

# SKEENA Regional Regulations

# Region 6



## Regional Daily Catch Quotas

(See tables for exceptions)

**Trout/char: 5, but not more than**

- ▶ 1 over 50 cm (includes steelhead)
- ▶ 2 from streams
- ▶ 3 Dolly Varden/bull trout and lake trout combined

**and you must release**

- trout/char under 30 cm from any stream
- steelhead from **Skeena River watershed** and **Nass River watershed**, July 1 to Dec. 31
- steelhead over 90 cm from any water on the Queen Charlotte Islands (in M.U. 6-12 or 6-13)
- lake trout from **Fraser, Skeena, and Nass River watersheds**, Sept. 15 to Nov. 30

**Kokanee:** 10 (none from streams)

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

**Arctic grayling:** 3

**Burbot:** 5

**Inconnu:** 1

**Northern pike:** 5

**Sturgeon:** catch and release only

## Possession Quotas

**Possession quotas = 2 daily quotas.**

See tables for exceptions

## Monthly Catch Quotas

**Steelhead:** 2 from any individual lake or stream, *unless annual quotas are less or otherwise noted in the tables.* See tables for Kitimat River and Yakoun River exceptions.

## Daily and Annual Catch Quotas for Salmon

Please refer to the **NOTICE** on page 3 for **Salmon Regulations**.

## Steelhead Stamp Requirement

Before fishing steelhead waters, please refer to the "Classified Water" (page 7) and "Conservation Surcharge" (page 7) sections for the requirements for a Steelhead Conservation Surcharge Stamp.

## Annual Catch Quotas

**Annual catch quota for all B.C.:**  
**10 Steelhead** per licence year, and not more than **one per year** may be taken from each of the following sources: **Kloiya River**, the **Skeena River watershed** or the **Nass River watershed**. Not more than 5 per year from the **Yakoun River**.

## Other General Restrictions

**No fishing:** in any stream in the watersheds of the **Skeena River** above Cedarvale or **Nass River** above Kitsault Bridge, Jan. 1 to June 15 (NOTE: **Nass River** mainstem is EXEMPT and **Skeena River** mainstem above Cedarvale is only closed Jan. 1 to May 31). See tables for other exceptions.

**No fishing:** in any stream in the watersheds of the **Iskut River** (upstream of Forest Kerr Canyon) and the **Fraser River in Region 6** (including those rivers), April 1 to June 30.

**Steelhead fishing:** Your basic licence must be validated with a conservation surcharge stamp if you intend to fish for steelhead anywhere in B.C. In addition, a steelhead stamp is mandatory when fishing most **classified waters** regardless of the species being angled for. Please see page 7 for details.

**When you have caught and retained your daily quota of steelhead from any water, you must stop fishing that water for the remainder of that day.**

**Single barbless hook:** must be used in all streams of Region 6, all year.

**Set lining:** for burbot is permitted in the lakes of Region 6. Please refer to set lining and the use of fin fish for bait on page 9.

## Fishing on Nisga'a Lands

Anglers are now required to purchase a **Nisga'a Sport Fishing Licence** to access sport fishing waters on Nisga'a Lands (**in addition to the Provincial Non-Tidal Angling Licence**). See the map on page 62 for the general location. The licence fee is \$25/yr. for BC Residents and \$35/yr. for Non-BC Residents. The angling regulations in this synopsis continue to apply to sport fishing on these waters.

The Nisga'a Sport Fishing Licence may be obtained from the Nisga'a Fisheries Office at PO Box 231, New Aiyansh, BC V0J 1A0. Please phone 250-633-2617 (9-5, Monday to Friday) for more information.

## Notice to Anglers Fishing BC-Yukon Transboundary Waters

To simplify and harmonize angling and licensing regulations, and to improve fisheries management, a transboundary management agreement is in place for five lakes and two river systems which straddle the BC-Yukon border. The lakes are Bennett, Laidlaw, Morley, Tagish, and Teslin (not including any of their inlet or outlet streams). The rivers are the Rancheria and Swift, plus their tributaries (NOTE: **lakes in the Rancheria and Swift watersheds are not included in the agreement**).

Anglers may fish any part of the affected waters with either a Yukon or British Columbia angling licence. NOTE: a BC licence is required to fish the BC portion of **Atlin Lake** even though it is also a transboundary water.

