout release
Summit Lake	4-17	●					Nov 1-Mar 31 Trout release and artificial fly only, Apr 1-30 Trout daily quota = 4 (none under 30 cm), May 1-Oct 31 Bait ban, single hook
Summit Lake	4-23	●					Nov 1-Apr 30 Trout daily quota = 2 (none under 30 cm); bait ban, single hook
Sunburst Lake	4-25		●				Trout daily quota = 2
Tamarack Lake	4-20	●					Dec 1-Mar 31 Trout/char daily quota = 2; artificial fly only, bait ban
Tonkawatla (Tum Tum) Creek	4-32	●					
Topaz Lake	4-34	●			●		Electric motors only

●: stocked lake CW: Classified Waters Licence required to fish Class I or Class II waters, see p. 7
(not all stocked lakes listed, see p. 88)

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Special Restrictions/Notes

		Management Unit (No. all shown - see p. 5)	No Fishing	Catch & Release	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other	Special Restrictions/Notes
Trout Lake	4-30	●		●					Northwest of a line between signs on opposite shores 1.5 km southeast of Trout Lake village, Feb 1-May 31 The regular trout/char daily quota (4) may include not more than one rainbow trout over 50 cm and one bull trout any size
Trout Lake's tributaries	4-30	●	●						Bull trout release
Twin Lakes	4-34	●		●	●				Nov 1-Apr 30
Upper Arrow Lake	4-31 4-32		●	●					Trout/char daily quota = 2; bait ban, single hook; electric motors only Below the power line crossing at Akolkolex Narrows (see map below): the regular trout/char daily quota (4) may include not more than one rainbow trout over 50 cm and one bull trout any size
			●	●			●		"The drawdown area", that water known as either Upper Arrow Lake or Columbia River (depending on the reservoir's level), located between the Hwy #1 bridge in Revelstoke & the power line crossing at Akolkolex Narrows (see map on p. 50): trout/char daily quota = 2 (may not include more than one rainbow trout over 50 cm and one bull trout any size); single barbless hook; EXEMPT from the regional Nov 1-Mar 31 trout/char release from streams; and EXEMPT from the regional Apr 1-June 14 stream closure.
			●						Kokanee daily quota = 5; NOTE: The combined daily quota for kokanee from Upper Arrow Lake (including "the drawdown area"; see above) and Lower Arrow Lake cannot exceed 5
Upper Arrow Lake's tributaries	4-31	●							Bull trout release
Upper Elk Lake	4-23		●			●			No power boats Nov 1-Apr 30
Upper Halgrave Lake	4-34	●				●			Electric motors only
Valenciennes River	4-36	●							
Waldie Lake (in Sheep Creek drainage)	4-8		●						Rainbow trout daily quota = 8
Waneta Reservoir's tributaries	4-8						●		See Pend d'Oreille River's tributaries
Whatshan River *	4-32	●							Above Whatshan Lake
White River *	4-24	CW	●	●					Above North White River: trout/char release and fly fishing only
			●						Bull trout release on all parts, Sept 1-Oct 31
			●						Trout/char daily quota = 1 (none under 30 cm) below and including North White River, June 15-Oct 31
				●					Bait ban on all parts, June 15-Oct 31
							●		Class II water when open
Whiteswan Lake	4-24	●		●	●				Dec 1- Jan 2 Trout daily quota = 2; single hook; no towing
Whiteswan Lake's inlet and outlet streams	4-24	●		●	●				
Whitetail Lake	4-26	●		●	●				Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm); bait ban, single hook
							●		No towing
Whitetail Lake's inlet and outlet streams	4-26	●							
Wigwam River (DOWNSTREAM of the Forest Service recreation site adjacent to km 42 on the Bighorn (Ram) Forest Service Road)	4-2	CW	●		●				Trout/char release Fly fishing only, 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)*	4-2	CW	●	●					Sept 1-Oct 31 Trout/char release Fly fishing only, bait ban
							●		Class II water when open
Wilbur Lake	4-34	●		●	●				Nov 1-Apr 30 Trout/char daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm); bait ban, single hook
Wilkie Creek	4-30	●							
Wilson Creek	4-17	●							Below Burkitt Creek
Winlaw Creek	4-17	●							
Wood River	4-40	●							Within Hamber Provincial Park, Sept 1-Nov 30
Woodbury Creek	4-18	●							Below falls at small hydro structure 800 m above Hwy #31 bridge

●: stocked lake
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REGIONAL DAILY CATCH QUOTAS

(See tables for exceptions)

Trout/char: 5,
but not more than

- ▶ 1 over 50 cm
- ▶ 2 from streams
- ▶ 1 Dolly Varden/bull trout
- ▶ 1 lake trout
- ▶ 4 from all lakes of Tweedsmuir Park in Region 5, in the aggregate

and you must release

- ALL STEELHEAD
- Lake trout, Oct. 1 to Nov. 30

Kokanee: 5 (none from streams)

Whitefish: 15 (all species combined)

Burbot: 5

Sturgeon: catch and release only

OTHER GENERAL RESTRICTIONS

Spring closure: No fishing in any stream in **Fraser River watershed** of Region 5 (including the **Thompson River watershed**) from April 1 to June 30, EXCEPT the mainstem of the **Fraser River** & other streams listed in the tables.

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).

Steelhead fishing: Your basic licence must be validated with a Conservation Surcharge Stamp if you intend to 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.

Exotic Alert: Atlantic Salmon



Please refer to the salmon section, p. 3

POSSESSION QUOTAS

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

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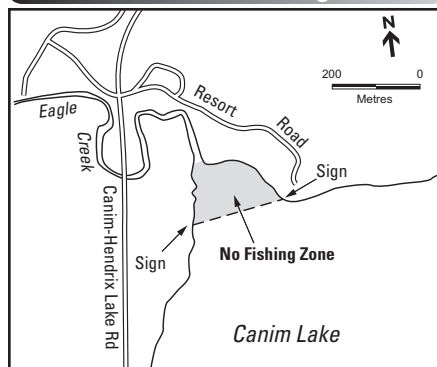
Due to below average spawning numbers, **all steelhead must be released throughout Region 5 until further notice.**

No fishing for steelhead in the Atnarko/Bella Coola rivers and their tributaries.

DAILY AND ANNUAL CATCH QUOTAS FOR SALMON

Please refer to the NOTICE on page 3 for **Salmon Regulations.**

Canim Lake No Fishing Zone



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 portions of the Dean River.

A Non-Resident Alien (see definition, page 8) is allowed only one Classified Waters Licence for the Dean River, and may only fish one classified portion (Class I or Class II) of the Dean River (see map page 63) 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 Dean River from Crag Creek to signs 500 m above the canyon must enter an **annual limited entry draw held in mid-March.** To enter the draw please contact:

Dean River Draw
Fish and Wildlife Branch
PO Box 9363 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria B.C. V8W 9M2

Phone: 250-387-9589

NOTICE TO ANGLERS

STEELHEAD MANAGEMENT CHANGES

In response to declining abundance of Fraser Basin **steelhead**, **steelhead** fisheries within the Chilcotin River Watershed (Cariboo, Region 5) will be closed for 2006/2007.

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 shift in 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.

NOTE ... See the following tables for exceptions and additional regulations on specific waters.

REGION 5 MANAGEMENT UNITS



These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult one of the commercial Recreation Atlases available for B.C.

Pelican Alert

American White Pelicans are an endangered species and protected under the B.C. *Wildlife Act*.

B.C.'s only nesting colony (350 nesting pairs) is located in the Cariboo-Chilcotin. Pelicans return to the region each April/May to breed. After the young have fledged in August, they migrate south to overwinter in the Western U.S. and Mexico.

Pelicans forage for fish on lakes throughout the region and travel as far as 165 km from the nesting colony. They do not dive but feed from the surface in shallow water. When breeding pelicans are disturbed while foraging, their feeding and timely return to the nests is disrupted. This leaves the young without food and may reduce survival.

PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH PELICANS.

To report pelican sightings, please contact the Fish and Wildlife Regional Office in Williams Lake.

Region 5 – Cariboo Fish and Wildlife Regional Office

Williams Lake: Ste 400, 640 Borland St, V2G 4T1, (250) 398-4530

Conservation Officer Service District Offices

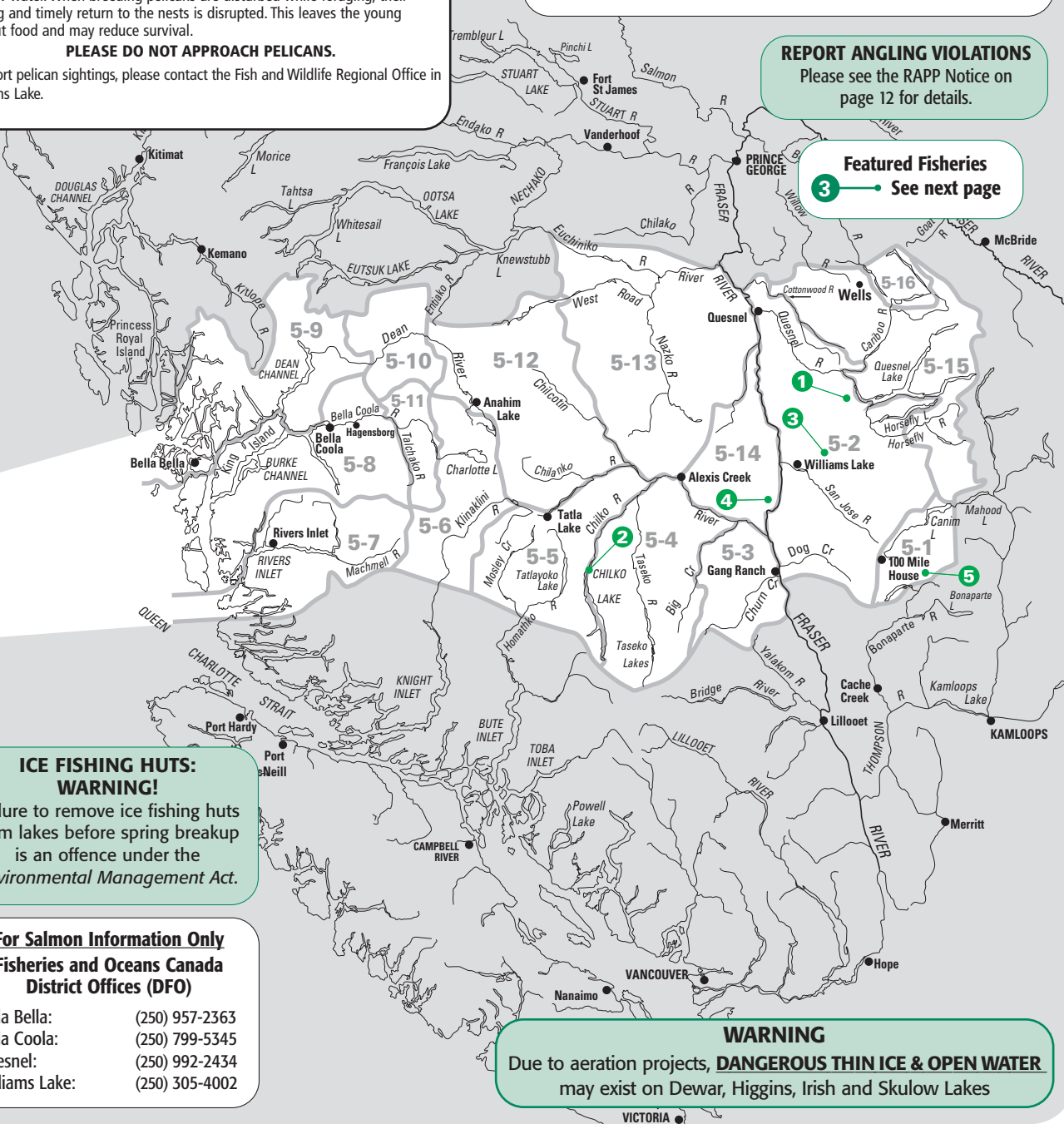
Please call one of the numbers below for recorded information or to make an appointment:

Bella Coola: (250) 982-2421 100 Mile House: (250) 395-5511
 Quesnel: (250) 992-4212 Williams Lake: (250) 398-4569

REPORT ANGLING VIOLATIONS
 Please see the RAPP Notice on page 12 for details.

Featured Fisheries
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ICE FISHING HUTS: WARNING!

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

For Salmon Information Only Fisheries and Oceans Canada District Offices (DFO)

Bella Bella: (250) 957-2363
 Bella Coola: (250) 799-5345
 Quesnel: (250) 992-2434
 Williams Lake: (250) 305-4002

WARNING

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

Cariboo Featured Fisheries

Unsure of where to find good fishing? Looking for someplace new?

We can help! Each year a different sample of regional waters will be profiled here.

In addition, be sure to visit www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/recreation/fishing for more great fishing in Provincial Parks.

Other great Family Fishing opportunities may be found at www.bcfamilyfishing.com.

See also www.gofishbc.com/fishstocking.htm for a complete list of stocked lakes.

1 Bootjack Lake – If you are looking for a great fishing lake for beginners and families, look no further than Bootjack Lake near Likely! There is an RV-accessible Forest Service recreation site with a boat launch—great for families that want to get out into nature but don't want to leave all their comforts behind! Fish species present in the lake include abundant rainbow trout and kokanee. Bootjack Lake is accessed from the Moorehead-Bootjack Forest Service Road off of Likely Road.

2 Chilko Lake – Chilko Lake provides high-quality angling opportunities, and is one of the leading large-lake fishery resources in the Cariboo Chilcotin. The lake has long been recognized as a producer of bull trout and rainbow trout, and has gained recognition for its spectacular scenery and high catch success of native sport fish. Located in Ts'il'os (pronounced "sigh-loss") Provincial Park, Chilko Lake also has productive spawning areas for chinook and sockeye salmon. Adjacent Chilko River is also highly regarded for its fisheries value, and recognized as one of the leading wilderness trout rivers in the west Chilcotin. The river (a Classified Water) supports spawning and rearing habitat for resident rainbow trout, bull trout, mountain whitefish, and steelhead. Located southwest of Williams Lake, off Hwy 20.

3 Dewar Lake – Catchable trout abound in this small lake northeast of 150 Mile House off Horsefly Road! "Catchables" are fish reared in the hatchery for two years and are bigger and more fun to angle than smaller stocked fish. The lake has an RV-accessible Forest Service recreation site on the north shore with a car-top boat launch.



If you enjoy fishing in small lakes, then the Cariboo-Chilcotin has unlimited opportunities for you to explore.

4 McIntyre Lake – Two species of trout—rainbow and brook—are stocked in this lake each year including catchable rainbows. There is a small Forest Recreation site on the western shore, which has a car-top boat launch. The lake is located west of Williams Lake about 2 km up Meldrum Creek Road.

5 Sheridan Lake – Sheridan has a reputation for producing large rainbow trout. Each year the lake is heavily stocked. In 2005, the lake was stocked seven times, releasing nearly 275,000 rainbow trout of various sizes and strains. The lake is located along Highway 24, about 30 km from the junction with Highway 97 south

of 100 Mile House. There are numerous accommodation options, including three resorts. Visit www.SouthCaribooTourism.com or call (877) 511-5353 for more information.

3 See preceding page for map locations

"A river is water in its loveliest form, rivers have life and sound and movement and infinity of variation, rivers are veins of the earth through which the life blood returns to the heart."

