



## 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 on 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 page 9 for details. (See tables for exceptions).

## ZONE B (PEACE) REGULATIONS

Zone B regulations are now presented in a separate chapter. Please refer to pages 74-77.

## OMINECA WHITE STURGEON

White sturgeon from the Nechako, Stuart and the Upper Fraser watersheds have been listed as **endangered** under the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA). It is now illegal to fish for, kill, harm, or harass white sturgeon in Omineca Region. Recovery actions have been underway since 2006; more than 15,000 juvenile sturgeon have now been released into the Nechako River to help rebuild this critically endangered population. Habitat research is progressing with the release of more the 250,000 larval sturgeon in 2008 to help understand habitat needs and how to restore rearing areas for this critical life stage.

Help from the public will also be necessary for recovery and the Nechako White Sturgeon Recovery Initiative requests that you report date and location of **all** sightings or incidental captures, particularly in the Upper Nechako, Fraser Lake and Stuart/Takla Watersheds. 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 either of these web sites:

[www.nechakowhitesturgeon.org](http://www.nechakowhitesturgeon.org) or [www.env.gov.bc.ca/omineca/esd/faw/sturgeon](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/omineca/esd/faw/sturgeon)



Conservation-cultured juvenile sturgeon recaptured at age two.

📷 Mickey McDonald

## 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)

**White Sturgeon: CLOSED TO ALL FISHING**

**Whitefish: 15** (all species combined)

## TABLE LEGEND

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



- ➔ Stocked Lake (not all stocked lakes listed, see p. 85)
- cw** Classified Waters Licence required to fish Class I or Class II waters, see p. 8
- \* Including tributaries
- ⊛ Age Restricted Waters

## DAILY AND ANNUAL CATCH QUOTAS FOR SALMON

Please refer to the NOTICE on page 4 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.



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**Family Fishing Waters**  
on page 73.

# REGION 7A - Omineca

## WATER-SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

	MANAGEMENT UNIT (NOT ALL SHOWN - SEE PAGE 5)	REG. SUITE +	EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
AIRLINE LAKE	7-28		<b>No fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release
AMANITA LAKE	7-17		Electric motors only
ARCTIC LAKE	7-23		<b>No fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
ATTICHIKA CREEK	7-39		<b>Closed all year</b> 500 m upstream & downstream of the Thorn Creek confluence <b>Closed all year</b> 500 m upstream & downstream of the Kemess Creek confluence
BEAR LAKE (Crooked River Park)	7-16		No powered boats
BEAVERLEY CREEK	7-10		Exempt from Spring Closure and from bait ban 🕒 Age restriction (see page 5)
BEDNESTI LAKE	7-12		<b>No fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
BLACKWATER RIVER	7-10		See West Road River
BOWRON RIVER	7-7		Exempt from Spring Closure; no rainbow trout under 30 cm
BYERS LAKE	7-15	SL-1	Trout/char daily quota = 2
CANOE RIVER	7-2		Exempt from Spring Closure; rainbow trout release Apr 1-June 30
CARINA LAKE	7-38		<b>No fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
CARP LAKE	7-24		<b>No fishing</b> from marker buoys to the mouth of the McLeod River, Apr 1-June 30
CHICHOUENILY CREEK	7-30		Exempt from Spring Closure; also EXEMPT from bait ban below signs near its mouth
CHIEF GRAY (Bitch) LAKE	7-12	SL-4	<b>No fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
CHUBB LAKE	7-10		Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
CHUCHI LAKE	7-28		<b>No fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout daily quota = 2; no set lines
CLUCULZ LAKE	7-12		Lake trout release; no set lines
CROOKED RIVER	7-24		<b>No fishing</b> downstream (north) of the 200 Road bridge, Apr 1-June 30 Rainbow trout release and exempt from Spring Closure upstream (south) of the 200 Road bridge, Apr 1-June 30 Engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
CUNNINGHAM LAKE	7-25		<b>No fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout possession quota = 2 (only one over 50 cm); no set lines
DAHL LAKE	7-12		No powered boats
DAVIS BAY (in Findlay Reach of Williston Lake)	7-37		<b>Closed all year</b> within a 500 m radius of the Davis Forest Service Road bridge. See Davis River
DAVIS RIVER *	7-37		<b>Closed all year</b>
DEM LAKE	7-25		<b>No fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
DINA CREEK	7-30		<b>Closed all year</b>
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		<b>No fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
ECHO LAKE	7-13	SL-1	Brook trout daily quota = 2; no powered boats
EENA LAKE	7-15		Electric motors only
EMERALD LAKE	7-15		No powered boats
ENDAKO RIVER	7-12		<b>No fishing</b> Nov 15-June 30
EVERETT LAKE	7-5	SL-3	<b>No fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 1 (none over 40 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook
EYE LAKE	7-26		<b>No fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release
FERGUSON LAKE	7-15		No powered boats
FINLAY RIVER	7-40		Exempt from Spring Closure
FRASER LAKE	7-13		Lake trout daily quota = 1 (none under 60 cm)
FRASER RIVER	7-9		Exempt from Spring Closure; also EXEMPT from bait ban above Cottonwood River
FRIDAY LAKE	7-27		<b>No fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release
GAGNON CREEK	7-30		Exempt from Spring Closure below signs near its mouth
GANTHAZ LAKE	7-30		Electric motors only
GOAT RIVER *	7-5		<b>No fishing</b> upstream of the Macleod Creek confluence, including Macleod Cr *, Sept 1-June 30
HART LAKE (Crooked River Park)	7-16	SL-3	<b>No fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 1 (none over 40 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook; electric motors only
HART LAKE (Fort St. James)	7-25	SL-4	<b>No fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
HATDUDATEHL LAKE	7-26		<b>No fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
HAUTETE LAKE	7-27		<b>No fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
HEDRICK LAKE	7-18	SL-4	<b>No fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Trout/char release; bait ban, single barbless hook

