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Provincial Regulation Simplification and Harmonization - Cariboo Region

BC resident license sales and data from the National Sportfishing Survey indicate angling participation has decreased by more than 20% since the mid 1990s. As part of a larger initiative to recruit and maintain recreational anglers in British Columbia, the Ministry of Environment (MOE) is currently working towards simplifying and harmonizing small lakes regulations throughout the Province. The new regulations format will be used starting in spring of 2009.

In order to provide clear and consistent regulations for anglers across the Province, MOE has grouped fishing regulations into 4 categories called Suites (Table 1). Each of these suites provides fisheries management options similar to what is already in place on many lakes in the Cariboo Region. In addition to the suites, many lakes will follow the general Regional Regulations and will not be itemized in the tables. Only under unique circumstances where its determined management objectives cannot be met using one of the four regulatory suites will lakes show up in the regulations synopsis with waterbody specific regulations.

Most Regulatory suites were chosen for lakes based on the ability of the particular set of regulations to meet the management objective for the lake. There are a number of objectives lakes are managed for in the Cariboo Region. The primary objective is to ensure the conservation of wild stocks and their habitats. The next objective is to optimize recreational opportunities based on the fishery resource. The most logical way to optimize recreational opportunity while also conserving wild stocks is to maximize benefits from the provincial stocking program. While the priority for wild stocks is conservation, stocked lakes are managed to maximize recreational opportunity. Its important opportunities are provided for all anglers of all skill levels. The use of different regulations is a key tool in providing a diversity of angling opportunities.

Following are Cariboo Region lakes that have had regulations modified to fit into one of the four suites. Regulations on and streams and large lakes, not listed in the following table, will not undergo changes related to the Regulation Harmonization process. In addition, regulations on some lakes did not have to be modified to fit into a suite and therefore have not been included in the following tables.

Public Participation in the Process

A key component of the Regulation Harmonization process was to have BC residents understand the new process and provide comments. Submissions were received through three public meetings as well as through numerous emails and letters.

All public input has been considered and a final list of lakes being dealt with under this process, has been attached. These regulations will come in to effect when the new regulations synopsis comes out in March 2009.

Websites to obtain information

Current sport fishing regulations for Cariboo Region:

http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish/regulations/docs/2008/fish-synopsis_2008-09_region5.pdf

Cariboo Region Ministry of Environment website for digital copies of the Regulation Harmonization documents and updated information on the process:

http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/car/env_stewardship/fisheries/index.html

Table 1. Regulatory suites and associated restrictions

| Regulatory Suite | Restrictions applied under suite |
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| R3 | Daily quota = 1; bait ban; single barbless hook; winter closure* No fishing through the ice |
| R4 | Daily quota = 0 (catch and release); bait ban; single barbless hook; winter closure* No fishing through the ice |
| Other | |
| Regional Regulations | Lakes that are managed under the standard regulations for the Cariboo Region (see below). All lakes not listed in the synopsis fall under this category. |
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REGIONAL DAILY CATCH QUOTAS for Region 5 Cariboo

Trout/char: **5** but not more than

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

Kokanee... 5 (none from streams)

Burbot... **2**

-note that the burbot daily limit will be

Whitefish... 15

reduced from 5 to 2 Province-wide

Please see attached tables for list of Cariboo Region lakes that were considered under this process