Roderick Haig Brown
A River Never Sleeps

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Special Restrictions/Notes

Lake Name	Stocked	Management Unit (No. all shown - see P. 5)	No Fishing	Catch & Release	Exempt Spring Closure	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other	Special Restrictions/Notes
Abbott Lake	●	5-2	●							Dec 1-Mar 31 Bait ban, single hook; electric motors only
Abuntlet Lake		5-12			●	●				Trout daily quota = 2; artificial fly only, bait ban
"Agnus" Lake		5-6			●	●				Trout daily quota = 4; bait ban, single barbless hook
Alexis Lake		5-13						●		Unnamed lake approx. 1 km north of Miner Lake Electric motors only
Atnarko/Bella Coola Rivers*	CW	5-6	●							(a) Above Tweedsmuir Park plus Tenas Lake, Apr 1-June 30, and (b) From Tenas Lake to signs near Atnarko Provincial campsite, all year
EXCEPT: Burnt Bridge Creek above Sitkatapa Creek, Hunlen Creek above Hunlen Falls, and Young Creek above Highway 20. (See separate entries for these three waters.)		5-8			●					Trout/char daily quota = 1 (none under 25 cm and all cutthroat trout must be released)
		5-11			●					EXCEPT: on Bella Coola River 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: release all char (on TRIBUTARIES ONLY), Sept 1-May 31
										Bait ban below eastern boundary of Tweedsmuir Park, Sept 1- May 15
									●	No angling from power boats on mainstems of Atnarko R. & Bella Coola R.
									●	No fishing for steelhead
									●	Class II water below 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 = 4; bait ban, single barbless hook
Baby Charlotte Lake		5-6			●	●				Trout daily quota = 4; bait ban, single hook
Baker Creek		5-13	●	●						Open July 1-Mar 31 above Pinnacle Provincial Park and June 1-Apr 30 below Park
Ballon Lake	●	5-2	●						⊕	⊕ = Age restriction (see page 5) below Pinnacle Provincial Park Nov 1-Apr 30
Banana Lake		5-6			●	●				Trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
Basalt Lake		6-1			●	●				Trout daily quota = 4; bait ban, single barbless hook
Bella Coola River *		5-8							●	Trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
Big Lake (approx. 10 km west of 100 Mile House)	●	5-2	●							See Atnarko/Bella Coola Rivers * Nov 1-Apr 30
Bishop ("Brown") Lake		5-13	●							Trout daily quota = 2; single barbless hook
"Blackwater" River		5-13							●	Nov 1 - Apr 30 Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Blue Lake (Soda Creek area)	●	5-2							●	See West Road River
Blue Lead Creek		5-15	●							Electric motors only
"Bluff" Lake		5-2							●	Below falls 2 km from Quesnel Lake, Aug 15-Oct 31
Boar Lake (Dog Creek drainage)	●	5-2	●							No power boats Unnamed lake approx. 2 km E/NE of Spout Lake
Bootjack Lake		5-2								Nov 1-Apr 30 Trout daily quota = 2
Bowron Lake		5-16								Trout daily quota = 8
Bowron Lake Park waters other than Bowron Lake		5-16								Trout/char daily and possession quotas = 2
Bridge Lake		5-1			●					Trout/char daily and possession quotas = 1 (none under 30 cm or over 50 cm)
"Brown" Lake		5-13							●	Bait ban, single barbless hook; no power boats
Bunting Lake		5-2							●	Lake trout release
Burnt Bridge Creek (above Sitkatapa Creek) *	CW	5-11							●	See Bishop Lake
									●	Engine power restriction - 3.75 Kw (5 hp)
									●	Bait ban; no fishing for steelhead
									●	Class II water Mar 1-May 31. NOTE: Classified Waters Licence or Steelhead Stamp not required until reopened to steelhead fishing
									●	Below Sitkatapa Creek: see Atnarko/Bella Coola Rivers *
Cameron Creek		5-15	●							Oct 1-June 30
Canim Lake (see map page 59)		5-1	●							Trout/char release; bait ban and artificial fly only
Canim River (also in M.U. 3-46)		5-15	●							Within the waters of the small bay at the mouth of Eagle Creek northerly of a line drawn between two boundary signs located on opposites shores of the bay, Sept 1-Sept 30
Cariboo River		5-15	●							Trout/char release; bait ban
Chauigan Lake		5-4								Bull trout release
Chilcotin Lake		5-12								Single hook
Chilcotin River	CW	5-12	●							Bait ban, single hook
		5-13	●							Above Chilko River, mainstem open July 1-Mar 31
		5-14								Below Chilko River, mainstem open June 11-Sept 30
										No trout/char under 30 cm below Chilko River
										No angling from power boats
									●	Below Chilko River*: Class II water Oct 1-May 31 and Steelhead Stamp mandatory Oct 1-May 31
Chilko Lake		5-4								Trout/char daily quota = 2 (only 1 bull trout, no rainbow trout over 70 cm)
										Bait ban, single barbless hook
									●	No power boats on Big Lagoon (west side of lake)

●: stocked lake
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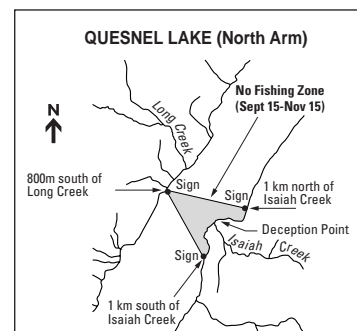
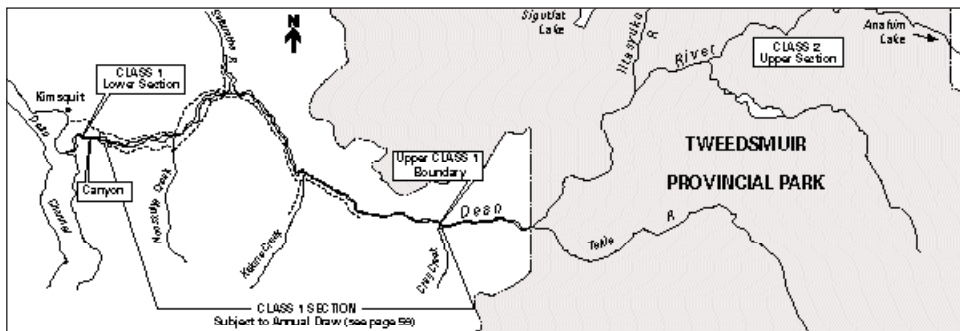
Special Restrictions/Notes

		Management Unit (No. all shown - see P.5)	No Fishing	Catch & Release	Exempt - Spring Closure	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other
Chilko Lake's tributary streams		5-4	●						Aug 1-June 30
Chilko River	CW	5-5	●	●					Dolly Varden (bull trout) release Mainstem open June 11-Oct 31 Trout/char release; bait ban Flyfishing only above Brittany Creek No angling from power boats above bridge at Henry's Crossing, Sept 11-Sept 30; speed restriction (5 km/h) on part
Chimney Creek		5-2		●					Class II water above Brittany Creek*, June 11-Oct 31 (Steelhead Stamp not required)
Chipmunk Lake		6-1		●	●				Open all year below Brunson Lake Trout daily quota = 4; bait ban, single barbless hook
Christopher Lake (Canim L. area)		5-15		●					Trout daily and possession quotas = 2
Chuckwalla River	CW	5-7	●						Entire river, June 1-Aug 31 and between signs at Ten Mile Pool, all year Class II water* Apr 1-May 31 and Steelhead Stamp mandatory Apr 1-May 31
Cohen Lake		5-6		●	●				Trout daily quota = 4; bait ban, single barbless hook
Cook Lake (Solomon Lake area)	●	5-2	●						Nov 1-Apr 30 Trout/char release; artificial fly only, bait ban
Crag Creek		5-9	●						Closed all year
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 approx. 500 m south of Stewart Lake
Cutthroat Lake		5-11		●					Bait ban, single barbless hook
Davidson Lake		5-6		●	●				Trout daily quota = 4; bait ban, single barbless hook
Dean River	CW	5-9	●						(a) Above Iltasyuko River*, Apr 1-June 14, (b) Iltasyuko River to Crag Creek*, all year, (c) Crag Creek to signs 500 m above canyon*, Oct 1-May 31, (d) from signs 500 m above canyon to signs 100 m below canyon, all year, (e) from signs 100 m below canyon to tidal boundary, Oct 1 - May 31 Trout/char daily quota = 1 (none under 35 cm) Bait ban all parts* Fly fishing only (a) from Anahim Lake to Iltasyuko River, June 15- Mar 31, and (b) Crag Creek to signs 500 m above canyon, July 15-Sept 30 No power boats between signs 0.5 km and 3.5 km above canyon, Aug 1-Aug 31
									From Crag Creek to signs 500 m above 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 59)
									From signs 100 m below canyon to tidal boundary*: Class I water June 1-Sept 30 and Steelhead Stamp mandatory June 1-Sept 30
									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
Deception Lake		5-15		●	●				Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Dewar Lake	●	5-2							WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!
Donnelly Lake	●	5-1	●						Nov 1-Apr 30 No power boats
									Trout daily and possession quotas = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Dragon Lake	●	5-2	●						Southeast of a line between signs on opposite shores of the bay at the mouth of Hallis Creek, Apr 1-May 31
									Trout daily quota = 1
Earle Lake	●	5-1	●						Nov 1-Apr 30
									Trout daily quota = 2
East King Lake		5-1	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
									Trout daily quota = 2; artificial fly only, bait ban
									Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)

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		Management Unit (Not all shown - see p. 5)	No Fishing	Catch & Release	Exempt: Spring Closure	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other
Eliguk Lake		5-12		●	●				Trout daily quota = 4; bait ban, single barbless hook
Elk Lake	🐟	5-2	●			●	●		Dec 1-Mar 31 Artificial fly only, bait ban; electric motors only
Fawn Lake	🐟	5-1					●		Electric motors only
Fish Lake (Taseko Lake area)		5-4		●					Trout daily quota = 8
"Fish" Lake		5-6		●	●				Trout daily quota = 4; bait ban, single barbless hook
Fly Lake		5-2					●		Unnamed lake approx. 2 km NW of McClinchy Lake
Forest Lake	🐟	5-2	●						No power boats Nov 1-Mar 31 Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
Fraser River		5-2		●		●			Trout daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm); artificial fly only, bait ban
French Lake	🐟	5-1	●						Mainstem open all year Dec 1-Apr 30
Frog Lake		5-6			●	●			Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Gatcho Lake		6-1			●	●			Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
"Geese" Lake (2 km NE of Eliguk L)		5-12	●			●			Trout daily quota = 1; bait ban, single barbless hook
"Goat" Lake	🐟	5-15	●						Trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
Gotchen Lake		5-15			●	●			Nov 1-May 31 Trout daily quota = 2
"Grassy" Lake		5-1			●	●			● Unnamed lake located in the headwaters of Red Fern Creek, upstream of Deception Lake
Greenlee Lake	🐟	5-1					●		Trout/char daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Greeny Lake	🐟	5-2					●		Trout daily quota = 2; no power boats
"Grizzly" Lake		5-15	●						● Unnamed lake approx. 1 km SW of West King Lake
Gustafsen Lake	🐟	5-2	●						Electric motors only
Hawkins Lake		5-1					●		Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
Hidden Lake		5-6			●	●			Trout daily quota = 1; bait ban, single barbless hook
Higgins Lake	🐟	5-1					●	●	Electric motors only; WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!
"High" Lake		5-1	●						Nov 1-Apr 30
Homathko River *		5-5	●						Trout daily quota = 2; artificial fly only
Horsefly River (from Quesnel Lake to Horsefly River Falls)	CW	5-2	●	●					● Unnamed lake approx. 4 km north of Bridge Lake Apr 1-June 30
Hotnarko Lake		5-6				●			Dec 1-Mar 31
Howard Lake	🐟	5-1	●						Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
Hunlen Creek (above Hunlen Falls) *		5-11	●						Apr 1-June 30 Bait ban
Hush Lake	🐟	5-15					●		● Below Hunlen Falls: see Atnarko/Bella Coola Rivers *
Iltasyuko River		5-10	●						No power boats Apr 1-June 15
Irish Lake	🐟	5-1					●	●	Bait ban
Jack of Clubs Lake		5-2						●	Electric motors only; WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!
Jackson Lake	🐟	5-2				●	●		WARNING: Lake trout over 45 cm may contain elevated mercury levels. Limit your consumption.
Jacobie Lake		5-2			●				Artificial fly only, bait ban; electric motors only
Junker Lake		5-11				●			Trout daily quota = 8
Kappan Lake		5-6				●			Bait ban, single barbless hook
Katherine Lake		5-15			●	●			Bait ban, single hook
Keno Lake		5-2			●				Trout/char daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
"Kestrel" Lake	🐟	5-2	●						Trout daily quota = 8
Kidney Lake		5-11				●			Nov 1-Apr 30
Kilbella River	CW	5-7	●						Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single hook
Klinaklini River *		5-6	●						● Unnamed lake approx. 11 km northeast of McLeese Lake and 2 km south of Beaver Lake Road
Klinne Lake	🐟	5-2				●			Bait ban, single barbless hook
Kloakut Lake		5-4			●				June 1-Aug 31 ● Class II water*, Apr 1-May 31; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Apr 1-May 31

🐟: stocked lake
(not all stocked lakes listed, see p. 88)

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REGION 5

Cariboo

Special Restrictions/Notes

Lake Name	Stocked	Management Unit (No. all shown - see P.5)	Special Restrictions/Notes						
			No Fishing	Catch & Release	Exempt - Spring Closure	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other
Lemon Lake (in Gibbons Creek drainage)		5-2		●					Trout daily quota = 1 Artificial fly only, single barbless hook
Little Alexis Lake		5-13					●		Electric motors only
"Little Bishop" Lake (approx. 1.7 km NE of Bishop Lake)		5-13	●						Nov 1-Apr 30 Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Little Charlotte Lake		5-6		●	●				Trout daily quota = 4; bait ban, single hook
Little Horsefly River		5-2	●						Trout/char release; bait ban
"Little Jones" Lake	●	5-2	●						Nov 1-Apr 30 Trout release; bait ban, single hook
Lorin Lake	●	5-1	●						● Unnamed lake approx. 13 km E/SE of 150 Mile House on the north side of Jones Creek Dec 1-Apr 30
Maud Lake		5-2		●	●				Trout daily quota = 2; artificial fly only, bait ban
Maydoe Lake		5-6		●	●				Trout daily quota = 4; bait ban, single barbless hook
McClinchy Lake		5-6		●	●				Trout/char daily quota = 4; bait ban, single barbless hook
McKinley Creek		5-2	●						Trout/char release below McKinley Lake; bait ban
McNeil Lake	●	5-15		●	●				Trout/char daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Meridian Lake		5-1					●		Electric motors only
Middle Lake		5-5		●					Trout/char daily quota = 1
Mitchell Lake		5-15	●						Within 100 m radius of the weir at the lake's outlet
Mitchell River *		5-15	●						Within 100 m radius of the weir at the outlet of Mitchell Lake From Mitchell Lake to Cameron Creek Downstream of Cameron Creek (including Cameron Cr.), Oct 1-June 30 Trout/char release, bait ban and artificial fly only downstream of Cameron Creek (including Cameron Creek)
Moffat Creek		5-2	●						Trout/char release below falls 8 km from Horsefly River Bait ban below falls 8 km from Horsefly River
Morehead Lake		5-2			●				Trout daily quota = 8
Naglico Lake		6-1		●	●				Trout daily quota = 4; bait ban, single barbless hook
Nekite River*	CW	5-7						●	Class II water Apr 1-May 31; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Apr 1-May 31
One Lake		5-13						●	Electric motors only
108 Mile Lake	●	5-2						●	Electric motors only
"Oslie" Lake	●	5-2	●					●	Trout release; artificial fly only, single barbless hook ● Unnamed lake approx. 2 km east of Hen Ingram Lake
Owen Lake	●	5-14						●	Do NOT approach or disturb White Pelicans, an endangered species protected by law. See note on page 60
Paddy Lake	●	5-1			●				Trout daily quota = 2
Palmer Lake	●	5-13	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
Peach Lake		5-2			●				Trout daily quota = 4; bait ban, single hook 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	●						Nov 1-Apr 30 Trout daily quota = 2 ● Unnamed lake adjacent to Dog Creek Road, approx. 9 km west of Gustafsen Lake and 19 km north of Meadow Lake Road
Poisson 1 Lake	●	5-12						●	Artificial fly only, bait ban
Polley Lake		5-2			●				Trout daily quota = 8
Preacher Lake (East of Bowers Lake)		5-1			●				Trout daily quota = 2
Quesnel Lake		5-15	●						Southwest of a line between signs on opposite shores of Horsefly Bay, Mar 1-May 31 ● In North Arm, north of a line between Watt and Service creeks, March 1-May 31 ● In North Arm, within a triangular area formed by signs posted approx. 1 km north and 1 km south of Isaiah Creek and 800 m south of Long Creek (opposite Deception Point), Sept 15-Nov 15. See map page 63
Quesnel River		5-2	●						Trout/char daily quota = 2 (none under 30 cm): only 1 lake trout, release all rainbow trout over 50 cm and release all bull trout Bait ban, single barbless hook ● From 50 m above Likely bridge to 50 m below Likely bridge Mainstem open above Cariboo River, June 16-Feb 28, other parts open July 1-Mar 31 Trout/char release from the boundary signs approx. 1.8 km east of the Likely bridge downstream to Morehead Creek Trout/char daily quota = 1 (none under 40 cm) downstream of Morehead Cr. 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
"Sandy" Lake		5-2	●						Trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
Sapeye Lake		5-5						●	Unnamed lake approx. 3.2 km south of Le Bourdais Lake
Secret Lake		5-6			●	●			Artificial fly only, bait ban
Sepa Lake		5-2						●	Trout daily quota = 1; bait ban, single barbless hook Electric motors only

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(not all stocked lakes listed, see p. 88)

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REGION 5

Cariboo

Special Restrictions/Notes

		Management Unit (No. all shown - see p. 5)	No Fishing	Catch & Release	Exempt Spring Closure	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other	Special Restrictions/Notes
Simon Lake	🐟	5-2				●				Trout daily quota = 2; single barbless hook
"Sinkhole" Lake		5-2				●				Trout daily quota = 2
"Skinny" Lake		5-15							●	Approx. 100 m East of Sneezie Lake Bait ban, single hook
Skulow Lake	🐟	5-2							●	Approx. 1.5 km East of McNeil Lake
"Slim" Lake	🐟	5-4							●	Electric motors only; WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration! Unnamed lake in Taseko River drainage approx. 4 km N of Cone Hill
"Snag" Lake	🐟	5-1	●							Trout daily quota = 2; artificial fly only, bait ban
									●	Dec 1-Apr 30
									●	Approx. 500 m S/SE of West King Lake
Sneezie Lake (near Timothy Lake)		5-2				●				Trout daily quota = 2; artificial fly only, bait ban; no power boats
Square Lake		5-6				●				Trout daily quota = 2
Squirrel Lake		6-1				●				Trout daily quota = 4; bait ban, single barbless hook
Stewart Lake		5-6				●				Trout daily quota = 4; bait ban, single barbless hook
Stum Lake		5-13	●							Trout/char daily quota = 4; bait ban, single barbless hook
Sulphurous Lake		5-1		●						Mar 1-Aug 31 Lake trout release
Sunshine ("Ant") Lake		5-11							●	Bait ban, single barbless hook
Takia River *		5-10	●							Closed all year
Tanya Lake's tributaries		5-10	●							Closed all year
Tenas Lake		5-11	●							Apr 1-June 30
Teepee Lake (adjacent to West Road River)		5-13	●							Nov 1-June 14
									●	Trout daily quota = 1 (none under 30 cm), Artificial fly only, bait ban, barbless hook
Tilgatgo Lake		5-12	●							Trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
Toms Lake		6-1				●				Trout daily quota = 4; bait ban, single barbless hook
Tsuniah Lake		5-4				●				Bait ban, single barbless hook
Turner Lake		5-11				●				Bait ban, single barbless hook
Tweedsmuir Park lakes		5-11				●				Trout daily quota = 4, combined from all lakes of Tweedsmuir Park (in Region 5 only)
Two Lake	🐟	5-13							●	Electric motors only
Tyee Lake	🐟	5-2				●				Kokanee daily quota = 10
Valentine Lake	🐟	5-2	●							Dec 1-Mar 31
									●	Trout daily quota = 2; artificial fly only, bait ban; electric motors only
Vista Lake		5-11							●	Bait ban, single barbless hook
Watch Lake	🐟	5-1							●	Speed restriction (8 km/h)
Wentworth Lakes		5-13				●				Trout daily quota = 2
West King Lake		5-1	●							Dec 1-Apr 30
									●	Trout daily quota = 2; artificial fly only, bait ban
									●	Engine power restriction-7.5 Kw (10 hp)
West Road ("Blackwater") River CW		5-12	●	●						Mainstem (only) closed Nov 1-June 14. Tributaries subject to spring closure
		5-13				●				Trout daily quota = 1 (none under 30 cm); artificial fly only, bait ban
									●	Electric motors only
									●	Mainstem only: Class II water June 15-Oct 31; Steelhead Stamp not required
Whale Lake (Canim Lake area)	🐟	5-15	●							Nov 1-Apr 30
									●	Trout daily and possession quotas = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
"Whale" Lake (Gustafsen Lake area)	🐟	5-2	●							Nov 1-Apr 30
				●						Trout release
									●	Unnamed lake approx. 4 km NE of Gustafsen Lake
Whitestone Lake		5-2							●	Electric motors only
Widgeon Lake		5-11							●	Bait ban, single barbless hook
Williams Lake	🐟	5-2							●	Speed restriction on parts (8 km/h)
Williams Lake River		5-2				●				Open all year
Young Creek (above Highway 20)*		5-11							●	Bait ban; no fishing for steelhead
									●	Below Highway 20: see Atnarko/Bella Coola Rivers *