➤ Please refer to "Regulations Simplification" article on Page 90.

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**EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS**

HOBSON LAKE	➔	7-12	SL-4	<b>No fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
HUMPHREY LAKE		7-38		<b>No fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
INDATA LAKE		7-28		<b>No fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30; Lake trout possession quota = 2 (only one over 50 cm); no set lines
ISPAH LAKE		7-7		No powered boats
JOHN'S LAKE		7-38		<b>No fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Bull trout release
KEMESS CREEK		7-39		<b>Closed all year</b> from Attichka Creek to a point 500 m upstream
KINBASKET LAKE'S TRIBUTARIES		7-2		See definition of "stream mouth", page 96
KWITZIL LAKE	➔	7-12		No powered boats
LA SALLE LAKES	➔	7-3		No powered boats
LAVOIE LAKE		7-11		<b>No fishing</b> Nov. 1-Apr. 30 Rainbow trout daily quota=3, (none over 40 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook
LITTLE LOST LAKE	➔	7-3	SL-2	<b>No fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
"LITTLE TOMAS" LAKE		7-25		<b>No fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines; unnamed lake approx. 300 m downstream of Tomas Lake
"LOWER BEAVERPOND" LAKE		7-38		<b>No fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines Lowermost of the two Beaverpond Lakes
LYNX LAKE	➔	7-15		Electric motors only
"MACKENZIE LAKE #2 EAST"	➔	7-10	SL-1	<b>Rainbow trout daily quota = 2</b> 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		<b>No fishing</b> Sept. 1-June 30
MANSON RIVER		7-28		Rainbow trout release
MCGREGOR RIVER		7-16		Exempt from Spring Closure
MCLENNAN RIVER		7-4		<b>No fishing</b> Apr 1-Aug 31
MCLEOD RIVER		7-24		Artificial fly only, from Carp Lake to War Falls (excluding War Lake)
MCMILLAN CREEK		7-15		Exempt from Spring Closure and from bait ban; ⚡ Age restriction (see page 5)
MIDDLE RIVER		7-26		Exempt from Spring Closure
MORFEE LAKE (South)	➔	7-30		Electric motors only
"MT. MILLIGAN" LAKE		7-28	SL-4	<b>No fishing</b> Nov. 1-Apr. 30 Rainbow trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook; unnamed lake located approx. 7.5 km S/SE of Mt. Milligan
MUGAHA CREEK		7-30		EXEMPT from bait ban; ⚡ Age restriction (see page 5)
NAKINILERAK LAKE		7-27		<b>No fishing</b> Nov. 1-Apr. 30 Lake trout possession quota = 2 (only one over 50 cm); no set lines
NARROW LAKE		7-7		No set lines
NATION ARM (Williston Lake)		7-30		<b>No fishing</b> west of a line between two boundary signs approx. 500 m downstream (east) of the Nation River bridge on the Finlay Forest Service Road., 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 Forest Service Road (when open)
NAUTLEY RIVER		7-13		Exempt from Spring Closure
NATION RIVER		7-30		See Nation Arm (Williston Lake)
NECHAKO RIVER		7-12		Exempt from Spring Closure 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 <b>No fishing</b> for white sturgeon Exempt from bait ban downstream of Foothills Boulevard bridge in Prince George
NULKI LAKE	➔	7-12		<b>No fishing</b> west of a line between signs on lakeshore near mouth of Corkscrew Creek, Apr 1-May 31
OPATCHO LAKE	➔	7-9	SL-3	<b>No fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 <b>Rainbow trout daily quota = 1 (none over 40 cm);</b> bait ban, single barbless hook
PACIFIC LAKE		7-16		<b>No fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
PARSNIP RIVER		7-23		Exempt from Spring Closure
PINCHI LAKE		7-25		<b>NOTE: see mercury warning, page 68</b>
PINKERTON LAKE		7-7		<b>No fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 3; bait ban, single barbless hook
PORTAGE LAKE		7-16		<b>No fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
PTARMIGAN CREEK		7-5		<b>Closed all year</b> from falls to quarry bridge
PURVIS LAKE		7-28		<b>No fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
SALMON RIVER		7-15		Exempt from Spring Closure
SHANDY LAKE		7-5		Electric motors only
SHERE LAKE		7-4	SL-1	<b>Brook trout daily quota = 2</b>
SLENDER LAKE		7-6		No set lines
SLIM LAKE		7-5		Electric motors only
SQUARE LAKE	➔	7-16		No powered boats In Crooked River Provincial Park (formerly "Squaw" Lake)
"SQUAW" LAKE	➔	7-16		See Square Lake
STALK LAKES		7-39		Bait ban



