

# LOWER MAINLAND Regional Regulations

# Region 2



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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**)

- **ALL 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.

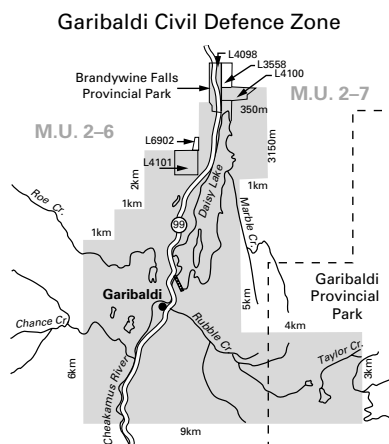
**Steelhead fishing in the Lower  
Mainland Region:** Your basic licence  
must be validated with a Conservation  
Surcharge Stamp if you intend to fish  
for **steelhead** anywhere in B.C.  
Please see page 7 for details.

**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 are being considered for wild  
bull trout/Dolly Varden in Chilliwack, Cultus  
and Chehalis lakes and in all streams that  
flow into tidal waters north of and including  
Jervis Inlet. These potential regulation changes  
would help ensure conservation of these  
important fisheries. If you have any  
information or concerns regarding these  
proposals, 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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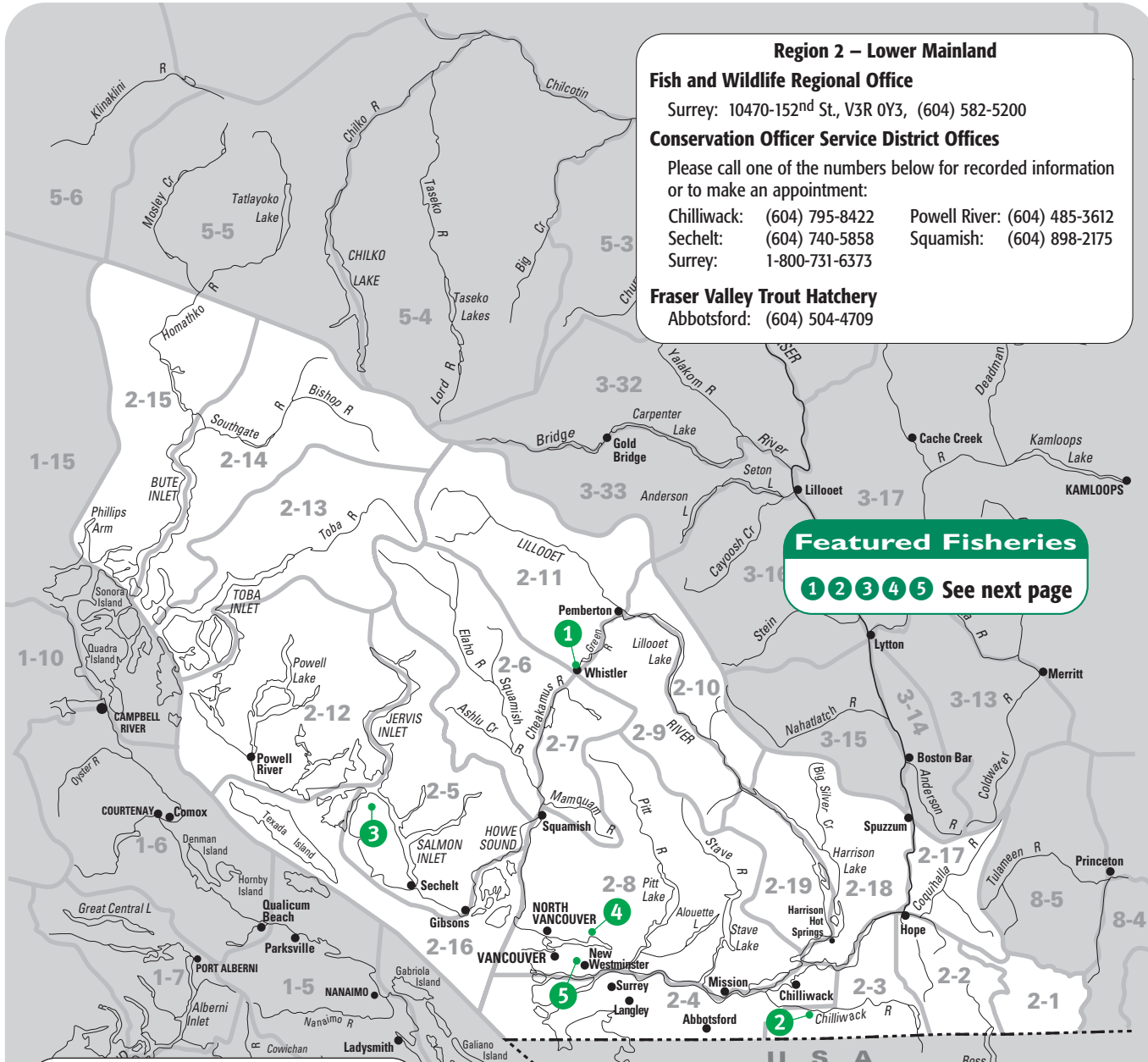
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**NOTE ... See the following tables for exceptions and additional regulations on specific waters.**