🐟: stocked lake
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REGIONAL DAILY CATCH QUOTAS

(See tables for exceptions)

Trout/char: 5,

but not more than

- ▶ 1 over 50 cm (includes steelhead)
- ▶ 2 from streams
- ▶ 3 Dolly Varden/bull trout and lake trout combined

and you must release

- Trout/char under 30 cm from any stream
- Steelhead from Skeena River watershed and Nass River watershed, June 1 to Dec. 31
- Steelhead over 90 cm from any water on the Queen Charlotte Islands (in M.U. 6-12 or 6-13)
- Lake trout from Fraser, Skeena, and Nass River watersheds, Sept. 15 to Nov. 30

Kokanee: 10 (none from streams)

Whitefish: 15 (all species combined)

Arctic grayling: 3

Burbot: 5

Inconnu: 1

Northern pike: 5

Sturgeon: catch and release only

POSSESSION QUOTAS

Possession quotas = 2 daily quotas.

(See tables for exceptions)

MONTHLY CATCH QUOTAS

Steelhead: 2 from any individual lake or stream, *unless annual quotas are less or otherwise noted in the tables.* See tables for Kitimat River and Yakoun River exceptions.

DAILY AND ANNUAL CATCH QUOTAS FOR SALMON

Please refer to the NOTICE on page 3 for Salmon Regulations.

STEELHEAD STAMP REQUIREMENT

Before fishing **steelhead** waters, please refer to the "Classified Waters" (page 7) and "Conservation Surcharges" (page 7) sections for the requirements for a Steelhead Conservation Surcharge Stamp.

ANNUAL CATCH QUOTAS

Annual catch quota for all B.C.:

10 Steelhead per licence year, and not more than **one per year** may be taken from each of the following sources: **Kloiya River**, the **Skeena River watershed** or the **Nass River watershed**. Not more than 5 per year from the **Yakoun River**.

OTHER GENERAL RESTRICTIONS

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

No fishing: in any stream in the watersheds of the **Iskut River** (upstream of Forest Kerr Canyon) and the **Fraser River in Region 6** (including those rivers), April 1 to June 30.

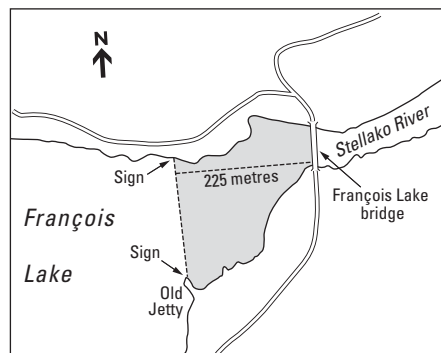
Steelhead fishing: Your basic licence must be validated with a Conservation Surcharge Stamp if you intend to fish for **steelhead** anywhere in B.C. In addition, a Steelhead Stamp is mandatory when fishing most **classified waters** regardless of the species being angled for. Please see page 7 for details.

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

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

Set lining for burbot is permitted in the lakes of Region 6. Please refer to set lining and the use of fin fish for bait on page 9.

FRANÇOIS LAKE MAP



Notice to Anglers Fishing B.C.-Yukon Transboundary Waters

To simplify angling and licensing regulations, and to improve fisheries management, a transboundary management agreement is in place for five lakes and two river systems which straddle the B.C.-Yukon border. **The lakes are Bennett, Laidlaw, Morley, Tagish, and Teslin** (not including any of their inlet or outlet streams). **The rivers are the Rancheria and Swift, plus their tributaries.** (NOTE: Lakes in the Rancheria and Swift watersheds are NOT included in the agreement.)

Anglers may fish any part of the affected waters with either a Yukon or British Columbia angling licence. (NOTE: **A B.C. licence is required to fish the B.C. portion of Atlin Lake even though it is also a transboundary water.**)

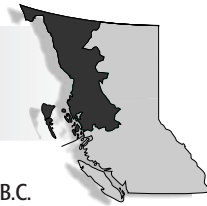
The quotas and size limits for these waters are now similar on both sides of the border, but **tackle restrictions have not been amended under the agreement.** Please refer to the Water-Specific Tables in Region 6 for detailed information on the daily catch quotas and possession quotas, as well as gear, method, and bait restrictions applicable to the B.C. portions of these waters. Information on quotas and tackle restrictions for the Yukon portions of the transboundary waters may be found in the Yukon regulations.

Anglers are reminded that they are entitled to **only one daily quota for any given species in these waters**, regardless of which side of the border the fish were taken and even if they possess both B.C. and Yukon angling licences.

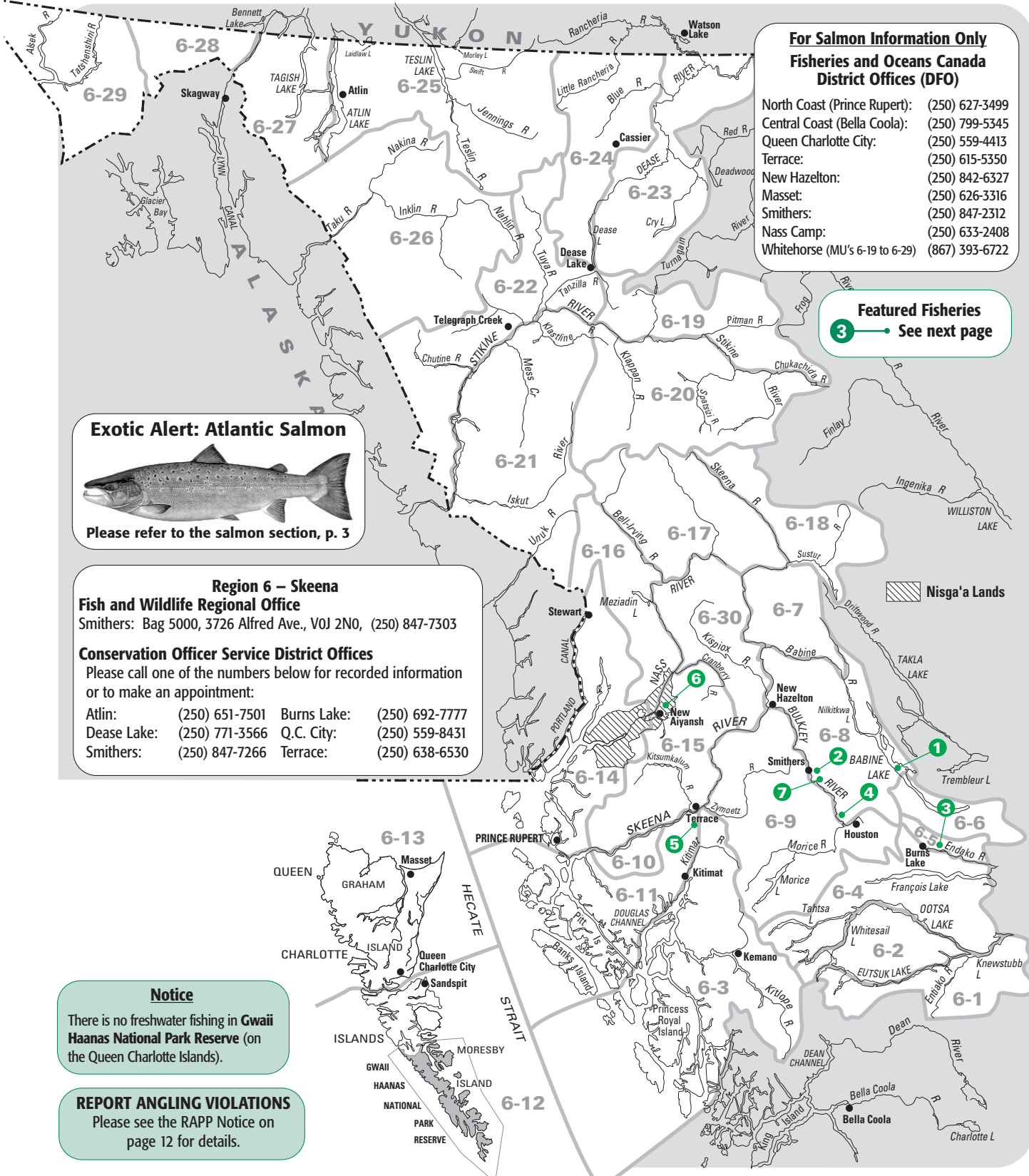
Please obtain a copy of the Yukon regulations before fishing Yukon waters.

NOTE ... See the following tables for exceptions and additional regulations on specific waters.

REGION 6 MANAGEMENT UNITS



These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult one of the commercial Recreation Atlases available for B.C.



For Salmon Information Only Fisheries and Oceans Canada District Offices (DFO)

- North Coast (Prince Rupert): (250) 627-3499
- Central Coast (Bella Coola): (250) 799-5345
- Queen Charlotte City: (250) 559-4413
- Terrace: (250) 615-5350
- New Hazelton: (250) 842-6327
- Masset: (250) 626-3316
- Smithers: (250) 847-2312
- Nass Camp: (250) 633-2408
- Whitehorse (MU's 6-19 to 6-29) (867) 393-6722

Featured Fisheries
3 → See next page

Exotic Alert: Atlantic Salmon



Please refer to the salmon section, p. 3

**Region 6 – Skeena
Fish and Wildlife Regional Office**
Smithers: Bag 5000, 3726 Alfred Ave., V0J 2N0, (250) 847-7303

Conservation Officer Service District Offices
Please call one of the numbers below for recorded information or to make an appointment:

- | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Atlin: (250) 651-7501 | Burns Lake: (250) 692-7777 |
| Dease Lake: (250) 771-3566 | Q.C. City: (250) 559-8431 |
| Smithers: (250) 847-7266 | Terrace: (250) 638-6530 |

Nisga'a Lands

Notice
There is no freshwater fishing in **Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve** (on the Queen Charlotte Islands).

REPORT ANGLING VIOLATIONS
Please see the RAPP Notice on page 12 for details.

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Skeena

Skeena Featured Fisheries

Unsure of where to find good fishing? Looking for someplace new?

We can help! Each year a different sample of regional waters will be profiled here.

In addition, be sure to visit www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/recreation/fishing for more great fishing in Provincial Parks.

Other great Family Fishing opportunities may be found at www.bcfamilyfishing.com.

See also www.gofishbc.com/fishstocking.htm for a complete list of stocked lakes.

1 Babine Lake – Babine Lake is an angler's paradise! The two small provincial park sites (Pendleton Bay and Smithers Landing) provide anchorage, scenic lakeshore views, beaches and access to internationally-significant angling opportunities along 200 km of waterways. Large cutthroat, rainbow and lake trout are found in the lake; fly fishing and trolling yield superb results. Burbot, kokanee, Dolly Varden, and whitefish are also available.

2 Call Lake – Call Lake, just east of Smithers, is a great family destination for any season! Head to Call Lake Provincial Park for fishing, hiking and mountain biking in the summer, and ice fishing, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling in the winter. The lake is stocked with brook trout and ready for anglers of all ages!

3 Co-op Lake – 10,000 brook trout are pumped into this lake each year making this a great destination for fly fishermen! There is a Forest Service recreation site with a boat launch and all amenities may be found in nearby Burns Lake. In the winter there is excellent ice fishing. Co-op Lake is recommended for year-round enjoyment! To access, take Hwy 16 and turn on Augier Forest Service Road.

4 Dunalter (Irrigation) Lake – Dunalter is a popular family destination with a day-use camp ground, picnic area and dock. The dock is ideal for angling the stocked cutthroat trout. From Houston travel 15 km west on Hwy 16.

5 Lakelse Lake – Some excellent fishing opportunities await during summer and winter. Trout and Dolly Varden are common catches in the lake while the area's rivers boast world-class salmon and steelhead

Photo: Mark Beere.



Trophy lake trout are a great incentive for angling in the Skeena region!

runs—all five Pacific salmon species spawn in these waters! Lakelse Lake Provincial Park is the primary family recreation spot around Terrace and Kitimat and also offers camping, sandy beaches, waterskiing, windsurfing, a play-ground, a boat launch and mooring floats. Summer interpretative programs provide educational opportunities for people of all ages and there are hot springs within 2.5 km!

6 Nisga'a Memorial Lave Bed Park (Anhluut'ukwsim Laxmihl Angwinga'asanskwhl Nisga'a) – North of Terrace, excellent salmon and steelhead fishing are found along Ksi Sii Aks (Tseax River), and K'alii Aksim Lisims (Nass River). Try fly fishing for trout and coho in the Ksi Ts'oohl Ts'ap Creek Slough, located along the park border 6 km southwest of Gitwinksihlkw. The outstanding combination of guided walks to view the park's scenery and recent volcanic activity, and interpretation programs that focus on the legends and culture

of the Nisga'a people earn this park a reputation as a fascinating destination for the avid fisher and his or her family.

7 Tyhee Lake - Anglers of all ages may try their hand at native cutthroat or stocked rainbow trout fishing in this friendly, picturesque lake near Smithers (off Hwy 16). Minnows such as the peamouth chub, red shiner, and pygmy whitefish will challenge the younger fishing enthusiast. This provincial park offers a boat launch, loading dock, camping, swimming, waterskiing and a playground for the kids.

3 See preceding page for map locations

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Skeena

Special Restrictions/Notes

Location	Management Unit (Not all shown - see P. 5)	No Fishing	Catch & Release	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other	Special Restrictions/Notes
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
Babine Lake	6-6	●						● Only one daily quota may be retained from Atlin Lake regardless of which side of the border the fish were taken. East of a line from Gullwing Creek to the south shore of Babine Lake Within a 400 m radius of the mouth of Pinkut Creek, Aug 15-Sept 15
Babine River	CW 6-8	●						● That section of flowing water between Babine and Nilkitkwa lakes is designated Babine River (see map page 75). Regional stream regulations apply. Between signs posted about 100 m above and 80 m below the adult fish counting fence, located approx. 1.8 km downstream of Nilkitkwa Lake Steelhead release, July 1-Dec 31
			●					● Open all year in the channel between Babine and Nilkitkwa lakes Fly fishing only (a) from a point 100 m above Fort Babine bridge to 100 m above the adult fish counting fence (including Nilkitkwa Lake), during open times and (b) from signs about 80 m below the adult fish counting fence to Nichyeskwa Creek, June 16-Sept 30
							●	Bait ban
							●	No angling from boats below adult fish counting fence; see location above
							●	Downstream of the juvenile fish counting weir located at the outlet of Nilkitkwa Lake to the confluence with Skeena River*: Class I water Sept 1-Oct 31 & Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31
Basalt Lake	6-1		●					Trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
Bear River * (Sustut watershed)	6-18	●						
Bell-Irving River	6-17						●	Bait ban, Aug 1-Dec 31
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
Bish Creek *	6-11		●				●	Trout/char & steelhead release; bait ban
Buckinghorse Lake	6-20	●						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 Lake	6-21	●						Nov 1- Apr 30
			●					Rainbow trout daily quota = 2 (none over 50 cm)
							●	Bait ban, single barbless hook
Bulkley River	CW 6-9	●						Above Morice/Bulkley River confluence * Steelhead release, July 1-Dec 31
			●					Bait ban, Aug 1-Dec 31* (EXCEPT Morice R., Suskwa R., and Two Mile Creek)
							●	No angling from boats from Morice R. 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* & Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31
Casey Lake	6-4						●	Bait ban, single barbless hook; engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
Chambers Creek	6-14		●					Steelhead release
Cheslatta Lake	6-4		●					Lake trout release, Sept 15-Oct 31
Cheslatta River	6-4		●				●	Lake trout daily and possession quotas = 3, Nov 1-Sept 14
Chilkoot Trail National Historic Park waters	6-28	●						Trout/char release and bait ban below Cheslatta Falls
Chipmunk Lake	6-1		●					Trout daily quota = 4; bait ban, single barbless hook
Copper Creek	CW 6-12	●						From Skidegate Lake to signs at second bridge 6 km above tidal boundary, Feb 1-Apr 30
			●					Cutthroat trout release
							●	Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30*; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30
Copper River	6-9						●	See Zymoetz River
Cranberry River	6-15	●						Between signs above and below Cranberry River Canyon
			●					Steelhead release, July 1-Dec 31
							●	Note: The section of river from Cranberry-Kiteen junction to Nass River is the Cranberry River
							●	Bait ban, Aug 1 - Dec 31
Dala River *	6-3						●	Bait ban, June 1-June 14 and Aug 2-Oct 15
			●					June 15-Aug 1
Damdochax Creek	CW 6-17		●					Bait ban
			●					Steelhead release, July 1-Dec 31
							●	Class II water Sept 1-Oct 31*; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31
Datlamen Creek *	CW 6-13						●	Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30
Deena Creek *	CW 6-12	●						Above signs at second bridge 5 km above tidal boundary, Feb 1-May 31
Deep Creek	6-15	●						Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30