| Lake | Management Unit | Current Regulations | Proposed Suite | Regulatory Change |
|----------------|-----------------|---|----------------------|---|
| Abbott | 5-2 | Winter closure: Dec 1-Mar 31; bait ban; single hook; electric motors only | R2 | No winter closure; daily quota decreases from 5 to 2 trout; single hook changes to single barbless hook |
| Abuntlet | 5-12 | Daily quota=2; artificial fly only; bait ban | R2 | Change from artificial fly only to single barbless hook |
| Agnus | 5-6 | Daily quota=4; bait ban; single barbless hook | R2 | Daily quota decreases from 4 to 2 trout |
| Avalanche | 5-6 | Daily quota=4; bait ban; single barbless hook | R2 | Daily quota decreases from 4 to 2 trout |
| Baby Charlotte | 5-6 | Daily quota=4; bait ban; single hook | R2 | Daily quota decreases from 4 to 2 trout; single hook changes to single barbless hook |
| Ballon | 5-2 | Winter closure: Nov1-Apr 30; trout release; bait ban; single barbless hook | R4 | Winter closure ends on Mar 31 instead of Apr 30 No fishing through the ice |
| Banana | 5-6 | Daily quota=4; bait ban; single barbless hook | R2 | Daily quota decreases from 4 to 2 trout |
| Basalt | 6-1 | Trout release; bait ban; single barbless hook | R4 | Add winter closure: Nov 1-Mar 31 No fishing through the ice |
| Big (100 Mile) | 5-2 | Winter closure: Nov1-Apr 30; daily quota=2; single barbless hook | R2 | No winter closure; add bait ban |
| Bishop | 5-13 | Winter closure: Nov 1-Apr 30; daily quota=2; bait ban; single barbless hook | R2 | No winter closure |
| Boar | 5-2 | Winter closure: Nov 1-Apr 30; quota=2 | R3 | Daily quota decreases from 2 to 1; add bait ban and single barbless hook |
| Chaunigan | 5-4 | Single hook | Regional regulations | No single hook restriction |
| Chilcotin | 5-12 | Bait ban; single hook | Regional regulations | No bait ban or single hook |
| Chipmunk | 6-1 | Daily quota=4; bait ban; single barbless hook | R2 | Daily quota decreases from 4 to 2 |
| Christopher | 5-15 | Daily and possession quotas=2 | R1 | Daily quota remains at 2; possession quota increases from 2 to 4 |

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| Cohen | 5-6 | Daily quota=4; bait ban; single barbless hook | R2 | Daily quota decreases from 4 to 2 |
| Cook | 5-2 | Winter closure: Nov 1-Apr 30; trout/char release; artificial fly only; bait ban | Exception table | Winter closure: Nov 1-Mar 31 No fishing through the ice instead of Nov 1-Apr 30 |
| Cutthroat | 5-11 | Bait ban; single barbless hook | R2 | Daily quota decreases from 4 to 2 (Tweedsmuir Park) |
| Davidson | 5-6 | Daily quota=4; bait ban; single barbless hook | R2 | Daily quota decreases from 4 to 2 |
| Dog | 5-2 | None | R3 | Daily quota decreases from 5 to 1; add single barbless hook, bait ban and seasonal closure No fishing through the ice |
| Donnely | 5-1 | Winter closure: Nov 1-Apr 30; daily and possession quotas=2; bait ban; single barbless hook; no power boats | R3 | Winter closure from Nov 1-Mar 31 No fishing through the ice instead of Nov 1-Apr 30; daily quota decreases from 2 to 1; no change in possession quota |
| Earle | 5-1 | Winter closure: Nov 1-Apr 30; daily quota=2 | R3 | Daily quota decreases from 2 to 1; add single barbless hook and bait ban |
| East King Lake | 5-1 | Winter closure: Dec 1-Apr 30; daily quota=2; artificial fly only; bait ban; engine power restriction | R2 | No winter closure; change from artificial fly only to single barbless hook |
| Eliguk | 5-12 | Daily quota=4; bait ban; single barbless hook | Regional regulations | Daily quota increases from 4 to 5; remove bait ban and single barbless hook restrictions |
| Elk | 5-2 | Winter closure: Dec 1-Mar 31; artificial fly only; bait ban; electric motors only | Regional regulations | Remove winter closure, artificial fly and bait ban |
| "Fish" | 5-6 | Daily quota=4; bait ban, single barbless hook | R2 | Daily quota decreases from 4 to 2 trout |
| French | 5-1 | Winter closure: Dec 1-Apr 30; daily quota=2; bait ban; single barbless hook; engine restriction | R3 | Winter closure from Nov 1-Mar 31 No fishing through the ice instead of Dec 1-Apr 30; daily quota decreases from 2 to 1 |

