

DEFINITIONS YOU SHOULD KNOW

1 cm

adipose fin ... see diagram on page 10 in this section.

adult chinook salmon ... defined in the [Freshwater Salmon Supplement](#) (see page 4 in this section).

anadromous ... swimming up rivers from the ocean to spawn (for example, steelhead).

above ... when used in reference to a lake or stream means "upstream of".

angle ... see page 9 in this section.

angler ... a person who angles.

annual ... the licence year, beginning April 1 and ending on March 31.

artificial fly ... a single-pointed hook that is dressed only with fur, feathers, hair, textiles, tinsel and/or wire, and to which no external weight or external attracting device is attached. Two or more hooks tied in tandem is not permitted. Where gear is restricted to artificial flies, floats and sinkers may be attached [to the line](#).

bait ... see page 9 in this section.

barbless hook ... a hook without a barb on any part of the hook, including both the point and shank. Existing tackle may be modified by completely removing the barb, or by crimping the barb down so that its point is flush against the shaft.

below ... when used in reference to a lake or stream means "downstream of".

chumming ... see page 9 in this section.

Classified Waters ... see page 8 in this section.

confluence ... a place where two streams meet.

creek ... see streams.

day ... a legal fishing day runs from midnight on one night to midnight on the following night.

down-rigging ... see page 9 in this section.

fish ... means fin fish, shellfish and crustaceans (such as crayfish) in any life stage, including eggs.

fly fishing ... angling with a line to which only an artificial fly is attached (floats, sinkers, or attracting devices may not be attached to the line when fishing is restricted to "fly fishing only").

hatchery trout ... in some waters, hatchery trout may be harvested but wild trout must be released. In these waters, hatchery trout are marked before stocking by removal of their adipose fin (see illustration on p. 10 in this section). Therefore, these hatchery trout must have a healed scar in place of the missing fin.

ice fishing ... see page 9 in this section.

kokanee ... a land-locked sockeye salmon.

landed immigrant ... a permanent resident of Canada (as defined in federal statute).

Management Unit ... a Management Unit is a subdivision of a region. For detailed maps of Management Units, the British Columbia Recreational Atlas is available at many bookstores.

max ... abbreviation for maximum.

min ... abbreviation for minimum.

non-resident ... means you are not a "resident", but (a) you are a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant, OR (b) your primary residence is in Canada, AND you have resided in Canada for the immediately preceding 12 months.

non-resident alien ... means you are neither a "resident" nor a "non-resident".

ordinary residence ... a residential dwelling where a person normally lives, with all associated connotations including a permanent mailing address, telephone number, furnishings and storage of automobile; the address on one's driver's licence and automobile registration, where one is registered to vote. A motor home or vessel at a campsite or marina is not considered to be an ordinary residence.

possession quota ... the number of fish of any species that an angler may have in his/her possession at any given time, EXCEPT at place of [ordinary residence](#) (see above). In most instances, the possession quota is two times the daily quota. See Tables for exceptions.

resident ... means your primary residence is in British Columbia, AND (a) you are a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant, AND have been physically present in B.C. for the greater portion of each of 6 calendar months out of the immediately preceding 12 calendar months, OR (b) you are NOT a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant, but have been physically present in B.C. for the greater portion of each of the immediately preceding 12 calendar months.

river ... see streams.

set line ... see page 9 in this section.

single hook ... a hook having only one point. (In contrast, a treble hook is a hook having three points on a common shaft.)

Note: use of a treble hook is permitted unless "single hook" is specified.

slough ... a stagnant channel or backwater.

snagging (foul hooking) ... hooking a fish in any other part of its body other than the mouth. Attempting to snag fish of any species is prohibited. Any fish willfully or accidentally snagged must be released immediately.

spear fishing ... see page 9 in this section.

sport fishing ... fishing for recreation and not for sale or barter. Sport fishing includes angling, spear fishing, set lining and crayfish trapping.

steelhead ... a rainbow trout longer than 50 cm in waters where [anadromous](#) rainbow trout are found. Both hatchery and wild steelhead may be found in B.C. waters.

streams ... flowing waters (rivers, sloughs and creeks). Note that standing water behind a beaver dam on a stream is considered part of the stream.

stream mouth ... the point at which the surface elevation of a stream and the water body into which it flows are the same, except as posted by signs or markers, or otherwise defined.

tributaries ... all streams that contribute to a larger stream or to a lake.

trout ... all regulations that apply to trout (as a group) also apply to char unless char are specifically excluded.

watershed ... all the streams and lakes that drain the land into a named waterbody, including the named waterbody itself.

wild trout ... in some waters, hatchery trout may be harvested but wild trout must be released. In these waters, wild trout will not be marked as hatchery fish and will have a normal adipose fin (see illustration on page 10 in this section), or will have an unhealed scar in place of that fin, if missing.

year ... the period beginning April 1 and ending March 31 (the licence period).

2 cm

3 cm

4 cm

5 cm

6 cm

7 cm

8 cm

9 cm

10 cm

11 cm

12 cm

13 cm

14 cm

15 cm

16 cm

17 cm

18 cm

19 cm

20 cm

21 cm

22 cm

23 cm

24 cm

25 cm

Freshwater game fish are defined as follows:

Trout

- rainbow trout
- steelhead
- cutthroat trout
- brown trout

Char

- Dolly Varden
- bull trout*
- lake trout
- brook trout
- lake whitefish
- mountain whitefish

Bass

- largemouth bass
- smallmouth bass

* any bull trout that you catch and keep must be counted as part of your Dolly Varden quota

Other

- kokanee
- Arctic grayling
- burbot (ling)
- white sturgeon
- black crappie
- northern pike
- yellow perch
- walleye
- goldeye
- inconnu
- crayfish