●: stocked lake
(not all stocked lakes listed, see p. 88)

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REGION 6

Skeena

Special Restrictions/Notes

		Management Unit (Not all shown - see p.5)	No Fishing	Catch & Release	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other
"Diana" Creek	6-14		●					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							● No fishing for lake trout, all year (any caught must be released)
Dunalter Lake (Irrigation Lake)	6-9	◀						● Electric motors only
"East Gribbell" Creek	6-3		●					● Unnamed stream on Gribbell Island across Ursula Chan. from Goat Harbour
Ecstall River *	CW 6-11							● Class II water all year; Steelhead Stamp not required unless angling for steelhead Steelhead release, July 1-Dec 31
Endako River	6-4		●					Nov 15-June 30
François Lake (ONLY near the outlet at the François Lake bridge; see map on page 68)	6-4		●	●				Nov 15-May31 Trout/char daily quota = 2, only 1 over 50 cm; release all rainbow trout
Fulton River *	6-8							● Bait ban, single barbless hook; no set lining ● Open June 16-Apr 30 each year ● Angling permitted in Fulton River opposite the spawning channels, as signed
Gatcho Lake	6-1			●	●			Trout daily quota = 4; bait ban, single hook
Gitnadoix River *	CW 6-10							● Class I water all year; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Apr 1-May 31 Steelhead release, July 1-Dec 31
Hays Creek * (in Prince Rupert)	6-14		●					● Above signs located below lower culvert near fish cannery ● Includes "Oldfield" Creek
Helene Lake	6-6		●					Northwest of a line between signs on opposite shores of the outlet bay, Apr 1-June 30
Hevenor ("McQueen") Creek *	6-30			●				● Open all year, bait may be used, trout/char daily quota = 2 (no minimum size) Steelhead release all year
Hill-Tout Lake	6-9		●					
Honna River *	CW 6-13							● Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30
Ishkheenickh River	6-14							● See Ksi Hlginx River
Iskut River	6-21		●					● Downstream of Forest Kerr Canyon *, Apr 1-Apr 30 Steelhead release downstream of Forest Kerr Canyon * (when open) No power boats between Natadesleen Lake and Kinaskan Lake
Johanson Lake	6-18		●					
Kathlyn Lake	6-9							● No power boats
Khutzymateen River *	6-14		●					
Kildala River *	6-3				●			Bait ban, June 1-Oct 15
Kispiox River *	CW 6-30							● Bait ban (EXCEPT Hevenor Creek) ● No angling from boats, no power boats ● Class II water Sept 1-Oct 31; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31 Steelhead release, July 1-Dec 31 ● See Skeena River/Kispiox River confluence
Kiteen River	6-15							● Bait ban, Aug 1 - Dec 31 Steelhead release, July 1-Dec 31
Kitimat River *	6-3		●	●				● West half of river between signs near Kitimat Hatchery outfall Wild steelhead release; hatchery steelhead monthly quota = 10; Note: province-wide annual steelhead quota = 10 ● Bait ban, May 15-Aug 31 No power boats
Kitseguecla River	CW 6-9							● Bait ban, Sept 1-Dec 31 ● Class II water all year*; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31 Steelhead release, July 1-Dec 31
Kitsumkalum (Kalum) River *	CW 6-15		●					● Steelhead release in Kitsumkalum River watershed upstream of signs below lower canyon, all year; regional quotas apply downstream of these signs ● Class II water all year; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-May 31 Bait ban, Sept 1-Dec 31
Kitwanga River *	CW 6-30							● Class II water all year; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31 Steelhead release, July 1-Dec 31
Klahowya Lake	6-20		●	●				● Within 100 m of outlet, May 15 - July 31 Trout/char daily and possession quotas = 2 (none over 50 cm)
Kloiya River	6-14		●	●				● Bait ban, single hook Aug 1-Oct 31 Steelhead release, Apr 1-May 31; annual steelhead quota = 1
Kluatantan River *	CW 6-18							● Bait ban Bait ban, Sept 1-Dec 31 ● Class II water all year; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31 Steelhead release, July 1-Dec 31
Kowatua Creek	6-26		●					Dec 1-June 30 and Aug 20-Sept 15
Ksi Hlginx River	6-14		●					● June 15-Sept 1 Steelhead release, Sept 2-Dec 31
Ksi Sgaginist Creek	6-15		●					● Formerly Ishkheenickh River July 1-Sept 15 Steelhead release, Sept 16-Dec 31
								● Formerly Seaskinnish Creek

◀: stocked lake
(not all stocked lakes listed, see p. 88)

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Special Restrictions/Notes

Management Unit (Not all shown - see P. 5)	No Fishing	Catch & Release	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other	Special Restrictions/Notes
Ksi Sii Aks River	6-14	●					Above Nass Road bridge, Aug 1-Dec 31 Steelhead release (where open), July 1-Dec 31
Ksi X'anmas River *	CW 6-14	●					Formerly Tseax River 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 Steelhead release (where open), July 1-Dec 31
Kwinageese River *	CW 6-30	●					● Formerly Kwinamass River ● Class II water Sept 1-Oct 31; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31 Steelhead release, July 1-Dec 31
Kwinamass River *	CW 6-14			●			Bait ban, Aug 1-Dec 31
Lachmach River	6-14	●					● See Ksi X'anmas River Sept 1-Oct 31 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
Lakelse River *	CW 6-10	●					Steelhead release above CNR bridge, Nov 1-June 15, and from all parts, July 1-Dec 31 ● Cutthroat trout release above CNR bridge, Mar 1-Apr 30 Fly fishing only between Lakelse Lake and CNR bridge, Mar 1-May 31 Bait ban; no power boats ● Note: The mouth of the river is designated by signs 1.7 km below Lakelse River logging road bridge ● Class II water all year; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-May 31
Lean-to Creek	6-15	●					
Mamin River *	CW 6-13	●					● Above signs at 3rd bridge 10 km above tidal boundary, Feb 1-Apr 30 ● Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30
Maxan Lake	6-9						● No fishing for lake trout, all year
McDonell Lake *	6-9	●					Steelhead release
McQueen Creek *	6-30						● See Hevenor Creek
Meziadin Lake & River *	6-16	●					From signs at outlet of Meziadin Lake to Nass River, Jan 1-June 15 Steelhead release, July 1-Dec 31
Morice River *	CW 6-9	●					Meziadin River: bait ban, Aug 1-Dec 31 From signs near outlet of Morice Lake to Gosnell Creek, Jan 1-Sept 30 From Gosnell Creek to Lamprey Creek, Jan 1-Aug 31 Bait ban (all parts) ● Fly fishing only from Gosnell Creek to Lamprey Creek, Sept 1-Sept 30 No angling from boats, Aug 15-Dec 31 (all parts) ● Class II water Sept 1-Oct 31; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31 Steelhead release (where open), July 1-Dec 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
Murray Lake	6-4	●					Lake trout release, Sept 15-Oct 31 Lake trout daily and possession quotas = 3, Nov 1-Sept 14
Natadesleen Lake	6-21			●	●		Single barbless hook; no power boats
Naglico Lake	6-1		●	●			Trout daily quota = 4; bait ban, single barbless hook
Nakina River	6-26	●					July 20-Aug 15
Nass River * (unless specific tributary regulations apply)	6-14	●					Steelhead release, July 1 - Dec 31
Nichyeskwa Creek	6-8	●					
Nilkitkwa Lake	6-8			●			Fly fishing only, bait ban (EXCEPT dead fin fish may be used as bait when set lining; see page 9) ● Steelhead release, July 1-Dec 31 ● That section of flowing water between Babine and Nilkitkwa Lakes is designated Babine River (see map page 75); regional stream regulations apply.
Nithi River	6-4	●					Nov 15-June 30
Ogston Lake	6-6	●					Closed Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
"Oldfield" Creek	6-14	●					● See Hays Creek
Pallant Creek *	CW 6-12	●					Closed from signs approx. 100 m above the fish fence to the bridge downstream of the fence, Aug 1-Oct 31 Steelhead release ● Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30
Petry Lake	6-1		●	●			Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
Pinkut Creek	6-8	●					Downstream of the fish fence, Aug 15-Sept 15
Prudhomme Lake (south of the Hwy 16 bridge)	6-14	●					Aug 1-Oct 31 Trout/char daily quota = 2 (none under 30 cm) Bait ban, single barbless hook

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(not all stocked lakes listed, see p. 88)

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Special Restrictions/Notes

		Management Unit (Not all shown - see p.5)	No Fishing	Catch & Release	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other
Queen Charlotte Islands	6-12 6-13		●					Release all steelhead over 90 cm from any lake or stream
Rancheria River's tributaries	6-25		●					Arctic grayling daily quota = 3 (only 1 over 35 cm); whitefish daily quota = 5
Ross Lake	6-9				●			Electric motors only
Seaskinnish Creek	6-15					●		See Ksi Sgagginist Creek
"Seeley" Creek (outlet of Seeley Lake)	6-9		●			●		Open all year, trout/char daily quota = 2 (no minimum size)
Seeley Lake	6-9					●		Electric motors only
Seymour Lake	6-9					●		No power boats
Six Mile Lake (Ross Lake Park)	6-15					●		Electric motors only
Silverthorne (Erickson) Lake	6-9	●						Within 50 m of the outlet, May 1-June 30
Skeena River *(unless specific tributary regulations apply)	6-11		●					Steelhead release, July 1 - Dec 31
Skeena River/Kispiox River confluence	6-8				●	●		Bait ban; no angling from boats
			●					Steelhead release, July 1-Dec 31
Skeena River (main stem only) CW	6-10						●	Class II water (a) from 1.5 km above Kitsumkalum River to Exchamsiks, July 1-Sept 30 and (b) upstream of 1.5 km above Zymoetz River, July 1-Oct 31; Steelhead Stamp not required in either area unless angling for steelhead
Squirrel Lake	6-1			●	●			Trout daily quota = 4; bait ban, single barbless hook
Station Creek	6-9			●			●	Open all year; trout/char daily quota = 2 (no minimum size)
Suskwa (Bear) River * CW	6-8				●			Bait ban
			●					● Class II water all year; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31 Steelhead release, July 1-Dec 31
Sustut Lakes	6-18	●						
Sustut River * CW	6-18							Above BCR bridge at Bear River mouth
						●		Bait ban, Sept 1-Dec 31
			●					● Class I water Sept 1-Oct 31; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31 Steelhead release (where open), July 1-Dec 31
Swift River *	6-25			●				Arctic grayling daily quota = 3 (only 1 over 35 cm); whitefish daily quota = 5
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
Tahltan River *	6-22	●						Dec 1-June 30
Takysie Lake	6-4	●						Northwest of a line between signs on opposite shores just north of Takysie Lake Settlement, Mar 1-May 31
Tatsamenie Lake's outlet streams	6-26	●						Between Tatsamenie L. and Tatsatua Cr., Dec 1-June 30 and Aug 20-Sept 15
Tchesinkut Lake	6-4			●				Release lake trout all year EXCEPT during months of February and July (when regional quotas apply)
						●		Single barbless hook
Teslin Lake	6-25			●				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); whitefish daily quota = 5
Tlell River * CW	6-13		●					Cutthroat trout release
							●	● Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30 Tidal water regulations apply to waters below tidal boundary sign located 1.5 km above Hwy 16 bridge - check B.C. Tidal Waters Sport Fishing Guide
Toms Lake	6-1			●	●			Trout daily quota = 4; bait ban, single barbless hook
Triumph River	6-3		●					Nov 1-May 31
			●					Steelhead release
Tseax River	6-14						●	See Ksi Sii Aks River
Two Mile Creek	6-8			●			●	Open all year; bait may be used; trout/char daily quota = 2 (no minimum size)
Unnamed Lake (approx. 500 m south of Natalkuz Lake)	6-1							Nov 1-Apr 30
					●	●		Rainbow trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
							●	Located approx. 6.25 km S/SE of Yellow Moose Lake and approx. 6.25 km W/SW 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
Yakoun River * CW	6-13		●					For regulations on the mainstem of the West Road River, see Region 5
			●			●		From Yakoun Lake downstream 13 km to signs, Oct 1-Apr 30
							●	● Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30 Cutthroat trout release; no power boats
			●					Steelhead daily, possession and monthly quotas = 1 (none over 90 cm); steelhead annual quota = 5

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Special Restrictions/Notes

Zymoetz (Copper) River * **CW** 6-9

Management Unit (No. all shown - see p. 5)	No Fishing	Catch & Release	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other
	●					From McDonell Lake downstream 3 km to signs
	●					Between signs in Zymoetz Canyon
	●					Above the sign at the transmission line crossing (below Zymoetz Canyon), Jan 1-June 15
			●			Bait ban
					●	Above Limonite Creek: Class I water Sept 1-Oct 31 and Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31
					●	Below Limonite Creek: Class II water Sept 1-Oct 31 and Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31
	●					Steelhead release (where open), July 1-Dec 31

●: stocked lake

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Lake Trout Conservation and Recovery

In some small lakes special angling regulations for lake trout are needed to assist population recovery following declines evidenced by the absence of large fish or declining numbers.

WHAT CAUSES THE DECLINES?

Angler Over-harvest

- Lake trout's aggressive feeding behaviour, large size and tasty flesh make them a popular target for sport fishers.
- The smaller the lake, the more sensitive the lake trout population is to angler harvest. **The maximum theoretical harvest for a 100 ha lake is less than ten 65-cm lake trout per year!**
- Retention of large adult lake trout reduces breeding capacity. It also upsets the predator-prey balance of a

lake by increasing the number of fish that prey on lake trout young. (These fish are normally eaten by large lake trout.)

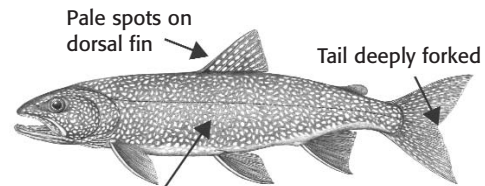
- 60-70% of lake trout caught in late summer are maturing females because they are feeding heavily to build their eggs.

Low Replacement Capacity

- Lake trout typically don't mature until they are old and large: most lake trout in B.C. begin spawning at between 7 and 9 years of age, at an average length of 60 cm.
- Females may only spawn every other year.

Low Egg, Fry and Juvenile Survival

- Predation by abundant sucker, whitefish, burbot and northern pike minnow can reduce lake trout survival.

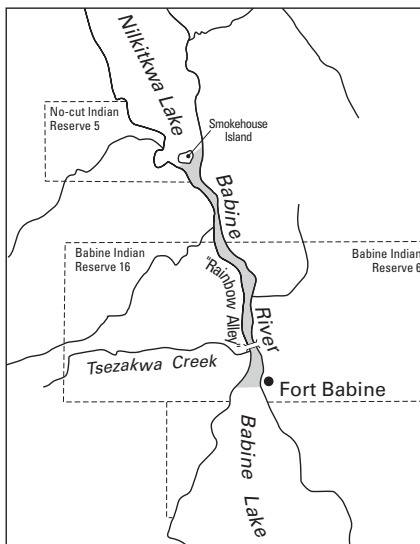


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WHAT CAN BE DONE?

- Reduce your harvest and practice catch and release of large lake trout.
- Refer to the current regulations prior to angling to ensure your compliance with important management restrictions.
- Report illegal activity to the B.C. Conservation Officer Service.

NILKITKWA LAKE MAP



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Region 7 Zone A



ZONE A (OMINECA) REGULATIONS

ZONE A DAILY CATCH 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 to Aug 14. These fish may only be taken from lakes and only 30 - 50 cm in length. See below.

and you must release

Bull trout (Dolly Varden):

- from streams, all year
- from lakes, Aug. 15 to Oct. 15

and you must release

Lake trout:

- of any size, Sept. 15 to Oct. 31
- under 30 cm all year

Arctic grayling: catch and release only

Burbot: 5

Kokanee: 10 (none from streams)

Sturgeon:

- no fishing for **white sturgeon** in Nechako River and tributaries
- elsewhere, catch and release only

Whitefish: 15 (all species combined)

DAILY AND ANNUAL CATCH QUOTAS FOR SALMON

Please refer to the NOTICE on page 3 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.

OTHER GENERAL ZONE A RESTRICTIONS

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 9). All set lines must be marked with the angler's name, address and telephone number. See Rules about bait usage (page 9).

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

ZONE B (PEACE) REGULATIONS

Zone B regulations are now presented in a separate chapter. Please refer to page 84.

Mercury Warning

Mercury levels in **bull trout (Dolly Varden)** from **Williston Lake** 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.

For further information, contact the B.C. Ministry of Health through your local health unit.

NOTICE TO ANGLERS

Proposed Increase in Brook Trout Quotas on Several Lakes

Recent fish stocking assessments have shown that there are reproducing populations of **brook trout** (a non-native species) in several Omineca lakes. As a result of an overabundance of fish in some of these lakes, fish size has been declining. To meet fisheries objectives, an increase in the daily quota for **brook trout** is being considered on selected lakes. For more information or to advise of concerns, please contact the Regional Office at 250-614-9924.