# 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.



**Region 2 – Lower Mainland**  
**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  
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 Surrey: 1-800-731-6373  
**Fraser Valley Trout Hatchery**  
 Abbotsford: (604) 504-4709

**Featured Fisheries**  
 1 2 3 4 5 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:  
 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  
 Sasamat Lake (Port Moody) ..... M.U. 2-8  
 Trout Lake (Vancouver) ..... M.U. 2-8  
 Lafarge Lake (Coquitlam) ..... M.U. 2-8

**Exotic Alert: Atlantic Salmon**

Please refer to the salmon section, p. 3

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

**For Salmon Information Only**  
**Fisheries and Oceans Canada District Offices (DFO)**  
 Chilliwack: (604) 824-3300  
 Delta: (604) 666-8266  
 Langley: (604) 607-4150  
 Mission: (604) 814-1055  
 Pender Harbour (604) 883-2313  
 Powell River (604) 485-7963  
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 Shellfish Information line: (604) 666-2828

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## Lower Mainland Featured Fisheries

Unsure of where to find good fishing? Looking for someplace new? Check out this year's selection! Fisheries featured in previous years are online at: [www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish/featured\\_fisheries.html](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish/featured_fisheries.html) Also go to "BC Feature Lake Guides" at [www.gofishbc.com](http://www.gofishbc.com) for highlighted stocked lakes in each region.

**1 Alta Lake** is located in the Resort Municipality of Whistler, home of the 2010 Winter Olympics. Sport fish in this lake include rainbow trout, Dolly Varden, kokanee, and hatchery cutthroat trout. Car access to the lake is available at Rainbow, Lakeside, and Wayside municipal parks. Alta Lake Park, where a newly built municipal dock offers excellent fishing opportunities, is accessible by foot along the paved Valley Trail. Enjoy beautiful views of Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains from the dock. Other activities available at the municipal parks include swimming, picnicking, and play areas for kids.

**2 The Chilliwack-Vedder River** is one of the most important recreational rivers in British Columbia. It has a world-class fishery that features steelhead as well as all of the five species of salmon. Most of the river is accessible by road and provides year-round opportunities for hiking, kayaking, and camping. The Rotary Vedder River Trail (part of the Trans Canada Trail) follows the river from Keith Wilson Bridge to Vedder Bridge. Hikers are treated with a view of farmlands and mountains, a blue heron rookery and interpretive center, as well as many interpretive markers along the way.



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**3 Klein Lake** is a beautiful lake and an excellent place to go swimming and canoeing at the north end of the Sechelt Peninsula near Earls Cove. It is also a popular local spot for fishing, as it is stocked with cutthroat trout. The lake is surrounded by a number of small treed B.C. Forest Service campsites best suited to tents and small campers. The lake also has a day use area with picnic tables and outhouses. A narrow gravel road provides access.

