

# Wigwam River Angling Management Plan - Summary Form

## 1. BASIC INFORMATION

Stream (Name) Wigwam River Section Watershed Location Southeastern B.C.  
 Classified Water  Unclassified  Region (Name) 4 (Kootenays) M.U. 4 - 2 WSC 349-248100-049000

## 2. PHYSICAL PARAMETERS

Total Length Of Main Stem Stream (km) 56 Watershed Area (km<sup>2</sup>) 737  
 Fishable Length Of Main Stem Stream (km) 28 Fishable Tributaries 5 - 10 small tribs  
 Average Width In Fishable Length (m) 5 - 15

## 3. ACCESS STATUS

	Extensive	Limited	None
Road	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drift Boat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Power Boat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fixed Wing Aircraft	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Helicopter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 4. ANGLING

### STREAMSIDE ACTIVITIES:

General Angling Season From NA To NA None  Limited  Extensive   
 Classified Angling Season From \* June 15 To March 31  
 Peak Angling Season From \* July 1 To October 1 Water clarity, discharge, public access, angler density  
 Angling Conditions: Good  Poor  Unpredictable  (List Activities Affecting Angling)

\* Season is shorter for Upper Wigwam River, upstream from Recreation Site at km 42 of Bighorn Forest Service Road

Refer to section 12. "Narrative" and per *Freshwater Fishing Regulations Synopsis*

## 5. STOCK STATUS (Primary sport fish)

	Adequate	Depressed	Endangered	Not Known	Not Applicable
Steelhead - Summer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Steelhead - Winter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trout (Indicate Species) <u>Westslope cutthroat trout</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Char (Indicate Species) <u>Bull trout</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Salmon (Indicate Species)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (Indicate Species) <u>Mountain whitefish</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**6. WATER - SPECIFIC REGULATIONS – Tools being applied.**

- Classified as Class II Inland (non-anadromous).
- Allocation of a limited number of angler days to angling guides following Ministry policy.
- Other angling use recommendations refer to section 12. "Narrative"
- Angling regulations per *Freshwater Fishing Regulations Synopsis* published annually.

**7. PRESENT (2002) ANGLER USE & ANGLER DAY ALLOCATION**

Est. Total Angler use (Days)	<u>&gt; 1000</u>				
No. of Licensed Guides	<u>21</u>	No. Angling Guide Base Camps	<u>&lt; 5</u>	Satellite Camps	<u>&lt; 5</u>
Total Guided Angler Days	<u>212</u>	No. Boats Operated by Guides – Power	<u>Est 0</u>	Drift	<u>UNK</u>
Other Transportation	<u>Some helicopter access</u>				

**9. RECOMMENDED ANGLER USE & ANGLER DAY ALLOCATION**

Total Angler use (Days)	<u>600</u>				
No. of Licensed Guides	<u>No limit</u>	No. Angling Guide Base Camps	<u>NA</u>	Satellite Camps	<u>NA</u>
Total Guided Angler Days	<u>150</u>	No. Boats Operated by Guides – Power	<u>NA</u>	Drift	<u>NA</u>
Other Transportation	<u>NA</u>				

**11. RECOMMENDED ENFORCEMENT AND MONITORING ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT TOOLS**


- River guardian presence annually as resources are available, full angler use survey 2-3 times per decade as resources permit
- Annual or bi-annual biological monitoring of primary sport fish species status as resources permit.
- Electronic licensing when available, in the interim, licence counterfoil data entry annually.
- Improved system for guided angler day accountability.
- Refer to section 12. "Narrative"

**12. NARRATIVE (Use additional pages, if required)**

Attachments:

- Document: [Status Report. East Kootenay Angling Management Plan. December 2003. 30 p.](#)
- Map: [Kootenay Region Class II Classified Waters](#)

**13. REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION**

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Valid As Of:	