Nechako White Sturgeon

White sturgeon, including those in the Nechako watershed, have been listed as endangered by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada. The Nechako White Sturgeon Recovery Initiative includes a research program that would benefit from information on the incidental catch of sturgeon in the recreational or sustenance fisheries in the Nechako watershed, including the Stuart/Takla system. There are signs posted near critical sturgeon habitats describing how you may help this species. If you observe or accidentally catch a sturgeon, or would like more information, please call the Ministry of Environment at 250-614-9924, or go to the websites www.nechakowhitesturgeon.org or wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/omr/esd/faw/sturgeon.



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NOTE ... See the following tables for exceptions and additional regulations on specific waters.

REGION 7 (Zone A) MANAGEMENT UNITS



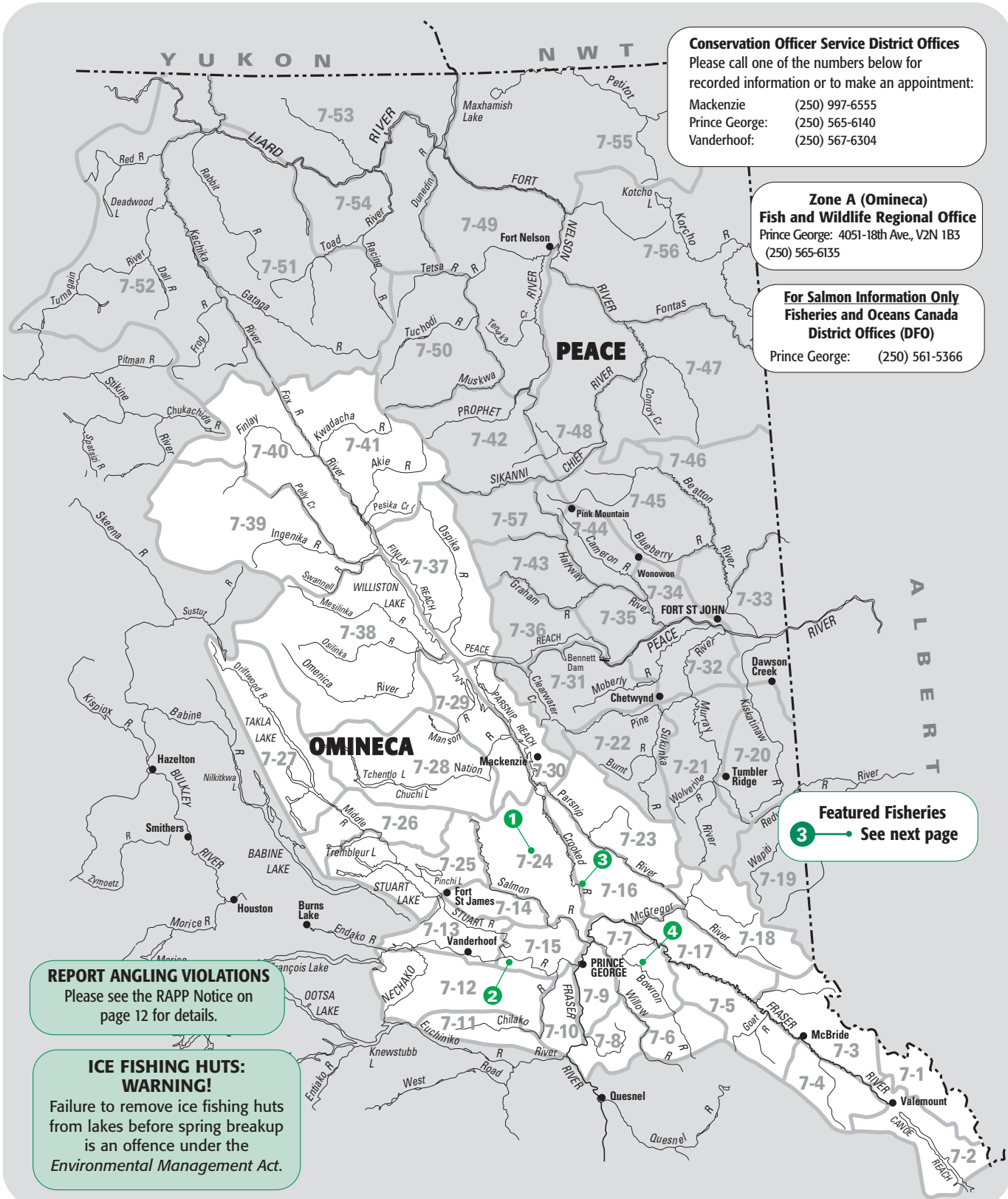
These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult one of the commercial Recreation Atlases available for B.C.

Conservation Officer Service District Offices
Please call one of the numbers below for recorded information or to make an appointment:

Mackenzie	(250) 997-6555
Prince George:	(250) 565-6140
Vanderhoof:	(250) 567-6304

Zone A (Omineca) Fish and Wildlife Regional Office
Prince George: 4051-18th Ave., V2N 1B3
(250) 565-6135

For Salmon Information Only Fisheries and Oceans Canada District Offices (DFO)
Prince George: (250) 561-5366



REPORT ANGLING VIOLATIONS
Please see the RAPP Notice on page 12 for details.

ICE FISHING HUTS: WARNING!
Failure to remove ice fishing huts from lakes before spring breakup is an offence under the *Environmental Management Act*.

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Omineca Featured Fisheries

Unsure of where to find good fishing? Looking for someplace new?

We can help! Each year a different sample of regional waters will be profiled here.

In addition, be sure to visit www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/recreation/fishing for more great fishing in Provincial Parks.

Other great Family Fishing opportunities may be found at www.bcfamilyfishing.com.

See also www.gofishbc.com/fishstocking.htm for a complete list of stocked lakes.

1 Carp Lake - Long famous for its rainbow trout, Carp Lake Provincial Park, just two hours north of Prince George, offers some of the best fishing in the Central Interior. Angling is the single most popular activity. The 6,000 hectare lake was first acclaimed for its prime fishing nearly two centuries ago by explorer Simon Fraser. Anglers come from near and far to try their luck with fly or spinner for the lake's succulent red-fleshed rainbow trout. The Carp Lake watershed above War Falls has six fish species isolated from the Peace River drainage. Rainbow trout averaging 0.5 kg (1 lb) and burbot are regularly caught by anglers. There is also a short loop trail that connects Carp Lake campground with the McLeod River, providing access to fly fishing sites.

Photo: Kathy Andrusak



Creating lasting memories trout fishing on one of Omineca's inviting lakes.

2 Cobb Lake - This productive lake about 65 km west of Prince George is stocked each year with 20,000 brook trout and 10,000 rainbow trout! Brook trout fishing is best in fall and early winter. Try fly fishing for the exceptionally strong rainbow in spring. A 2WD-accessible Forest Service recreation site is located on the lake and a car-top boat launch is available. Follow Highway 16 west for about 65 km to Finnmore Road.

3 Crooked River, Squaw Lake and Hart Lake - These waters in Crooked River Provincial Park, an hour north of Prince George on

Hwy 97, provide good angling opportunities for rainbow trout, bull trout or mountain whitefish. Squaw Lake offers ice fishing in the winter and is a popular lake among locals.

4 Purden Lake - Purden Lake (64 km east of Prince George on the Yellowhead Hwy) provides lake-oriented recreation (camping, boating, swimming and fishing) for locals and Highway 16 travelers alike, and is noted for its wildlife viewing opportunities. The park is home to black bear and moose year round, and visitors may also observe

beaver, snowshoe hares, squirrels, porcupines, bald eagles and ruffed grouse. In the evening, the haunting call of the common loon may break the silence. For anglers, rainbow trout are the most sought-after prize, but angling for burbot may also yield great results. The park also offers a boat launch, several lakeside trails, a sandy beach and excellent camping facilities.

3 See preceding page for map locations

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REGION 7

Zone A (Omineca)

Special Restrictions/Notes

		Management Unit (No. all shown - see P.5)	No Fishing	Catch & Release	Exempt - Spring Closure	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other
Airline Lake	7-28	●	●						Closed Nov 1-Apr 30; lake trout release
Amanita Lake	7-17						●		Electric motors only
Arctic Lake	7-23	●	●			●			Closed Nov 1-Apr 30; lake trout release; no set lines
Attichka Creek	7-39	●							500 m upstream & downstream of the Thorn Creek confluence 500 m upstream & downstream of the Kemess Creek confluence
Bear Lake (Crooked River Park)	7-16						●		No power boats
Beaverley Creek	7-10			●		●		⊗	Also EXEMPT from bait ban ⊗ = Age restriction (see page 5 - Special Restrictions/Notes)
Bednesti Lake	7-12	●							Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
Blackwater River	7-10		●				●		See West Road River
Bowron River	7-7			●	●				No rainbow trout under 30 cm
Byers Lake	7-15				●				Trout/char daily quota = 2 (none under 40 cm)
Canoe River	7-2			●	●				Rainbow trout release Apr 1-June 30
Carina Lake	7-38	●	●			●			Closed Nov 1-Apr 30; lake trout release; no set lines
Carp Lake	7-24	●							Apr 1-June 30, from marker buoys to the mouth of the McLeod River
Chichouyenily Creek	7-30			●		●			Also EXEMPT from bait ban below signs near its mouth
Chief Gray (Bitch) Lake	7-12	●							Nov 1-Apr 30
Chubb Lake	7-10	●				●			Rainbow trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
Chuchi Lake	7-28	●			●	●			Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp) Closed Nov 1-Apr 30; lake trout daily quota = 2; no set lines
Cluculz Lake	7-12					●			No set lines
Crooked River	7-24		●	●				●	Rainbow trout release, Apr 1-June 30 Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
Cunningham Lake	7-25	●							Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout possession quota = 2 (only one over 50 cm); no set lines
Dahl Lake	7-12						●		No power boats
Davis Bay (in Findlay Reach of Williston Lake)	7-37	●							Within a 500 m radius of the Davis Forest Service Road bridge. See Davis River
Davis River *	7-37	●							
Dem Lake	7-25	●			●	●			Closed Nov 1-Apr 30; lake trout release; no set lines
Dina Creek	7-30	●							
Dina Lake #1	7-30	●					●		Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
Dina Lake #2	7-30	●					●		Electric motors only
Eaglet Lake	7-7				●				Burbot daily quota = 1
East Hautete Lake	7-27	●							Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
Echo Lake	7-13	●			●	●			Brook trout daily quota = 2 (only 1 over 40 cm); no power boats
Eena Lake	7-15	●					●		Electric motors only
Emerald Lake	7-15	●					●		No power boats
Endako River	7-12	●							Nov 15-June 30
Everett Lake	7-5	●							Nov 1-Apr 30 No rainbow trout under 25cm or over 40cm; bait ban, single barbless hook
Eye Lake	7-26	●	●			●			Closed Nov 1-Apr 30; lake trout release
Ferguson Lake	7-15	●					●		No power boats
Finlay River	7-40			●					
Fraser River	7-9			●		●			Also EXEMPT from bait ban above Cottonwood River Dead fin fish may be used for bait only when fishing for sturgeon. See details on page 9.
Friday Lake	7-27	●							Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release
Gagnon Creek	7-30			●					Below signs near its mouth
Gantahaz Lake	7-30	●					●		Electric motors only
Goat River *	7-5	●							Upstream of the Macleod Cr confluence, incl. Macleod Cr*, Sept 1-June 30
Hart Lake (Crooked River Park)	7-16	●				●			Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 3 (none over 40 cm) Bait ban, single barbless hook; electric motors only
Hart Lake (Fort St. James)	7-25	●					●		Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
Hatdudatehl Lake	7-26	●	●			●			Closed Nov 1-Apr 30; lake trout release; no set lines
Hautete Lake	7-27	●							Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
Hedrick Lake	7-18	●				●			Nov 1-Apr 30 Trout/char release; bait ban, single barbless hook
Hobson Lake	7-12	●							Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
Humphrey Lake	7-38	●	●			●			Closed Nov 1-Apr 30; lake trout release; no set lines
Indata Lake	7-28	●							Nov 1-Apr 30; Lake trout possession quota = 2 (only one over 50 cm); no set lines
Ispah Lake	7-7						●		No power boats
John's Lake	7-38	●	●						Closed Nov 1-Apr 30; bull trout release
Kemess Creek	7-39	●							From Attichka Creek to a point 500 m upstream
Kinbasket Lake's tributaries	7-2						●		See definition of "stream mouth", page 8
Kwitzil Lake	7-12	●					●		No power boats

●: stocked lake
(not all stocked lakes listed, see p. 88)

CW: Classified Waters Licence required to fish Class I or Class II waters, see p. 7

*including tributaries

REGION 7

Zone A (Omineca)

Special Restrictions/Notes

			Management Unit (Not all shown - see p. 5)	No Fishing	Catch & Release	Exempt. Spring Closure	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other
La Salle Lakes	🐟	7-3								No power boats
Lavoie Lake		7-11	●							Nov. 1-Apr. 30 Rainbow trout daily quota=3, (none over 40 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook
Little Lost Lake	🐟	7-3	●							Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily and possession quotas = 2 (none over 50 cm) Bait ban, single barbless hook
"Little Tomas" Lake		7-25	●							Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
"Lower Beaverpond" Lake		7-38	●						●	Unnamed lake approx. 300 m downstream of Tomas Lake Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
Lynx Lake	🐟	7-15	●							Lowermost of the two Beaverpond Lakes Electric motors only
"Mackenzie Lake #2 East"	🐟	7-10	●							Nov. 1-Apr. 30 Rainbow trout daily quota=3, (none over 40 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook Most southeasterly of two unnamed lakes ("Mackenzie #1 West" and "Mackenzie #2 East), located approx. 6 km SE of Erickson Lake
Macleod Creek *		7-5	●							Sept. 1-June 30
Manson River		7-28	●							Rainbow trout release
McGregor River		7-16		●						
McLennan River		7-4	●							Apr 1-Aug 31
McLeod River		7-24				●				Artificial fly only, from Carp Lake to War Falls (excluding War Lake)
McMillan Creek		7-15		●		●				Also EXEMPT from bait ban
Middle River		7-26		●					☆	☆ = Age restriction (see page 5 - Special Restrictions/Notes)
Morfee Lake (South)	🐟	7-30								Electric motors only
"Mt. Milligan" Lake		7-28	●							Nov. 1-Apr. 30 Rainbow trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
Mugaha Creek		7-30							●	Unamed lake located approx. 7.5 km S/SE of Mt. Milligan EXEMPT from bait ban
Nakinilerak Lake		7-27	●						☆	☆ = Age restriction (see page 5 - Special Restrictions/Notes)
Narrow Lake		7-7								Nov. 1-Apr. 30 Lake trout possession quota = 2 (only one over 50 cm); no set lines
Nation Arm (Williston Lake)		7-30	●							No set lines
Nautley River		7-13		●						West of a line between two boundary signs approx. 500 m downstream (east) of the Nation River bridge on the Finlay F.S. Rd., Apr 1-June 30 Bull trout release west of a line between two boundary signs approx. 500 m downstream of the Nation River bridge on the Finlay F.S. Rd. (when open)
Nation River		7-30							●	See Nation Arm (Williston Lake)
Nechako River		7-12	●	●	●					Rainbow trout 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
Nulki Lake	🐟	7-12	●							No fishing for white sturgeon * West of a line between signs on lakeshore near mouth of Corkscrew Creek, Apr 1-May 31
Opatcho Lake	🐟	7-9	●							Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily and possession quotas = 2 (none over 50 cm) Bait ban, single barbless hook
Pacific Lake		7-16	●							Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
Parsnip River		7-23		●						
Pinchi Lake		7-25							●	NOTE: see mercury warning, page 78
Pinkerton Lake		7-7	●							Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 3; bait ban, single barbless hook
Portage Lake		7-16	●							Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
Ptarmigan Creek		7-5	●							From falls to quarry bridge, all year
Purvis Lake		7-28	●							Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
Salmon River		7-15		●						
Shandy Lake		7-5							●	Electric motors only
Shere Lake	🐟	7-4			●					Brook trout daily quota = 3
Slender Lake		7-6				●				No set lines
Slim Lake		7-5							●	Electric motors only
"Squaw" Lake	🐟	7-16							●	No power boats
Stalk Lakes		7-39							●	Bait ban
Stellako River	CW	7-12	●	●						Open June 1-Nov 14 Rainbow trout release
									●	Fly fishing only between signs approx. 250 m and 4 km below the bridge near the François Lake outlet
									●	No power boats from François Lake to the falls
									●	Class II water* all year (Steelhead Stamp not required)
									●	See Region 6 tables for restrictions applying to François Lake's outlet area

🐟: stocked lake
(not all stocked lakes listed, see p. 88)

CW: Classified Waters Licence required to fish Class I or Class II waters, see p. 7

*including tributaries

REGION 7

Zone A (Omineca)