**4 Sasamat Lake** is located in Belcarra Regional Park near the town of Port Moody. It is a popular swimming spot as it has great sand beaches and warm water. The lake is stocked with rainbow trout and there are opportunities for shore fishing as well as fishing from a floating boardwalk. The Belcarra Picnic Area has sheltered wheelchair accessible picnic tables. White Pine Beach has a wheelchair accessible path, picnic tables and water access. All park washrooms are also wheelchair accessible. The Sasamat Lake Loop Trail circles Sasamat Lake and provides hiking opportunities for the whole family.

**5 Deer Lake**, located in the heart of the City of Burnaby, is accessible via public transit. The lake is stocked with rainbow trout and, in August when the water is warm, black crappie are quite active on the surface of the water and easy to catch. Canoes, kayaks, pedal boats, and rowboats can be rented at the lake, and shore fishing opportunities are also available. Surrounding the lake is a city park described as "the hub of arts, culture, and history." Deer Lake Park is host to a museum, an art gallery, a restaurant, and an outdoor Concert Bowl, providing something for everyone.

← See preceding page for map locations

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### Special Restrictions/Notes

|   |   | Management Unit<br>(Not all shown - see p. 5) | No Fishing | Catch & Release | Special Quota | Gear Restriction | Boating Restriction | Other | Special Restrictions/Notes   |
|---|---|---|------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------|-------|--|
| 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 *                        |   | 2-4   | ●          |                 |               |                  |                     |       | <b>Above and including Slesse Creek</b>  |
| (does not include Sumas River) (see map on page 37) |   |   | ●          | ●               |               |                  |                     |       | <b>Below Slesse Creek to Vedder Crossing bridge:</b> (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  |
|   |   |   | ●          | ●               | ●             | ●                |                     |       | <b>Below Vedder Crossing bridge:</b> (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   |
|   |   |   | ●          |                 |               |                  |                     | ●     | 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)  |
| Coquitlam River                                     |   | 2-8   | ●          |                 |               |                  |                     |       | 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   |
|   |   |   |            |                 |               |                  |                     | ●     | No power boats on parts  |
| Corbold Creek                                       |   | 2-8   |            |                 |               |                  |                     | ●     | Bait ban   |
| Cougar Canyon Creek                                 |   | 2-4   | ●          |                 |               |                  |                     |       |  |
| 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)

\*including tributaries

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|-----------------------------------|---|--|------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------|---|
| 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 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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# REGION 2

## Lower Mainland

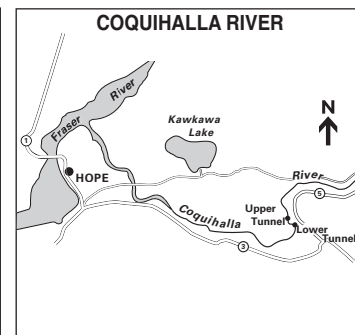
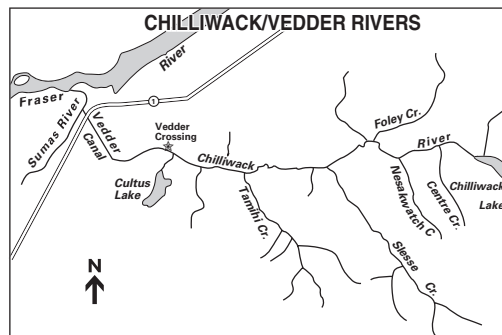
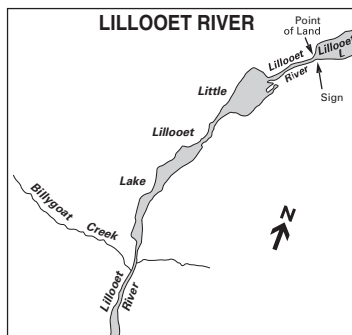
### Special Restrictions/Notes