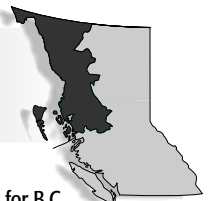
The quotas and size limits for these waters are now similar on both sides of the border. Please refer to the Water-Specific Tables in Region 6 for detailed information on the daily catch quotas and possession quotas applicable to the BC portion of these waters. Anglers are reminded that they are entitled to only one daily quota for any given species in these waters, regardless of which side of the border the fish were taken and even if they possess both BC and Yukon angling licences.

Please note that tackle restrictions have not been amended under the agreement. BC's provincial and regional gear, method, and bait restrictions continue to apply to the BC portion of all transboundary waters and the Yukon's tackle restriction continue to apply to the Yukon portion.

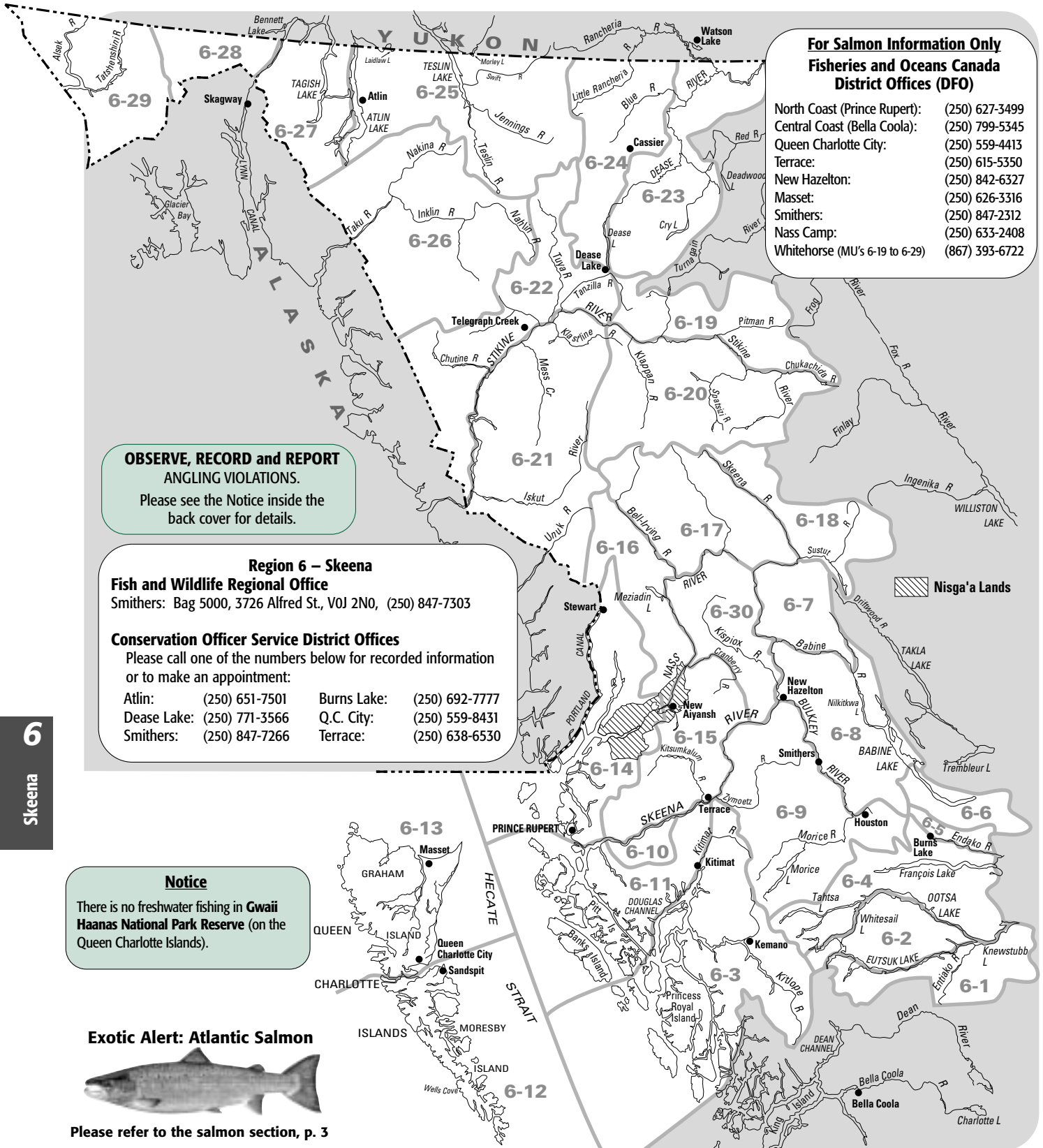
**Please obtain a copy of the Yukon regulations before fishing Yukon waters.**