Special Restrictions/Notes

		Management Unit (No. all shown - see P.5)	No Fishing	Catch & Release	Exempt. Spring Closure	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other
Stony Lake	7-6								No set lines
Stuart River	7-15		●	●					Rainbow trout release, Apr 1-June 30
Swift Creek	7-2		●						Apr 1-Aug 31
			●						From upstream side of weir to CNR bridge in Valemount, all year
Tatlatui Lake	7-39				●				Rainbow trout daily quota = 2
Tchentlo Lake	7-28		●						Nov 1-Apr 30
Tebbutt Lake	7-13	●			●	●			Lake trout possession quota = 2 (only one over 50 cm); no set lines
			●						Nov 1-Apr 30
Thorn Creek	7-39		●						Brook trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
			●						From Attichika Creek to a point 500 m upstream
Tomas Lake	7-25		●						Nov 1-Apr 30
			●						Lake trout release; no set lines
Tomias Lake	7-38		●	●		●			Closed Nov 1-Apr 30; lake trout release; no set lines
Trapping Lake	7-9	●					●		Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
Tsayta Lake	7-28		●						Nov 1-Apr 30
					●	●			Lake trout possession quota = 2 (only one over 50 cm); no set lines
Tsitniz Lake	7-9	●					●		No power boats
Tumuch Lake	7-5						●		Electric motors only
Vivian Lake	7-15						●		Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
War Lake	7-24				●				Trout/char daily quota = 4 (not more than 3 char)
Weston Creek	7-30			●					Below 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		●		●	●			Closed Nov 1-Apr 30; lake trout release; no set lines
Wicheeda Lake	7-16		●						Nov 1-Apr 30
					●	●			Rainbow trout daily quota = 3; bait ban, single barbless hook
Williston Lake (in Zone A)	7-30								No rainbow trout under 30 cm; kokanee daily quota = 4
	7-37						●		See Nation Arm
	7-38		●						REMINDER: Arctic grayling release from tributaries
							●		See mercury warning on page 78, and definition of "stream mouth" page 8
Willow River	7-9			●	●				No rainbow trout under 30 cm
Windy Point Lake	7-24	●					●		Electric motors only
Witch Lake	7-28		●						Nov 1-Apr 30
			●			●			Lake trout release; no set lines

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Region 7 Zone B



ZONE B (PEACE) REGULATIONS

ZONE B DAILY CATCH 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 (Dolly Varden)

NOTE: Bull trout (Dolly Varden) may only be retained from Oct 16 to 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 under 30 cm from streams
- Lake trout under 30 cm
- Lake trout of any size, Sept. 15 to Oct. 31
- Bull trout (Dolly Varden) from the Liard River watershed Aug. 15 to Oct. 15, and from the Peace River watershed all year

ZONE B DAILY CATCH QUOTAS

Arctic grayling: 2 (none under 30 cm and only 1 over 45 cm)

and you must release

- any size, May 1 to June 30
- all from Williston Lake and its tributaries

Burbot: 5

Goldeye: 10

Inconnu: 1

Kokanee: 4 (none from streams)

Northern pike: 3 (only 1 over 90 cm)

Walleye: 3 (only 1 over 70 cm)

Whitefish: 15 (all species combined)

Yellow perch: 5

LIARD RIVER WATERSHED: Only catch and release fishing for all species in all streams of the Liard River watershed (EXCEPT the Liard River mainstem), Apr. 1 to June 30

POSSESSION QUOTAS

Possession quotas = 2 daily quotas for most species. (See table for exceptions)

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

OTHER GENERAL ZONE B RESTRICTIONS

No fishing (spring closure): in any stream in the Peace River Watershed in Zone B, Apr. 1 to June 30, EXCEPT the Peace River mainstem (See tables for other exceptions).

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

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

Fin fish: (as defined on page 9 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.

Fish Tagging in British Columbia

Provincial fisheries managers need your co-operation with fish tagging studies currently underway in British Columbia. Some fish are marked with a "spaghetti" tag in the back near the base of the dorsal fin. Spaghetti tagged fish may also be radio tagged. If that is the case, you may see wire protruding from the mouth or from a healed scar on the stomach of the fish.

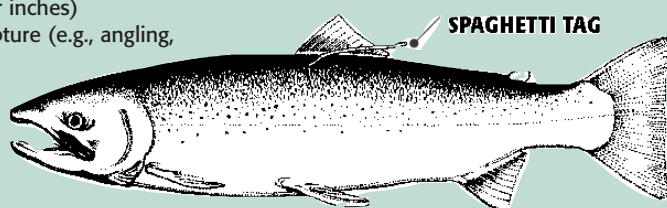
If you encounter a tagged fish please record the following information:

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

Please return information on all tagged fish to the Fish and Wildlife Office in the region where you captured the fish. See the Regional Tables for addresses and phone numbers.

Live fish should be released unharmed to continue their journey and contribute additional information to the study (do not remove the tag or transmitter). If you must kill the fish, and it is legal to do so, please return the tag or transmitter along with the above information.

If you would like further information on these studies, please contact the Fish and Wildlife Office in your region.



ZONE A (OMINECA) REGULATIONS

Zone A regulations are now presented in a separate chapter. Please refer to page 78.

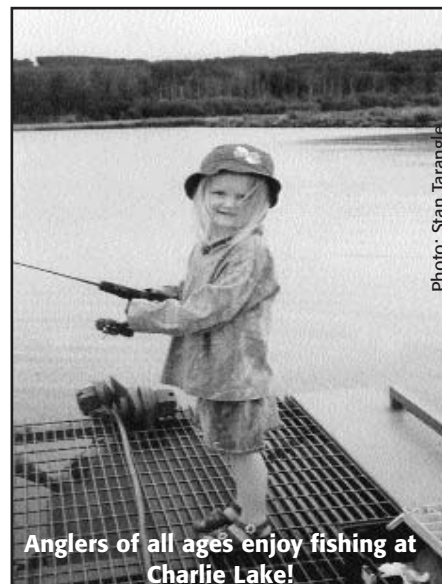


Photo: Stan Tarangle

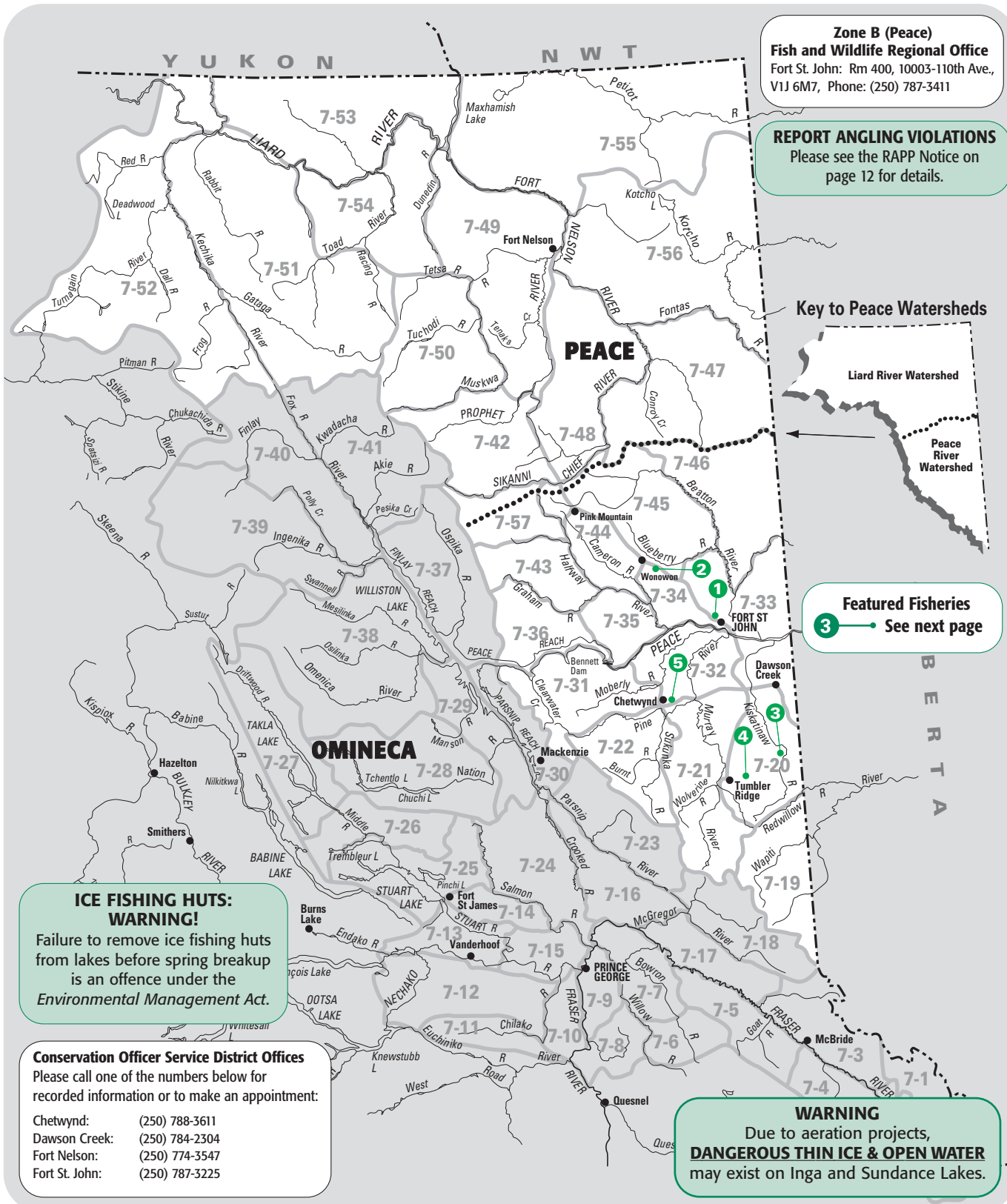
Anglers of all ages enjoy fishing at Charlie Lake!

NOTE ... See the following tables for exceptions and additional regulations on specific waters.

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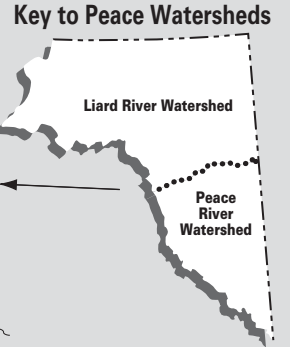


These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult one of the commercial Recreation Atlases available for B.C.



Zone B (Peace)
Fish and Wildlife Regional Office
 Fort St. John: Rm 400, 10003-110th Ave.,
 V1J 6M7, Phone: (250) 787-3411

REPORT ANGLING VIOLATIONS
 Please see the RAPP Notice on
 page 12 for details.



Featured Fisheries
 3 — See next page

**ICE FISHING HUTS:
 WARNING!**
 Failure to remove ice fishing huts
 from lakes before spring breakup
 is an offence under the
Environmental Management Act.

Conservation Officer Service District Offices
 Please call one of the numbers below for
 recorded information or to make an appointment:

Chetwynd:	(250) 788-3611
Dawson Creek:	(250) 784-2304
Fort Nelson:	(250) 774-3547
Fort St. John:	(250) 787-3225

WARNING
 Due to aeration projects,
DANGEROUS THIN ICE & OPEN WATER
 may exist on Inga and Sundance Lakes.

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Peace Featured Fisheries

Unsure of where to find good fishing? Looking for someplace new?

We can help! Each year a different sample of regional waters will be profiled here.

In addition, be sure to visit www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/recreation/fishing for more great fishing in Provincial Parks.

Other great Family Fishing opportunities may be found at www.bcfamilyfishing.com.

See also www.gofishbc.com/fishstocking.htm for a complete list of stocked lakes.

1 Charlie Lake – As well as offering productive fishing for northern pike and walleye, Charlie Lake Provincial Park features a play area for children and opportunities for hiking, boating, and cycling. During the spring and summer months, a variety of raptors, songbirds and other perching birds frequent the area. Large mammal visitors include moose, deer and black bear, but the most likely wildlife sightings are of squirrels, chipmunks, beavers, snowshoe hares and muskrats. The park is located 11 km north of Fort St. John.

2 Inga Lake – Inga Lake is a small, shallow lake 70 km northwest of Fort St. John on Oil Industry Road. A Forest Service recreation site on the south shore, equipped with a boat launch and space for 18 vehicles, is a perfect getaway. The lake is stocked annually with rainbow trout. Each year local students are bussed to Inga Lake to witness trout spawning in a successful man-made channel initiated by the Ministry of Environment and funded by the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund.



Photo: Kevin Delawski

Already a seasoned veteran, Joel Delawski, gets comfortable for a long, fun-filled day of fishing.

3 One Island Lake – Located on the Alberta Plateau south of Dawson Creek, the activities in this small provincial park include bird watching, fishing, and swimming. The lake is stocked annually with brook and rainbow trout, but other sport fish include bull trout, northern pike and westslope cutthroat trout. It's not surprising that One Island Lake is a popular destination for local anglers!

4 Quality Lake – Quality Lake is a small lake off the beaten track. It is stocked with catchable rainbow trout ("catchables" are fish reared in the

hatchery for two years and are bigger and more fun to angle than smaller stocked fish). From Tumbler Ridge follow the Heritage Hwy to Kiskatinaw Forest Service Road. Follow this road for about six km to Quality Creek at the northern tip of the lake. No facilities are available at the lake, but camping accommodations may be found at Bearhole Lake Provincial Park, located another 15 km along Kiskatinaw Forest Service Road.

5 Sundance Lakes – These two lakes are located along Highway 97 about 15 km east of Chetwynd. The east lake borders the highway on the north side where there is a pullout beside the lake. The west lake is on the south side of the highway, mostly hidden from the road. A small access road is located 500 metres before the east lake pullout on the right side of the highway. Because the lakes are so close to the highway, they're a great place to stop for a break when traveling B.C.'s scenic byways! The west lake is stocked with 2,500 yearling rainbow trout annually.

3 See preceding page for map locations

Feature Articles from Past Editions of the Freshwater Fishing Regulations Synopsis

These have been posted on our web site for on-going reference.

Please go to: www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish/regulations/archive.html

- Fish from the Past Given a Future (1999) – white sturgeon studies and recovery programs
- Provincial Stocking Programs Provide Recreational Opportunities for Anglers (1999)
- Regulations Can Improve the Quality of Fishing Experiences (1999)
- Thompson-Nicola Region Offers Family Fishing Opportunities (1999)
- Fishing Opportunities in the East Kootenay (2000) – highlights various fisheries in all 4 seasons
- Age Restricted Waters (2001) – names the 21 waters set aside for anglers under 16, 65 or older, or disabled
- Fraser River White Sturgeon by Rick Hansen (2001) – describes the recovery effort
- Kokanee Increasing in Size and Numbers (2001) – the fertilization program in the Arrow Lakes reservoir
- We're Off to See the Wizard (2002) – visit www.fishwizard.com to find more information about B.C.'s lakes and streams and the fish in them

- Wild Fish Culture Program (2003) – an important component of the province's integrated approach to fisheries management
- Frequently Asked Questions (2004) – finding an angling guide; becoming an angling guide
- Pygmy Whitefish Research in the Williston Watershed (2004) – learn about a lesser-known fish species
- Reservoir Restoration (2004) – aquatic restoration programs in two of the Lower Mainland's reservoirs have benefited many fish populations
- Single Barbless Hooks Mandatory in All B.C. Streams (2004)
- 2005 – The Centennial Year of the Conservation Officer Service (2005) – celebrate the history of B.C.'s Conservation Officer Service
- Caring for your Lake – what lakeshore property owners should know about conserving fish habitat during land development (2005)
- Ice Fishing – how to get the most out of winter fishing (2005)
- Stickleback Species Pairs – Part of B.C.'s Unique Aquatic Biodiversity – two co-existing species live in 6 B.C. lakes (2005)

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Zone B (Peace)

Special Restrictions/Notes

		Management Unit (No. all shown - see P.5)	No Fishing	Catch & Release	Exempt - Spring Closure	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other
Andy Bailey (Jackfish) Lake	7-48								● No power boats
Beattie Lake	7-57	●							Nov 1-May 31 Trout daily quota = 1 (none over 50 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook
Belcourt Lake	7-19	●							Nov 1-Apr 30
Boot Lake	7-20	●						●	Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
Boulder Lake	7-22	●						● ●	No power boats; situated at the head of Boulder Creek
Burnt River *	7-22		●						Arctic grayling release; artificial fly only
Cameron Lakes	7-31							●	See North and South Cameron Lakes
Carbon Creek*	7-31		●						Release all fish; single hook
Carbon Lake	7-31	●						●	Dec 1-Apr 30 Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
								●	Lake trout daily and possession quotas = 1 (none under 30 cm)
Cecil Lake	7-33							●	No power boats
Cecilia Creek	7-19	●							
Cecilia Lake	7-19	●							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
Chunamun Lake	7-35	●							Rainbow trout daily and possession quotas = 2 (none over 50 cm) Nov 1-Apr 30 Bait ban, single barbless hook
Clearwater Creek	7-31	●							Release all fish
Clearwater Lake	7-31	●							Dec 1-Apr 30 Release all fish, May 1-Nov 30
Denetiah Creek	7-52	●							July 1-July 15
Denetiah Lake	7-52	●							Bait ban
Dimsdale Creek	7-19	●							
Dimsdale Lake	7-19	●							Trout/char release; bait ban, single barbless hook
Dinosaur Lake (Reservoir below W.A.C. Bennett Dam)	7-31	●							From W.A.C. Bennett Dam to 100 m south of Gething Creek, and between the anti-vortex dyke and Peace Canyon Dam *
Fern Lake	7-42	●							No trout/char under 25 cm (release all bull trout); single barbless hook June 1-July 15 Rainbow trout daily quota = 2 (none over 50 cm); bait ban
Gething Creek *	7-31	●							
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	●							Closed from confluence with Peace River to boundary sign approximately 5 km upstream, Mar. 1-June 30
Heart Lake	7-22	●							Electric motors only Trout/char daily quota = 1 (none under 35 cm)
Inga Lake	7-34	●						●	Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp) WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!
Johnson Creek *	7-31	●							
Kakwa Lake	7-19	●							Nov 1-Apr 30 Trout/char daily quota = 2 (none under 40 cm)
Kakwa River	7-19	●							
Letain Lake	7-52	●							Within 100 m of sign at outlet, May 15-July 31 Rainbow trout daily and possession quotas = 2 (none over 50 cm) Bait ban, single hook
Liard River	7-53								
Liard River watershed (see map on page 85)	7-53	●							Bull trout (Dolly Varden) release from all lakes & streams, Aug 15-Oct 15 Bull trout (Dolly Varden) daily and possession quotas = 1 (none under 30 cm or over 50 cm) from all lakes & streams, Oct 16-Aug 14 Release all fish from all streams (EXCEPT from the Liard River mainstem), Apr 1-June 30
Little Carbon Creek	7-31	●							
Lower Blue Lake	7-21	●							Nov 1-Apr 30 Bull trout daily & possession quotas = 1 (none under 40 cm or over 60 cm), May 1-Aug 14 Bait ban, single barbless hook
Moberly Lake	7-31	●							Lake trout release
Monkman Lake	7-21	●							Nov 1-Apr 30 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 only 1 over 60 cm) Single barbless hook

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●: stocked lake (not all stocked lakes listed, see p. 88)

*including tributaries

Note: Exceptions to Regional trout/char size limits or quotas DO NOT APPLY to species of trout or char required to be released.