|                         |      | Management Unit<br>(Not all shown - see p. 5) | No Fishing | Catch & Release | Special Quota | Gear Restriction | Boating Restriction | Other | Special Restrictions/Notes   |
|-------------------------|------|---|------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------|-------|--|
| 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  | ●   |            |                 |               |                  |                     |       |  |
| Nicomekl 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*  |
| North Lake              | 2-5  | ●   |            |                 |               |                  | ●                   |       | No power boats   |
| 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  |   | ●          |                 | ●             |                  |                     |       | <b>North</b> 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)   |
| Powell Lake *           | 2-12 | ●   |            |                 |               |                  | ●                   |       | Bait ban upstream of Pitt Lake   |
| Rodgers Creek *         | 2-8  | ●   |            |                 |               |                  |                     |       | Nov 1-Mar 31   |
| Rolley Lake             | 2-8  | ●   |            |                 |               |                  | ●                   |       | No power boats in One Mile Bay   |
| Ross Lake               | 2-2  | ●   |            | ●               | ●             |                  |                     |       | Nov 1-June 30  |
|                         |      |   | ●          | ●               | ●             |                  |                     |       | Char release, trout daily quota = 3 (none under 33 cm), bait ban   |
| Ruby Creek *            | 2-5  | ●   |            |                 |               |                  | ●                   |       | Note: Boundary between Ross Lake and Skagit River is marked by signs   |
| Ruby Lake               | 2-5  | ●   |            |                 |               |                  |                     |       | From Ruby Lake to signs 100 m downstream   |
|                         |      |   |            | ●               |               |                  |                     |       | 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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★: wheelchair accessible

\*including tributaries



# REGION 2

## Lower Mainland

### Special Restrictions/Notes

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Lower Mainland

|   |      | Management Unit<br>(Not all shown - see p. 5) | No Fishing | Catch & Release | Special Quota | Gear Restriction | Boating Restriction | Other | Special Restrictions/Notes  |
|---|------|---|------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------|-------|---|
| 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*                           |
|   |      |   |            |                 |               |                  |                     | ●     | No angling from power boats above dyke gates  |
| Seymour River   | 2-8  |   | ●          |                 |               |                  |                     |       | 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)                          |
|   |      |   |            |                 |               |                  |                     | ●     | Trout/char release (including steelhead); fly fishing only, and bait ban from Spur 4 bridge to signs at Spur 7                  |
| Seymour River's tributaries   | 2-8  |   | ●          |                 |               |                  |                     |       |   |
| 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  |
|   |      |   |            |                 |               |                  |                     | ●     | Note: boundary between Skagit River and Ross Lake is marked by signs  |
| South Alouette River  | 2-8  |   |            |                 |               |                  |                     | ●     | See Alouette River  |
| Squamish Powerhouse Channel<br>(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  |

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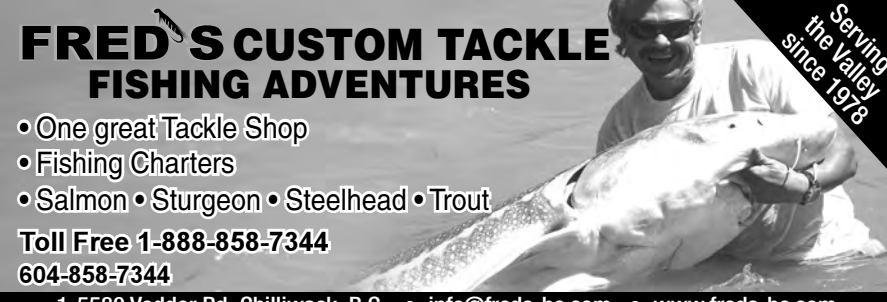
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## White Sturgeon Recovery Initiative

White sturgeon, North America's largest freshwater fish, is an intriguing and mysterious member of an ancient lineage. In 2003, the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) designated white sturgeon as an endangered species (see [www.cosewic.gc.ca](http://www.cosewic.gc.ca)). In August of 2006, four of the six populations of white sturgeon found in British Columbia were listed under the federal Species at Risk Act (SARA) including the Kootenay, Columbia, Nechako and Upper-Fraser populations (see [www.speciesatrisk.gc.ca](http://www.speciesatrisk.gc.ca)). Given these decisions, federal and provincial agencies are working together to address how sturgeon fisheries will be managed into the future in B.C.