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

# REGION 6 MANAGEMENT UNITS



These M.U. boundaries are approximate only. For a more precise definition consult one of the commercial Recreation Atlases available for B.C.



### For Salmon Information Only Fisheries and Oceans Canada District Offices (DFO)

North Coast (Prince Rupert):	(250) 627-3499
Central Coast (Bella Coola):	(250) 799-5345
Queen Charlotte City:	(250) 559-4413
Terrace:	(250) 615-5350
New Hazelton:	(250) 842-6327
Masset:	(250) 626-3316
Smithers:	(250) 847-2312
Nass Camp:	(250) 633-2408
Whitehorse (MU's 6-19 to 6-29)	(867) 393-6722

**OBSERVE, RECORD and REPORT ANGLING VIOLATIONS.**  
Please see the Notice inside the back cover for details.

**Region 6 – Skeena**  
Fish and Wildlife Regional Office  
Smithers: Bag 5000, 3726 Alfred St., V0J 2N0, (250) 847-7303

**Conservation Officer Service District Offices**  
Please call one of the numbers below for recorded information or to make an appointment:

Atlin: (250) 651-7501	Burns Lake: (250) 692-7777
Dease Lake: (250) 771-3566	Q.C. City: (250) 559-8431
Smithers: (250) 847-7266	Terrace: (250) 638-6530

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**Notice**  
There is no freshwater fishing in **Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve** (on the Queen Charlotte Islands).

**Exotic Alert: Atlantic Salmon**



Please refer to the salmon section, p. 3

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### Special Restrictions/Notes