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Zone B (Peace)

Special Restrictions/Notes

		Management Unit (Not all shown - see p. 9)	No Fishing	Catch & Release	Exempt. Spring Closure	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other
Murray River	7-21		●						Arctic grayling release from Kinuseo Falls to signs about 2 km downstream
North Cameron Lake	7-31							●	No power boats
One Island Lake	7-20	●							See ice hut warning, page 85
Peace River	7-31			●					Kokanee daily quota = 4
			●						Arctic grayling EXEMPT from the May 1-June 30 release
									Between Peace Canyon Dam and Hwy #29 bridge, closed all year; from mouth of Halfway River to boundary signs approx. 5 km upstream and 5 km downstream, closed March 1-June 30
				●					Other parts of mainstem open all year
Pine River* (EXCEPT: Murray River * and Sukunka River *)	7-32		●						Release all fish
Radar Lake	7-20							●	No power boats
Rainbow Lakes	7-52		●						Within 100 m of sign at outlet, May 15-July 31
					●				Rainbow trout daily & possession quotas = 2 (none over 50 cm)
						●			Bait ban, single hook
Robb Lake	7-57				●				Bull trout (Dolly Varden) daily quota = 1 (any size)
Simpson Lake	7-31		●						Lake closed Nov 1-May 31; tributaries closed all year
						●			Trout/char daily quota = 2 (none over 40 cm)
									Bait ban, single barbless hook
South Cameron Lake	7-31							●	No power 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 release, Sept 1-May 31
									Walleye daily & possession quotas = 1 (none over 50 cm), June 1-Aug 31
Tupper River	7-20		●						Walleye release
			●						Within 100 m below outlet weir at Swan Lake
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 78, and definition of "stream mouth" page 8
			●						Arctic grayling release*
									Bull trout (Dolly Varden) daily quota = 1 (none under 30 cm or over 50 cm), Oct 16-Aug 14
Wolverine Lake	7-52		●						Within 100 m of sign at outlet, May 15-July 31
									Rainbow trout daily and possession quotas = 2 (none over 50 cm)
								●	Bait ban, single hook

●: stocked lake (not all stocked lakes listed, see p. 88)

*including tributaries

Note: Exceptions to Regional trout/char size limits or quotas DO NOT APPLY to species of trout or char required to be released.

Freshwater Fisheries Information on the Internet

It is no longer possible to publish all useful fisheries information in this Synopsis due to its rapidly increasing volume. Here is a list of web sites related to freshwater fishing offering additional information which may be of interest to B.C. anglers.

Freshwater Regulations (to obtain in-season regulation changes not published in this Synopsis)

www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish/regulations/intro.html

Freshwater Angling Licences and Fees (to view a complete listing of licence vendors)

www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish/licences/intro.html

Federal Freshwater Salmon Regulations (under the jurisdiction of Fisheries and Oceans Canada)

www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/recfish

National Park Fishing Information (special permits and regulations apply within most National Parks)

parksCanada.pch.gc.ca

Freshwater Fisheries Society of B.C. www.gofishbc.com

Fish Facts (illustrations and interesting information on 20 of our freshwater fish species; see sample on page 89)

www.env.gov.bc.ca/wld/fishhabitats/fishfactsheets.html

Fish Stocking Information

www.gofishbc.com/fishstocking.htm

Of B.C.'s approximately 23,000 lakes over 5 hectares in size, only about 770 have special fishing regulations and hence are included in the Regional Tables in this Synopsis. Of these listed lakes, roughly 350 are currently being stocked. **Many other lakes not listed in this Synopsis are also part of the stocking program. Refer to this web site for the complete stocking records.**

FishWizard

www.fishwizard.com

Use FishWizard to find information about B.C.'s lakes and streams and the fish in them, including species present, stocking records and depth maps for over 2,500 lakes. With FishWizard, you can create maps or summary reports in just a few simple steps. **New user? Try the tutorial for quick instructions.**

Fish and Their Habitats

www.env.gov.bc.ca/wld/fishhabitats/learn.html

Learn where you can go to see fish in their natural settings and about educational opportunities.

5. For visitors to B.C. and residents returning from outside of B.C. – Boating and fishing gear exposed to waters outside of B.C. may transport alien diseases, parasites or molluscs from distant watersheds into the province. For example, whirling disease has had devastating effects on trout populations immediately south of B.C. in Montana. New Zealand mud snails, which can alter aquatic food webs, have been found in Idaho and Montana. **If there is a possibility that your gear has been exposed to infested waters, please take additional care to thoroughly cleanse and sterilize it as follows:**

- (a) Follow the steps on page 16.
- (b) Chlorine (regular household) bleach is a very effective disinfectant which can kill most organisms if used in the right concentrations. To kill resistant disease spores found in the mud, use either (i) 50% solution (1 part chlorine to 1 part water)–dip equipment into the solution or wipe or spray it on, OR (ii)

10% solution (1 part chlorine to 9 parts water) and soak your equipment for 10 minutes. Then rinse thoroughly to avoid damaging gear. Alternatively, pour nearly boiling water over your gear and allow it to cool. For gear and waders exposed to waters containing New Zealand mud snails, freezing for 8 hours or a 24-hour soak in 1% salt water solution is also effective.

Remember–aquatic alien species can affect you!

Whether they clog up your water intake pipes, degrade your swimming areas, or eliminate fishing opportunities, alien species can affect you directly.

The Province is committed to protecting B.C.'s native fish and their habitats from Aquatic Alien Invaders. In addition, the Freshwater Fisheries Society of B.C. and the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund have taken the lead in raising awareness and preventing the introduction and spread of alien species

in B.C. waters. A video/DVD entitled “Stop the Alien Aquatic Invaders” is available through the HCTF (1-800-387-9853). Fact sheets are also available on the following web site:
www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish/stop_alien_invaders.html



Photo: W. Stephen Price

Exotic bull frogs have invaded some B.C. waters

Illegally Introduced Alien Sport Fish...Cont'd from page 13

What can be done?

Once alien species become successfully established, it is very difficult (if not impossible) to eradicate them from lakes or streams. Thus, the most effective approach is prevention–don't let these species spread into new B.C. waters...or enter B.C. in the first place.



Photo: Robert Bison

Yellow Perch
(Illegally Introduced Alien)

Report Illegal Activities

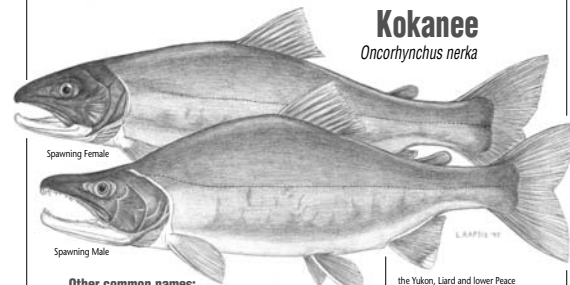
Report any suspicious activity relating to the illegal transfer of live fish to the Conservation Officer Service (1-877-952-7277). It is **ILLEGAL** to release alien species or any other live fish into B.C.'s lakes or streams, an offence which holds a **penalty of up to \$100,000 for first time offenders, and/or a prison term of up to 12 months for a second offence.**

In addition, a **REWARD of up to \$10,000** is available to anyone providing information leading to the successful prosecution of individuals responsible for illegal activities under the provincial *Wildlife Act*, or the illegal transfer of alien fish species into B.C. waters. **This reward is ongoing and is supplied by the B.C. Wildlife Federation, in co-operation with the Ministry of Environment.**

“Many men go fishing all their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after.”

Henry David Thoreau, 1817-1862

B.C. Fish facts



Other common names:
Kickinnee, little redfish, silver trout, landlocked sockeye, blueback

Typical range in length for adults: 20 – 25 cm
Maximum length: 60 cm

Typical range in weight for adults: 0.1 – 0.2 kg
Maximum weight: 4.5 kg

What do they look like?

Kokanee look very much like sockeye salmon. Kokanee in non-spawning condition have bright silver sides and a dark grey to blue back, sometimes with a few dark markings on the dorsal fin (the fin on its back). The anal fin (the lower fin

nearest the tail) has a long base and the trailing edge is quite angled rather than square, features often used to distinguish kokanee from char or trout. During spawning season, kokanee change colour, usually turning crimson with a green head, but sometimes black. The males develop long jaws, hooked snouts, and large teeth. A slight hump forms behind their head. Spawning females are not as colourful as the males and their overall shape does not change.

Where do they live?

Kokanee live at mid depths in the open waters of lakes. At spawning time, they move into tributary streams or along the lake shore. Natural populations are found from California to Alaska, and in northeast Asia. Populations of native kokanee are more abundant and widespread in B.C. than in other parts of their range. They are found in most of our major systems except

the Yukon, Liard and lower Peace drainages. Kokanee have been introduced into many lakes throughout North America.

What do they eat?

Kokanee feed almost exclusively on zooplankton, tiny aquatic animals from the size of a pinprick to the size of a small fish hook. They strain zooplankton from the water by means of many fine combs on the gills called gill rakers. They will also eat tiny plants, insects, and freshwater shrimp when available.

What is their life cycle like?

From August to early December, mature kokanee move into the inlet streams of lakes, and along lake shores to spawn. In streams, they select areas with clean gravel, moderate flows, and upwelling groundwater. Like other salmon, the female turns on her side and digs a nest, or

Other Fish Facts are available on the Internet.
See Page 88

OKANAGAN Regional Regulations

Region 8



REGIONAL DAILY CATCH QUOTAS

(See tables for exceptions)

Trout/char: 6,

but not more than

▶ 1 over 50 cm

▶ 4 from streams (only 2 over 30 cm)

and you must release

- **Bull trout (Dolly Varden)** from streams

Kokanee: 5 (none from streams)

Whitefish: 15 (all species combined)

**Largemouth and smallmouth
bass combined:** 4

Burbot: 2

Yellow perch: 20

Walleye: 8

Crappie: 20

Crayfish: 25

POSSESSION QUOTAS

Possession quotas = 2 daily quotas.

(See tables for exceptions)

DAILY AND ANNUAL CATCH QUOTAS FOR SALMON

Please refer to the NOTICE on page 3
for Salmon Regulations.

OTHER GENERAL RESTRICTIONS

No fishing: (spring closure) in any
stream in Region 8 from Apr. 1 to
June 30 (see tables for exceptions).

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



SPAWNING KOKANEE

NOTICE TO ANGLERS

Proposed Okanagan Lake Kokanee Fishery

A limited opening of the Okanagan Lake kokanee fishery is being considered for 2006. Kokanee monitoring shows a significant increase in the population size over the past 4 years and indicates that a limited harvest would not compromise this positive trend. It is recognized that current kokanee recovery efforts, including stream habitat protection/restoration, *Mysis relicta* harvest, lake level management improvements, and feasibility studies on lake nutrient re-balancing must be continued to ensure the long term sustainability of this important wild fish population and recreational fishery. More details on this proposed fishery will be provided through stakeholder consultation and in the local media **during the spring of 2006**. For further information please contact the Fish and Wildlife Regional Office at (250) 490-8200.

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NOTE ... See the following tables for exceptions and additional regulations on specific waters.

REGION 8 MANAGEMENT UNITS



These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult one of the commercial Recreation Atlases available for B.C.

Region 8 – Okanagan

Fish and Wildlife Regional Office

Penticton: 102 Industrial Place, V2A 7C8, (250) 490-8200

Conservation Officer Service District Offices

Please call one of the numbers below for recorded information or to make an appointment:

Grand Forks: (250) 442-4350	Kelowna: (250) 861-7670
Penticton: (250) 490-8203	Princeton: (250) 295-6343
Vernon: (250) 558-1776	

Summerland Trout Hatchery

Summerland: (250) 494-0491

For Salmon Information Only Fisheries and Oceans Canada District Offices (DFO)

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

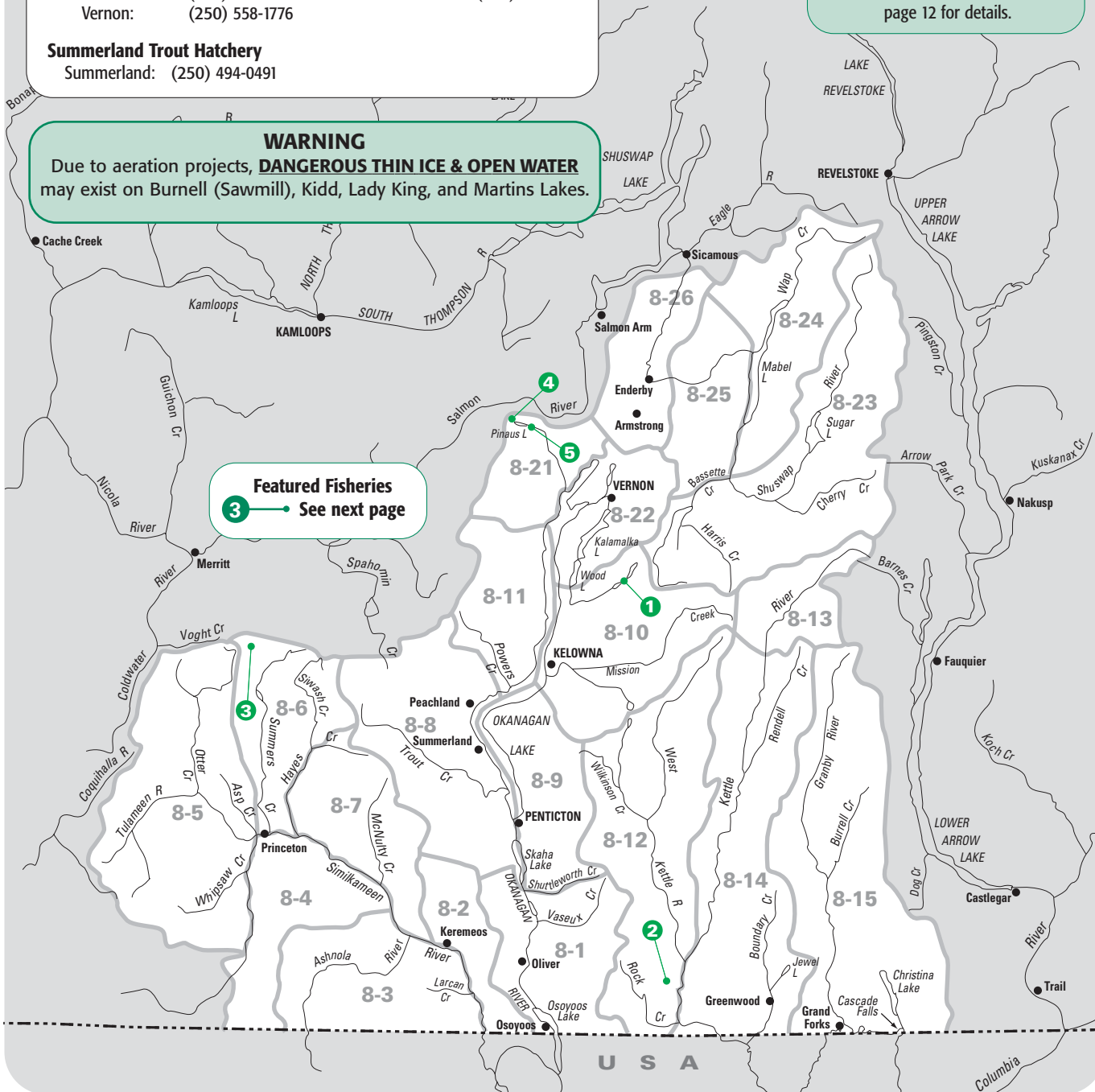
REPORT ANGLING VIOLATIONS

Please see the RAPP Notice on page 12 for details.

WARNING

Due to aeration projects, **DANGEROUS THIN ICE & OPEN WATER** may exist on Burnell (Sawmill), Kidd, Lady King, and Martins Lakes.

3 Featured Fisheries
See next page



Okanagan Featured Fisheries

Unsure of where to find good fishing? Looking for someplace new?

We can help! Each year a different sample of regional waters will be profiled here.

In addition, be sure to visit www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/recreation/fishing for more great fishing in Provincial Parks.

Other great Family Fishing opportunities may be found at www.bcfamilyfishing.com.

See also www.gofishbc.com/fishstocking.htm for a complete list of stocked lakes.

1 Beaver-Dee Lakes – This chain of five connected lakes, with Beaver Lake at the bottom and Dee Lake at the top, is a great fishing destination northeast of Kelowna. Both Beaver and Dee are stocked with rainbow trout each year and Beaver Lake rainbows may range to 2 kg (4 lbs) and more! Access the chain of lakes via Beaver Lake Road from Winfield. There are Forest Service recreation sites on Beaver and Island lakes, and two resorts at the north and south ends of the chain.

2 Conkle Lake - Conkle Lake, northwest of Rock Creek, is noted for its rainbow trout. Visitors have come for many years to fish the lake, sunbathe, swim and hike to various viewpoints. The stocked lake has good ice fishing in the winter season, though access may be challenging. Conkle Lake Provincial Park can be accessed by two different Forest Service roads on which park directional signs are posted. One Forest Service road is located off Hwy 33 (just north of Westbridge) and the other is off Hwy 3 (8 km west of Rock Creek).