# REGION 7A - Omineca

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STELLAKO RIVER	cw	7-12		Open June 1-Nov 14; <b>Class II water * when open (Steelhead Stamp not required)</b> Rainbow trout release Fly fishing only between signs approx. 250 m and 4 km below the bridge near the François Lake outlet No powered boats from François Lake to the falls See Region 6 tables for restrictions applying to François Lake's outlet area
STONY LAKE		7-6		No set lines
STUART RIVER		7-15		Exempt from Spring Closure; rainbow trout release, Apr 1-June 30
SWIFT CREEK		7-2		<b>No fishing</b> Apr 1-Aug 31 <b>Closed all year</b> from upstream side of weir to CNR bridge in Valemount
TATLATUI LAKE		7-39		Rainbow trout daily quota = 2
TCHENTLO LAKE		7-28		<b>No fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout possession quota = 2 (only one over 50 cm); no set lines
TEBBUTT LAKE	➔	7-13	SL-4	<b>No fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Brook trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
THORN CREEK		7-39		<b>Closed all year</b> from Attichika Creek to a point 500 m upstream
TOMAS LAKE		7-25		<b>No fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
TOMIAS LAKE		7-38		<b>No fishing</b> 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		<b>No fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout possession quota = 2 (only one over 50 cm); no set lines
TSITNIZ LAKE		7-9		No powered 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		Exempt from Spring Closure 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		<b>No fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
WICHEEDA LAKE		7-16		<b>No fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 3; bait ban, single barbless hook
WILLISTON LAKE (in Zone A)		7-30 7-37 7-38		No rainbow trout under 30 cm; kokanee daily quota = 4 See Nation Arm REMINDER: Arctic grayling release from tributaries <b>See mercury warning on page 68</b> , and definition of "stream mouth" page 96
WILLOW RIVER		7-9		Exempt from Spring Closure; no rainbow trout under 30 cm
WINDY POINT LAKE	➔	7-24		Electric motors only
WITCH LAKE		7-28		<b>No fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines

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# Family Fishing Waters

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### Ferguson Lake

**North of Prince George.** Head north on Hwy 97 (Hart Highway) from Prince George and take the exit for Kelly Road North. After approximately 1 km, turn left onto Ferguson Lake road and follow to the lake.

**Facilities:** Nature Park with day-use picnic area, pit-toilets, car-top boat launch and a fishing dock

**Regulations:** Regional regulations; no powered boats

**Species:** Stocked rainbow trout & brook trout

### Eena Lake

**North of Prince George.** Head north on Hwy 97 (Hart Highway) from Prince George and turn west (left) on Chief Lake Rd. After travelling 12 km, turn right, following Chief Lake Rd. to Eena Lake Rd. From Eena Lake Road, turn left onto Woods Rd. right onto Qinn Road and follow to the boat launch at the lake.

**Facilities:** Gravel boat launch

**Regulations:** Regional regulations; electric motors only

**Species:** Stocked rainbow trout

### Kwitzil Lake (Gravel Pit Lake)

**West of Prince George.** From Prince George, drive west on Hwy 16 for 32 km. Approximately 2 km after passing the second Telechick Rd. on your right, take the short road to the south (left) off the highway to the lake. If you reach Isle Pierre Rd. on the right or Norman Lake Rd. on the left you have gone too far.

**Facilities:** Parking lot – no facilities (day use)

**Regulations:** Regional regulations; no powered boats

**Species:** Stocked brook trout and rainbow trout

### Nulki Lake

**Southwest of Vanderhoof.** From Vanderhoof, drive south on Kenny Dam Rd. for approximately 14 km. Pass through the Stoney Creek Reserve and continue another 3 - 4 km (still on Kenny Dam Rd.) to the Saik'uz Park and Campground. Turn left into the campground.

**Facilities:** Full facilities- good boat launch, camping, cabins, potlatch house/ community hall

**Regulations:** Regional regulations. No fishing west of a line between signs on the lakeshore near the mouth of Corkscrew Creek from April 1 – May 31 to protect spawning trout

**Species:** Stocked and wild rainbow trout



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