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| Frog | 5-6 | Daily quota=1; bait ban; single barbless hook | R3 | Add winter closure: Nov 1-Mar 31 No fishing through the ice |
| Geese | 5-12 | Trout release; bait ban; single barbless hook | R4 | Add winter closure: Nov 1-Mar 31 No fishing through the ice |
| Goat | 5-15 | Winter closure: Nov 1-May 31; daily quota=2 | Regional regulations | No winter closure; daily quota increases from 2 to 5 |
| Grizzly | 5-15 | Winter closure: Oct 1-Apr 30; trout/char release; bait ban; single barbless hook | R4 | Winter closure from Nov 1-Mar 31 No fishing through the ice instead of Oct 1-Apr 30 |
| Gustafsen | 5-2 | Winter closure: Dec 1-Mar 31 | Regional regulations | No Winter closure |
| Hidden | 5-6 | Daily quota=1; bait ban; single barbless hook | R3 | Add Winter closure: Nov 1-Mar 31 No fishing through the ice |
| High | 5-1 | Winter closure: Nov 1-Apr 30; daily quota=2; artificial fly only | R2 | No winter closure; remove artificial fly only; add single barbless hook and bait ban |
| Hotnarko | 5-6 | Bait ban; single hook | Regional regulations | Remove bait ban and single hook |
| Howard | 5-1 | Winter closure; Dec 1-Mar 31; engine power restriction | Regional regulations | No winter closure |
| Jackson | 5-2 | Artificial fly only; bait ban; electric motors only | Regional regulations Waterbody Specific | Remove artificial fly and bait ban Regulations will be retained (artificial fly, bait ban, electric motors) |
| Junker | 5-11 | Bait ban; single barbless hook | R2 | Daily quota decreases from 4 to 2 (Tweedsmuir Park) |
| Kappan | 5-6 | Bait ban; single hook | Regional regulations | Remove bait ban and single hook |
| Kestrel | 5-2 | Winter closure: Nov 1-Apr 30; daily quota=2; bait ban; single hook | R3 | Daily quota decreases from 2 to 1; single hook changes to single barbless hook |
| Kidney | 5-11 | Bait ban; single barbless hook | R2 | Daily quota decreases from 4 to 2 (Tweedsmuir Park) |

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| Klinne | 5-2 | Artificial fly only; bait ban | Regional regulations | Remove artificial fly only and bait ban |
| Kloakut | 5-4 | Daily quota=4 | Regional regulations | Daily quota increases from 4 to 5 |
| Lemon | 5-2 | Daily quota=1; artificial fly only; single barbless hook | R3 | Add winter closure: Nov 1-Mar 31 No fishing through the ice ; remove artificial fly; add bait ban |
| Little Bishop | 5-13 | Winter closure: Nov 1-Apr 30; daily quota=2; bait ban; single barbless hook | R2 | No winter closure |
| Little Charlotte | 5-6 | Daily quota=4; bait ban; single hook | R2 | Daily quota decreases from 4 to 2; single hook changes to single barbless hook |
| Little Jones | 5-2 | Winter closure: Nov 1-Apr 30; trout release; bait ban; single hook | R4 | Winter closure changes from Nov 1-Apr 30 to Nov 1-Mar 31 No fishing through the ice ; single hook changes to single barbless hook |
| Lorin | 5-1 | Winter closure: Dec 1-Apr 30 | Regional regulations | No winter closure |
| Maud | 5-2 | Daily quota=2; artificial fly only; bait ban | R2 | Remove artificial fly; add single barbless hook |
| Maydoe | 5-6 | Daily quota=4; bait ban; single barbless hook | R2 | Daily quota decreases from 4 to 2 |
| McClinchy | 5-6 | Trout/char daily quota=4; bait ban; single barbless hook | R2 | Daily quota decreases from 4 to 2 |
| Middle | 5-5 | Daily quota=1 | R1 | Daily quota increases from 1 to 2 |
| Naglico | 6-1 | Daily quota=4; bait ban; single barbless hook | R2 | Daily quota decreases from 4 to 2 |
| Oslie | 5-2 | Trout release; artificial fly only; single barbless hook | R4 | Remove artificial fly; add bait ban |
| Palmer | 5-13 | Winter closure: Dec 1-Apr 30; daily quota=4; bait ban; single hook | Regional regulations | No winter closure; daily quota increases from 4 to 5; remove bait ban and single hook |
| Patenaude | 5-2 | Winter closure: Nov 1-Apr 30; trout release; bait ban; single barbless hook | R4 | Winter closure changes from Nov 1-Apr 30 to Nov 1-Mar 31 No fishing through the ice |