3 Kentucky-Alleyne – Kentucky-Alleyne Provincial Park, 11 km south Aspen Grove (just off Hwy 5A), is a popular destination for camping, canoeing, boating, swimming and



Imagine a rainbow like this on the end of your line when fishing one of the many trout lakes in the Okanagan.

hiking. The park is also very well-known for fishing and features a 'children only' fishery—the ponds between Kentucky Lake and Alleyne Lake are managed for those under the age of 16 to foster interest in the sport among youth. The lakes and ponds are stocked with rainbow trout. Depending on the weather, there may be ice fishing and snowmobiling in the winter.

4 Lady King Lake - This shallow lake is a short walk from Pinaus Lake and is a great spot for fly fishing! Annually

stocked rainbow trout grow to the 1.5 kg (3 lbs) range offering great fly-rod action! Nearby Pinaus lake has a recreation campsite and resort available for overnight stays. See Pinaus Lake for access information.

5 Pinaus Lake – Pinaus Lake is a good fishing lake for families and beginners located south of Falkland on Ingram Road. The lake is stocked with rainbow trout and also contains yellow perch, which is great for kids fishing off a dock! There is a Forest Service recreation site with boat launch on the north shore.

3 See preceding page for map locations



“Soon after I embraced the sport of angling I became convinced that I should never be able to enjoy it if I had to rely on the cooperation of the fish.”

**Sparse Grey Hackle (Alfred W. Miller)
*Fishless Days, Angling Nights***

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Okanagan

Special Restrictions/Notes

		Management Unit (Not all shown - see P.5)	No Fishing	Catch & Release	Exempt Spring Closure	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other
Alaric Lake		8-7	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
Alleyne Lake	☞	8-6					●		Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
Ashnola River		8-3		●					
Asp (China) Creek		8-5		●					
Baird Lake	☞	8-25					●		Electric motors only
Bighorn Reservoir (Lakeview Irrigation District)		8-11					●		Electric motors only
Borgeson Lake		8-5						●	See Round Lake
Browne Lake	☞	8-10	●						Dec 1-Apr 30 Artificial fly only, bait ban
Burnell (Sawmill) Lake	☞	8-1	●			●			Dec 1-Mar 31 Trout/char release; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
			●					●	WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!
Burns Lake	☞	8-15	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
Chain Lake	☞	8-6	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
Chapman Lake		8-8	●						Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
Christina Lake		8-15	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
Chute Lake		8-9					●		North of a line between Bald and Knob Points, Mar 1-May 31
Clifford (Cliff) Lake	☞	8-5					●	●	Rainbow trout daily quota = 2 (only one over 50 cm); barbless hook
Conkle Lake	☞	8-12					●		Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
Copperkettle Lake		8-14	●						Dec 1-Apr 30 Artificial fly only, bait ban
Crooked Lake	☞	8-10	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
Dee Lake	☞	8-10	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
Deer Lake	☞	8-10	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
Dobbin Lake	☞	8-11					●		Electric motors only
Doreen Lake	☞	8-23	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
Dry Lake	☞	8-5					●		Artificial fly only, bait ban
Eastmere Lake	☞	8-8	●						Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
								●	Dec 1-Apr 30 Bait ban, single barbless hook
								●	Motorized vehicle closure. Walk-in access only. See sign at trailhead.
Eholt Creek		8-14		●					
Eneas Creek		8-8		●					
Five O'Clock Lake (approx. 800 m SE of Cup Lake)	☞	8-14	●			●	●		Dec 1-Apr 30 Trout daily quota = 1; bait ban, single barbless hook
Flyfish Lake #1 (west)	☞	8-23	●						Dec 1-Apr 30 Artificial fly only, bait ban
Friday Lake	☞	8-6	●						Dec 1-Apr 30 Electric motors only
Gardom Lake	☞	8-26					●		Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
Garnet Lake	☞	8-8					●		Electric motors only
Garrison Lakes	☞	8-5	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
Goose Lake	☞	8-5					●		Trout/char daily quota = 1; single barbless hook, artificial fly only, bait ban
Granby River		8-15	●	●					Electric motors only
				●	●	●			Below Burrell Cr: (a) closed Apr 1-Oct 31; (b) trout/char release Nov 1-Mar 31
Granby River's tributaries		8-15					●		From the confluence with Burrell Creek, upstream: exempt from spring closure; bait ban Apr 1-Oct 31; Trout/char daily quota = 1
Haggkvist Lake	☞	8-24	●						Bait ban
Haynes Lake	☞	8-10					●	●	Dec 1-Apr 30 Artificial fly only, bait ban
Headwater Lake #1	☞	8-8	●						Engine power restriction - 7.5 kw (10 hp); part of McCulloch Reservoir
Heart (Hart) Lake		8-7	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
Hidden Lake	☞	8-25					●		Engine power restriction - 7.5 kw (10 hp); part of McCulloch Reservoir
Hydraulic Lake	☞	8-10					●	●	Dec 1-Apr 30
Idleback Lake	☞	8-9	●						Trout daily quota = 1; bait ban, single barbless hook; electric motors only
Islaht (Horseshoe) Lake		8-11					●		Electric motors only
Island Lake	☞	8-10	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
Jackpine Lake	☞	8-11					●		Electric motors only
Jameson Lake		8-4				●			Trout/char daily and possession quotas = 12
Jewel Creek		8-14	●						From Jewel Lake downstream 1.5 km to signs
Jewel Lake	☞	8-14					●		Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp) & speed restriction (8 km/h)
Johnny Lake	☞	8-5					●		Electric motors only
Kalamalka Lake		8-22				●			Kokanee daily quota = 2
Kentucky Lake	☞	8-6					●		Speed restrictions or "no vessels" (as buoyed and signed), various locations
							●		Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)

☞: stocked lake (not all stocked lakes listed, see p. 88)

*including tributaries

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Special Restrictions/Notes

		Management Unit (Not all shown - see p. 5)	No Fishing	Catch & Release	Exempt, Spring Closure	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other
Kettle River		8-14	●	●	●				Trout/char daily quota = 1, EXCEPT trout/char release from Lost Horse Bridge (alias "Thone Lake Bridge", approx. 26 km north of Westbridge) to the confluence with West Kettle River, and EXCEPT trout/char release from the CPR bridge (approx. 2 km below the confluence with Granby River) to Cascade Falls (Hwy #395 bridge)
Kettle River's tributaries		8-14				●			Bait ban above Cascade Falls, Apr 1-Oct 31
Kidd Lake	🐟	8-6	●						Bait Ban Dec 1 - Apr 30
Kump (Lost) Lake	🐟	8-5	●					●	Trout/char release; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook No power boats WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration! Dec 1-Apr 30
Lady King Lake	🐟	8-21	●					●	Trout/char daily quota = 1; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook Dec 1 - Apr 30 WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!
Lamby (Bear) Lake	🐟	8-11						●	Electric motors only
Larry Lake	🐟	8-5						●	Electric motors only
Link Lake	🐟	8-6						●	Electric motors only
Little Willy Lake	🐟	8-7	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
Loch Drinkie	🐟	8-11	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
Lost Lake	🐟	8-10	●						Trout daily quota = 1; bait ban, single barbless hook Dec 1-Apr 30
Mabel Lake		8-24	●						Trout/char daily quota = 1; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook Electric motors only
Mara Lake		8-26							South of a line between signs on lakeshore 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
Martin Lake	🐟	8-6						●	Follow angling regulations for Shuswap Lake, Region 3
McCulloch Reservoir	🐟	8-10						●	See Rosemond Lake
McRae Creek		8-15	●						WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration! Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp) Below falls 4 km above Christina Lake
Meadow Lake		8-10	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
Mill Creek		8-10		●					Artificial fly only, bait ban Below Kelowna Airport
Minnnow Lake	🐟	8-10						●	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kw (10 hp); part of McCulloch Reservoir
Mission Creek		8-10	●						From falls at Gallagher Canyon to Okanagan Lake
Okanagan Lake		8-10			●				Rainbow trout daily quota = 2 (only one over 50 cm) Speed restrictions or "no vessels" (as buoyed and signed), various locations, plus no power boats at Killarney Beach Park
Okanagan River		8-1	●						No fishing for kokanee Single barbless hook
Okanagan River Oxbows		8-1		●					Between Okanagan and Skaha lakes, Sept 15-Nov 15 From McIntyre Dam to Drop Structure No. 1 (located about 1 km above Osoyoos Lake), Oct 1-Nov 15 Okanagan Lake dam downstream to old bridge pilings at Vaseaux Lake outlet
Osoyoos Lake		8-1						●	Below Drop Structure No. 1 (located about 1 km above Osoyoos Lake) No power boats between Okanagan & Skaha lakes
Osprey Lake	🐟	8-6						●	Isolated oxbows adjacent to Okanagan river below the McIntyre Dam and above Vaseux Lake are EXEMPT from the spring closure
Oyama Lake	🐟	8-22			●				Speed restriction on parts, no vessels or no power boats in 5 signed swimming areas
Powers Creek		8-11	●						Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
Rampart Lake	🐟	8-6	●						Trout/char daily quota = 6 (only one over 30 cm) Bait ban, single barbless hook Below Hwy #97
Rickey Lake	🐟	8-5						●	Dec 1-Apr 30
Robertson Lake	🐟	8-5						●	Artificial fly only, bait ban
Rosemond Lake		8-25						●	Electric motors only
Rose Valley Reservoir (Lakeview Irrigation District)	🐟	8-11						●	Electric motors only
Round (Borgeson) Lake	🐟	8-5	●						No power boats south of the CPR bridge
Sandner Creek		8-15	●						Electric motors only
Saturday Lake		8-6	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
Sawmill Lake	🐟	8-1						●	Artificial fly only, bait ban; electric motors only See Burnell Lake

🐟: stocked lake (not all stocked lakes listed, see p. 88)

*including tributaries

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Special Restrictions/Notes

		Management Unit (No. all shown - see P.5)	No Fishing	Catch & Release	Exempt. Spring Closure	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other
Shuswap River		8-26	●	●					From Mara Lake to signs near Mara Bridge (a) above Sugar Lake, (b) between Sugar Lake and Mabel Lake and (c) from Mabel Lake to Mara Lake
			●						Above Sugar Lake: closed Sept 1-Oct 31 and bait ban, Nov 1-Aug 31
			●						Rainbow trout release (a) from Sugar Lake to Mabel Lake and (b) from Mabel Lake to Mara Lake
Sigalet Lake	🐟	8-24	●						Dec 1-Apr 30 Artificial fly only, bait ban
Silver Lake	🐟	8-8						●	Electric motors only
Similkameen River		8-2		●					Wild rainbow trout release between Hwy #3 bridge at Princeton and Hwy #3 bridge 31 km below Princeton
				●					Bait ban, Apr 1-Oct 31
Sitkum Creek		8-23	●						Sept 1-Oct 15
Skaha Lake		8-9						●	Speed restrictions or "no vessels" (as buoyed and signed), various locations
South Lake		8-10	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
								●	Artificial fly only, bait ban
Spectrum Lake		8-23	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
Spring Lake (West of McCall Lakes)	🐟	8-8	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
			●						Trout/char release; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
								●	WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!
Spukunne Lake	🐟	8-6	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
								●	Trout daily quota = 1; bait ban, single barbless hook
Square Lake	🐟	8-21	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
								●	Rainbow trout daily quota = 1; bait ban, single barbless hook
State Lake		8-14	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
								●	Artificial fly only, bait ban
Stony Lake	🐟	8-5						●	Electric motors only
Sugar Lake		8-23				●	●		Bull trout daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm); single barbless hook
Sunday Lake	🐟	8-6	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
								●	Electric motors only
Teepee Lakes		8-6						●	See Friday, Saturday and Sunday Lakes
Tommy Lee Lake		8-5						●	Electric motors only
Thirsk Lake		8-8						●	Electric motors only
Trout Creek		8-8		●					
Trout Lake		8-8						●	Electric motors only
Tugulnuit Lake		8-1						●	Electric motors only
Tulameen River		8-5		●		●			Bait ban Apr 1-Oct 31
Twin Lakes	🐟	8-2						●	Electric motors only
Unnamed lakes located immediately north and south of Bluey Lake		8-6	●					●	Known by Ministry of Forests designations as Lakes 711, 712, 713, 364 & 309 on Map 92H-088
Vaseux "Lagoons"		8-1	●					●	The two lagoons on the west side of Okanagan River above McIntyre Dam are included in the Apr 1-June 30 spring closure
Vaseux Lake		8-1						●	No power boats (Canadian Wildlife Service Regulation)
Vinson Lake	🐟	8-6	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
								●	Trout daily quota=1; bait ban, single barbless hook
								●	Road accessing the south end is closed. Alternative access available.
Wap Creek		8-24	●						Below Frog Falls (excluding Wap Lake) Sept 1-June 30
				●					Above Frog Falls
West Kettle River		8-12	●						Trout/char release below Beaverdell Station Road bridge to the confluence with Kettle River
								●	Trout/char daily quota = 1 above Beaverdell Station Road bridge
				●					Bait ban Apr 1-Oct 31
West Kettle River's tributaries		8-12						●	Bait Ban
Westmere Lake	🐟	8-8	●						Dec 1-Apr 30
								●	Bait ban, single barbless hook
								●	Motorized vehicle closure. Walk-in access only. See sign at trailhead.
Wood Lake		8-22				●			Kokanee daily quota = 2, EXCEPT none may be taken within 50 m of entire lakeshore from Oct 1-Jan 31
								●	Speed restriction (10 km/h) on parts
Yellow Lake	🐟	8-2						●	Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)

🐟: stocked lake (not all stocked lakes listed, see p. 88)

*including tributaries

"If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there'd be a shortage of fishing poles."

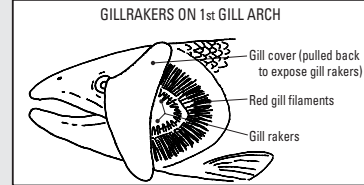
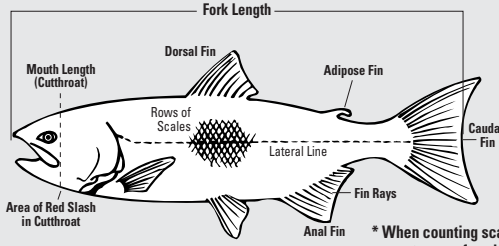
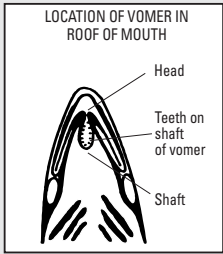
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PROVINCIAL REGULATIONS



Key to the Trout, Salmon, Char, Grayling, Inconnu and Whitefish of B.C.

Please refer to the colour illustrations of the Freshwater Fish of B.C. in the centre of this synopsis.



* When counting scales:
- count rows of scales along lateral line
- estimate number per inch and multiply by length of area covered by scales

VERMICULATIONS
The irregular worm-like markings on the back and dorsal fin of two of the chars

Vermiculations

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Spots Halos

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← Large scales, less than 100* Small scales, more than 100* →

WHITEFISHES, INCONNU & GRAYLING

TROUT, CHAR & SALMON

Dorsal fin more than 17 rays; dorsal fin larger & sail-like on fish over 8" long

Dorsal fin less than 17 rays; dorsal fin not enlarged

Anal fin, 12 or less rays

Anal fin, 13 or more rays

GRAYLING

TROUT, CHAR & ATLANTIC SALMON

PACIFIC SALMON

Small mouth, nose overhangs lower jaw

Large mouth, lower jaw extends well beyond nose

No distinct black spots on back or caudal fin, but fine black speckling may be present

Distinct black spots on back and caudal fin

WHITEFISHES

INCONNU

CHUM, SOCKEYE (Kokanee)

CHINOOK, COHO, PINK

Black spots on head and body, teeth on shaft of vomer

Light spots on body - pink, red, cream or yellow; teeth on head of vomer only, none on shaft

gill rakers on 1st arch are short, stout & widely spaced, usually 19-26

gill rakers on 1st arch are long, slender & crowded, usually 30-40

Mouth not black; large black spots on back & tail

Mouth black

TROUT, ATLANTIC SALMON

CHAR

CHUM

SOCKEYE (Kokanee)

PINK

CHINOOK & COHO

Caudal fin with radiating rows of black spots; body never with red spots; adipose fin often with black margin

Caudal fin usually unspotted - never with regular rows of black spots; body may have reddish spots

Black gums; spots on both halves of tail

White gums; When present, spots only on top half of tail

CHINOOK

COHO

Mouth does not extend past back of eye; no teeth at base of tongue; no red slash on lower jaw

Large mouth extends past back of eye; small teeth usually present at base of tongue; red slash on lower jaw

RAINBOW TROUT/ STEELHEAD

CUTTTHROAT TROUT

Tail deeply forked; light spots on head, body, tail & dorsal fin; light coloured vermiculations on back and sides

Tail square or slightly forked; light spots on body but not on dorsal fin or tail

Mouth to centre of eye (seldom far beyond eye, except in large males); gill cover with only 2-3 large spots; teeth on vomer not well developed; no red on adipose fin

Mouth to back 1/2 of eye or extending well beyond eye in large fish; gill cover with many spots; teeth on vomer well developed; rust-red spots sometimes on body of adult & often on margin of adipose fin

Tail & dorsal fin with dark wavy lines or blotches; back usually with vermiculations; pink or red spots on sides with blue halos

Tail & dorsal fin without dark wavy lines; spots on sides vary from pink/red to cream/yellow

ATLANTIC SALMON

BROWN TROUT

LAKE TROUT

BROOK TROUT

DOLLY VARDEN/BULL TROUT