		Management Unit (Not all shown - see p. 5)	No Fishing	Catch & Release	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other
Atlin Lake		6-25 6-27		●				Lake trout daily quota = 3 (only 1 over 60 cm); Arctic grayling daily quota = 3 (only 1 over 35 cm); Northern pike daily quota = 5 (only 1 over 70 cm); whitefish daily quota = 5
Babine Lake		6-6	●					● Only one daily quota may be retained from Atlin Lake regardless of which side of the border the fish were taken. East of a line from Gullwing Creek to the south shore of Babine Lake
Babine River	<b>CW</b>	6-8	●					● That section of flowing water between Babine and Nilkitkwa Lakes is designated Babine River (see map page 67). Regional stream regulations apply. Between signs posted about 100 m above and 80 m below the adult fish counting fence Steelhead release, July 1-Dec 31
				●				● Open all year in the channel between Babine and Nilkitkwa lakes
					●			Fly fishing only (a) from a point 100 m above Fort Babine bridge to 100 m above the adult fish counting fence (including Nilkitkwa Lake), during open times and (b) from signs about 80 m below the adult fish counting fence to Nichyeskwa Creek, June 16-Sept 30
						●		Bait ban
						●		No angling from boats below fish counting fence
								● <b>From DFO fish counting weir located downstream of Nilkitkwa Lake to the confluence of the Babine and Skeena rivers*: Class I water Sept 1-Oct 31 and Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31</b>
Basalt Lake		6-1		●				Trout release, bait ban, single barbless hook
Bear River * (Sustut watershed)		6-18	●					
Bennett Lake		6-28		●				Lake trout daily and possession quotas = 2 (only 1 over 90 cm, none between 60 cm and 90 cm); Arctic grayling daily and possession quotas = 4 (only 1 over 44 cm, none between 36 cm and 44 cm); Northern pike daily and possession quotas = 4 (only 1 over 100 cm, none between 70 cm and 100 cm); whitefish daily quota = 5
Bish Creek *		6-11		●		●		Trout/char & steelhead release; bait ban
Buckinghorse Lake		6-20	●					Within 100 m of outlet, May 15-July 31
					●			Trout/char daily and possession quotas = 2 (none over 50 cm)
								Bait ban, single hook
Buckley Lake		6-21	●					Nov 1- Apr 30
					●			Rainbow trout daily quota = 2 (none over 50 cm)
								Bait ban, single barbless hook
Bulkley River	<b>CW</b>	6-9	●					Above Morice/Bulkley River confluence * Steelhead release, July 1-Dec 31
			●					Bait ban, Aug 1-Dec 31 * (EXCEPT Morice R*, Suskwa R*, and Two Mile Creek)
						●		No angling from boats from Morice R. to CNR bridge at Barrett, Aug 15-Dec 31, and in Moricetown Canyon or within 100 m downstream, all year
								● <b>Class II water Sept 1-Oct 31 * &amp; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31</b>
								Bait ban, single barbless hook, engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
Casey Lake		6-4				●		Steelhead release
Chambers Creek		6-14		●				Lake trout release, Sept 15-Oct 31
Cheslatta Lake		6-4		●				Lake trout daily and possession quotas = 3, Nov 1-Sept 14
Cheslatta River		6-4		●		●		Trout/char release and bait ban below Cheslatta Falls
Chilkoot Trail National Historic Park waters		6-28	●					
Chipmunk Lake		6-1			●	●		Trout daily quota = 4, bait ban, single barbless hook
Cicuta (Rum Cache) Lake		6-4	●					Nov 1-Apr 30
				●				Rainbow trout release, bait ban, single barbless hook
Unnamed lake that flows into Cicuta Lake		6-4	●					Nov 1-Apr 30
Copper Creek	<b>CW</b>	6-12	●					Trout/char release
				●				From Skidegate Lake to signs at second bridge 6 km above tidal boundary, Feb 1-Apr 30
								Cutthroat trout release
								● <b>Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30*; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30</b>
Copper River		6-9						● See Zymoetz River
Cranberry River		6-15	●					Between signs above and below Cranberry River Canyon
				●				Steelhead release, July 1-Dec 31
								● Note: The section of river from Cranberry-Kiteen junction to Nass River is the Cranberry River
						●		Bait ban, Aug 1 - Dec 31
Dala River *		6-3						Bait ban, June 1-June 14 and Aug 2-Oct 15
			●					June 15-Aug 1
Damdochax Creek	<b>CW</b>	6-17						Bait ban
				●				Steelhead release, July 1-Dec 31
								● <b>Class II water Sept 1-Oct 31*; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31</b>
Datlamen Creek *	<b>CW</b>	6-13						● <b>Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30</b>
Deena Creek *	<b>CW</b>	6-12	●					Above signs at second bridge 5 km above tidal boundary, Feb 1-May 31
								● <b>Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30</b>
Deep Creek		6-15	●					

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### Special Restrictions/Notes