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| Pigeon 1 | 5-2 | Winter closure: Nov 1-Apr 30; daily quota=2 | R1 | No winter closure |
| Poisson 1 | 5-12 | Artificial fly only; bait ban | Regional regulations | Remove artificial fly only and bait ban |
| Sandy | 5-2 | Trout release; bait ban; single barbless hook | R4 | Add winter closure: Nov 1-Mar 31 No fishing through the ice |
| Sapeye | 5-5 | Artificial fly only; bait ban | Regional regulations | Remove artificial fly only and bait ban |
| Secret | 5-6 | Daily quota=1; bait ban; single barbless hook | R3 | Add winter closure: Nov 1-Mar 31 No fishing through the ice |
| Simon | 5-2 | Daily quota=2; single barbless hook | R2 | Add bait ban |
| Skinny | 5-15 | Bait ban; single hook | Regional regulations | Remove bait ban and single hook |
| Slim | 5-4 | Daily quota=2; artificial fly only; bait ban | R2 | Remove artificial fly only; add single barbless hook |
| Snag | 5-1 | Winter closure: Dec 1-Apr 30; daily quota=2; artificial fly only; bait ban; no power boats | R3 | Winter closure changes from Dec 1-Apr 30 to Nov 1-Mar 31 No fishing through the ice ; daily quota decreases from 2 to 1; remove artificial fly only; add single barbless hook |
| Square | 5-6 | Daily quota=4; bait ban; single barbless hook | R2 | Daily quota decreases from 4 to 2 |
| Squirrel | 6-1 | Daily quota=4; bait ban; single barbless hook | R2 | Daily quota decreases from 4 to 2 |
| Stewart | 5-6 | Trout/char daily quota=4; bait ban; single barbless hook | R2 | Daily quota decreases from 4 to 2 |
| Stum | 5-13 | Seasonal closure: Mar 1-Aug 31 | Regional regulations | ***Will remain closed from Mar 1-Aug 31 to protect Endangered American White Pelicans |
| Sulphurous | 5-1 | Lake trout release | Regional regulations | No change (lake trout release remains due to conservation concern; however this regulation is being reviewed under a different process) |
| Sunshine | 5-11 | Bait ban; single barbless hook | R2 | Daily quota decreases from 4 to 2 (Tweedsmuir Park) |

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| Tsuniah | 5-4 | Bait ban; single barbless hook | Regional regulations | Remove bait ban and single barbless hook |
| Turner | 5-11 | Bait ban; single barbless hook | R2 | Daily quota decreases from 4 to 2 |
| Tweedsmuir Park lakes | 5-11 | Daily quota=4 | Regional regulations | Daily quota increases from 4 to 5 |
| Vista | 5-11 | Bait ban; single barbless hook | R2 | Decrease daily quota from 4 to 2 (Tweedsmuir Park) |
| West King | 5-1 | Winter closure: Dec 1-Apr 30; daily quota=2; artificial fly only; bait ban; engine power restriction | R2 | Remove winter closure; remove artificial fly only; add single barbless hook |
| Whale | 5-2 | Winter closure: Nov 1-Apr 30; trout release | R3 R4 | Winter closure changes from Nov 1-Apr 30 to Nov 1-Mar 31; daily quota increases from 0 to 1; add single barbless hook and bait ban Will be moved to R4 Suite |
| Whale | 5-15 | Winter closure: Nov 1-Apr 30; daily and possession quotas=2; bait ban; single barbless hook | R2 | No winter closure; daily quota remains at 2 but possession quota increases from 2 to 4 |
| Widgeon | 5-11 | Bait ban; single barbless hook | R2 | Daily quota decreases from 4 to 2 |
| Wolf | 5-1 | Regional Regulations | R4 | Catch and release; bait ban; barbless; seasonal closure No fishing through the ice |
| Forest | 5-2 | No fishing Nov 1 – Mar 31; trout daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm); artificial fly only, bait ban; engine power restriction | Waterbody Specific | No fishing Nov 1-Mar 31 No fishing through the ice ; trout daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm); artificial fly only, bait ban; engine power restriction |
| Valentine | 5-2 | No fishing Dec 1 – Mar 31; Trout daily quota = 2; artificial fly only, bait ban; electric motors. | Waterbody Specific | No fishing Dec 1-Mar 31 No fishing through the ice ; Trout daily quota = 2; artificial fly only, bait ban; electric motors. |

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| Burbot... | 2 |
| Whitefish... | 15 |
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