

WELCOME TO THE ONLINE FRESHWATER FISHING REGULATIONS SYNOPSIS FOR THE 2010-2011 FISHING SEASON

In this printer-friendly version we have re-organized the synopsis by:

- Consolidating the **Provincial Regulations**, plus the **Regional Regulations** for each of the nine regions
- Creating separate sections for
 - » **Other Important Information**
 - » **The Feature Articles**
 - » **The Family Fishing Waters** suggested for each region, and
- Collecting all the synopsis photos into a new **Photo Gallery**.

If you are interested in the advertisements that supported the published paper version of the synopsis, please refer to the original synopsis in pdf format at [\[url\]](#)

NOTE: There are only a few regulation changes for the 2010-2011 fishing season. Please check the separate "**In-Season Regulations Changes**" site [\[url\]](#), organized by region, for changes, updates, and reminders before going fishing.

Some Reminders for the 2010-2011 Fishing Season

Region 2: All waters in the **Squamish River Watershed**, including **Cheakamus River** and other tributaries, are closed to the retention of all steelhead, including hatchery steelhead. This is to facilitate the restoration of populations affected by the 2005 rail spill.

Region 4: The ministry's new **zero-tolerance policy on the illegal spread of fish** has been implemented in this region on a pilot basis. Please refer to the article on **Illegal Fish Introductions** [\[url\]](#). The region is now **CLOSED** to bass, yellow perch, walleye and pike fishing, **EXCEPT** as noted in the regional tables, where new quotas are listed for some existing fisheries.

- The **Upper West Arm of Kootenay Lake** is only open to kokanee harvest May 1 - 31.

Region 5: Due to the presence of illegally introduced bass in the lakes of the **Beaver Creek watershed**, all those lakes are closed to bass fishing.

Region 8: **Okanagan Lake** may again be opened to kokanee fishing on a trial basis this summer. Please monitor the **In-Season Regulations Changes** [\[url\]](#) for details.

2010 Survey of Recreational Fishing in Canada

Every five years British Columbia participates in a national survey of sport fishing, which summarizes angling activity within British Columbia and across Canada. This survey is the only consistent source of data on topics such as expenditures, angler preferences and attitudes on a variety of issues that affect fishing.

This survey will be mailed out early in 2011 to a sample of randomly selected resident and non-resident anglers who purchased fishing licences in 2010. If you receive a survey, please take a few minutes to fill it out and return it as soon as possible. We value your contribution to the improvement of sport fishing opportunities in British Columbia.