SARA prohibits the capture or harming of listed species, so directed fisheries will not be permitted on the listed populations. The Nechako, Columbia, and Kootenay rivers were previously closed to sturgeon fishing due to declining populations and a lack of reproductive success. These populations have been the subject of extensive recovery efforts to prevent their extinction (see [www.uppercolumbiasturgeon.org](http://www.uppercolumbiasturgeon.org) and [www.nechakowhitesturgeon.org](http://www.nechakowhitesturgeon.org)). The Upper Fraser population (upstream of the Nechako River confluence) was listed under SARA because it is very small and inherently vulnerable. **The closed area for white sturgeon fishing on the Fraser River will extend from the headwaters, downstream as far as the mouth of Williams Lake River.** This area includes the upstream portion of the Middle-Fraser population as the numbers of fish in this part of the river are also very low and will not support a sustainable fishery.

In addition to the sturgeon fishing closure, **a bait ban is being considered for all or part of this closed portion of the Fraser River** to reduce the chance of these fish being caught by anglers fishing for other species. The Ministry would like your input on this proposal, and would like to understand how you might be affected by a bait ban in this area (see below).

The Lower and Middle-Fraser River sturgeon populations are not listed under SARA, and the popular "catch and release" fisheries will remain on the Fraser River and its tributaries downstream of Williams Lake River, given that the populations in this part of the watershed are robust enough to support sport fishing. However, the Lower and Middle-Fraser populations are still



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### Juvenile sturgeon raised at the Kootenay White Sturgeon Conservation Hatchery

considered to be at risk, in part because of habitat loss and historic harvest levels, so the management strategy for recreational fishing must be consistent with rebuilding or maintenance of these populations. A **conservation plan** for the Fraser River populations was recently completed (see <http://frasersturgeon.com>) which identifies some of the opportunities for future management. Anglers are requested to take extra care when catching and releasing these fish; please refer to "Releasing Sturgeon" at: [www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish)

To help gain important information on fishing effort and success, **the Ministry is considering instituting a Sturgeon Conservation Surcharge Stamp**, similar to the one in effect for steelhead fishing (see page 7). All, or a portion of the revenue from this stamp could be used to support sturgeon management and recovery efforts. The Ministry would like your input on this proposal (see below).

As required by SARA, a single recovery strategy is currently being developed that will identify the recovery needs for the species as a whole. This and previous plans have been developed with participation from government agencies, First Nations, and stakeholders, and will guide future recovery actions, management, and research. Planning efforts support the need for ongoing research that examines factors such as the effects of hydroelectric dams, the loss of floodplain habitats, the impacts of pollution, and (for the middle and lower Fraser) the impacts of commercial, food, and sport fishing.

For the populations outside the mainstem Fraser River, declining numbers and reproductive failure have made conservation-based fish culture necessary. Artificial rearing of white sturgeon is being pursued in carefully designed breeding plans and has resulted in the successful reintroduction of juvenile sturgeon into these waters. Monitoring of released fish will answer key questions and support the recovery of naturally reproducing populations.

### Sturgeon anglers are encouraged to provide feedback on the bait ban and Conservation Surcharge Stamp proposals.

Please forward your comments to:

White Sturgeon Regulations,  
Ministry of Environment, Fish & Wildlife Branch,  
PO Box 9363, STN PROV GOVT, Victoria, B.C. V8W 9M2



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Left: **Catch-and-release sturgeon fishing in the lower Fraser River still generates once-in-a-lifetime experiences**  
Right: **A wild adult Nechako River white sturgeon being gently handled in the pilot conservation fish culture recovery program of the Freshwater Fisheries Society of B.C.**