



**Proposal for Regulation Change:  
Guidelines for Information Requirements  
Skeena Fisheries Advisory Committee**

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Skeena River and tributaries

**Existing Regulation(s):**

10 Chinook per year on a fresh water license  
30 Chinook per year on a salt water license

**Proposal:** Include a concise & accurate description of the proposed regulation (e.g. increase daily possession limit for cutthroat trout from 2/day to 4/day on Skeena River downstream of Exchamsiks/Skeena rivers confluence).

2 Chinook per year on fresh water  
5 Chinook per year on a salt water license

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Our Chinook are in dire straits. The sports fishing has a huge impact on our chinook, and the existing regulations entitle each license holder 40 Chinook. The Chinook come to fresh water to spawn and die, and we should let them do that. The sports fishermen, both salt and fresh water, are killing enough Chinook for a commercial fishery. We need to stop this before it's too late, as it is for the East coast cod. The Ecstall River is a great example of catch and release working.

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All Classified rivers in Skeena Region 6

**Existing Regulation(s):**

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Classified license fees should be raised to \$100/day for all non residents (Canadian or alien). People who are not B.C. residents do not pay enough to fish these special waters

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If the Classified licenses are raised to \$100/day, that would mean 75% less anglers and the Province would make more money. These rivers were classified because they are special, and all non B.C. residents should pay more to angle here. The Province could then back off of trying to sell as many licenses as they can, which is currently creating the zoo we are seeing on all our classified rivers. If less anglers show up, then maybe we can attain a quality angling experience for all anglers, which the Quality Waters Strategy did not accomplish.



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Skeena watershed.

**Existing Regulation(s):**

Catch and release of wild steelhead. No limit.

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“That the Northern Branch of the Steelhead Society of BC encourages the province to investigate the concept of a catch and release limit for steelhead in the Skeena watershed on the premise that there is no number attached to it, as part of best practises for steelhead conservation.”

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**Rationale**

1-Reducing numbers of fish caught multiple times.

2-Crowding and pressure is increasing.

3-Fish that are caught multiple times could be more prone to mortality.

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The Northern Branch of the SSBC requests that during the summer and fall season that at least one Conservation from each office be dedicated solely to fisheries issues.

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Rationale

1-Provide more enforcement of existing regulations.

2-With cuts to Conservation Officer Service many times they do not have the time or resources to enforce existing rules and regulations as they have other duties as well not related to fisheries.

3-With an Officer dedicated out of each office to fisheries issues would provide much needed enforcement of regulations.

4-Less offences of regulations will take place.

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