

Attention Freshwater Anglers

Effective April 1, 2009, you must release **wild trout & char** from all streams and sloughs in Lower Mainland Region (Region 2).

This change now makes the entire Region “catch and release” for **wild trout & char** in streams and sloughs. It is important to note that the long-standing exception for streams that flow into tidal waters north of and including Jervis Inlet is no longer in effect.

Reasons for the change:

- ◆ The change is required to help conserve wild fish stocks, primarily anadromous and resident cutthroat trout and char (Dolly Varden & bull trout).
- ◆ There is high angler support for “catch and release” of wild fish.
- ◆ The north coast of Region 2 is experiencing an increase in human activity and development.
- ◆ This change harmonizes and simplifies regional freshwater fishing regulations.

Please refer to the Freshwater Fishing Regulations Synopsis for a complete list of provincial and regional angling regulations, including daily catch quotas.

Refer to the following website for in-season regulation changes: www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish/regulations/changes/region2.html

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