Location	Management Unit (Not all shown - see p. 5)	No Fishing	Catch & Release	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other	Special Restrictions/Notes
"Diana" Creek	6-14	●						Aug 1-Oct 31 Bait ban ● Unnamed stream between Diana and Prudhomme lakes ● Also see Prudhomme Lake (south of the Hwy 16 bridge)
Dunalter Lake (Irrigation Lake)	6-9						●	Electric motors only
East Gribbell Creek	6-3	●						● Unnamed stream on Gribbell Island across Ursula Chan. from Goat Harbour
Ecstall River *	CW 6-11							● <b>Class II water all year; Steelhead Stamp not required unless angling for steelhead</b> Steelhead release, July 1-Dec 31
Endako River	6-4	●						Nov 15-June 30
François Lake (ONLY near the outlet at the François Lake bridge; see map on page 66)	6-4	●						Nov 15-May 31 Trout/char daily quota = 2, only 1 over 50 cm; release all rainbow trout Bait ban, single barbless hook; no setlining
Fulton River *	6-8							● Open June 16-Apr 30 each year ● Angling permitted in Fulton River opposite the spawning channels, as signed
Gatcho Lake	6-1		●	●				Trout daily quota = 4, bait ban, single hook
Gitnadoix River *	CW 6-10							● <b>Class I water all year; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Apr 1-May 31</b> Steelhead release, July 1-Dec 31
Hays Creek * (in Prince Rupert)	6-14	●						Above signs located below lower culvert near fish cannery ● Includes "Oldfield" Creek
Helene Lake	6-6	●						Northwest of a line between signs on opposite shores of the outlet bay, Apr 1-June 30
Hevenor (McQueen) Creek *	6-30							● Open all year, bait may be used, trout/char daily quota = 2 (no minimum size) Steelhead release all year
Honna River *	CW 6-13							● <b>Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30</b>
Ishkheenickh River	6-14							● See Ksi Hlginx River
Iskut River	6-21	●						Downstream of Forest Kerr Canyon *, Apr 1-Apr 30 Steelhead release downstream of Forest Kerr Canyon * (when open) No power boats between Natadesleen Lake and Kinaskan Lake
Johanson Lake	6-18	●						
Kathlyn Lake	6-9							No power boats
Khutzeymateen River *	6-14	●						
Kildala River *	6-3							Bait ban, June 1-Oct 15
Kispiox River *	CW 6-30							Bait ban (EXCEPT Hevenor Creek) No angling from boats, no power boats ● <b>Class II water Sept 1-Oct 31; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31</b> Steelhead release, July 1-Dec 31 ● See Skeena River/Kispiox River confluence
Kiteen River	6-15							Bait ban, Aug 1 - Dec 31 Steelhead release, July 1-Dec 31
Kitimat River *	6-3	●						West half of river between signs near Kitimat Hatchery outfall Wild steelhead release Hatchery steelhead monthly quota = 10 Bait ban, May 15-Aug 31 No power boats
Kitseguella River	CW 6-9							Bait ban, Sept 1-Dec 31 ● <b>Class II water all year; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31</b> Steelhead release, July 1-Dec 31
Kitsumkalum (Kalum) River *	CW 6-15							Steelhead release in Kitsumkalum River watershed upstream of signs below lower canyon, all year; regional quotas apply downstream of these signs
Kitwanga River *	CW 6-30							● <b>Class II water all year; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-May 31</b> Bait ban, Sept 1-Dec 31 ● <b>Class II water all year; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31</b> Steelhead release, July 1-Dec 31
Klahowya Lake	6-20	●						Within 100 m of outlet, May 15 - July 31 Trout/char daily and possession quotas = 2 (none over 50 cm) Bait ban, single hook
Kloiya River	6-14	●						Aug 1-Oct 31 Steelhead release, Apr 1-May 31, annual steelhead quota = 1 Bait ban
Kluatantan River *	CW 6-18							Bait ban, Sept 1-Dec 31 ● <b>Class II water all year; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31</b> Steelhead release, July 1-Dec 31
Kowatua Creek	6-26	●						Dec 1-June 30 and Aug 20-Sept 15
Ksi Hlginx River	6-14	●						June 15-Sept 1 Steelhead release, Sept 2-Dec 31 Formerly Ishkheenickh River
Ksi Sgasginist Creek	6-15	●						July 1-Sept 15 Steelhead release, Sept 16-Dec 31 ● Formerly Seaskinnish Creek

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			Management Unit (Not all shown - see p. 9)	No Fishing	Catch & Release	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other
Ksi Sii Aks River		6-14		●					Above Nass Road bridge, Aug 1-Dec 31 Steelhead release (where open), July 1-Dec 31
									Formerly Tseax River
Ksi X'anmas River *	CW	6-14		●					No fishing upstream from the lower bridge abutments, July 1-Aug 20 <b>Class II water Apr 1-Sept 30; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Apr 1-May 31</b>
									Steelhead release (where open), July 1-Dec 31
									Formerly Kwinamass River
Kwinageese River *	CW	6-30		●					<b>Class II water Sept 1-Oct 31; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31</b>
									Steelhead release, July 1-Dec 31
									Bait ban, Aug 1-Dec 31
Kwinamass River *	CW	6-14							See Ksi X'anmas River
Lachmach River		6-14		●					Sept 1-Oct 31
									Bait ban
Laidlaw Lake		6-25			●				Lake trout daily quota = 3 (only 1 over 60 cm); Arctic grayling daily quota = 3 (only 1 over 35 cm); Northern pike daily quota = 5 (only 1 over 70 cm); whitefish daily quota = 5
Lakelse River *	CW	6-10		●					Steelhead release above CNR bridge, Nov 1-June 15, and from all parts, July 1-Dec 31
									Cutthroat trout release above CNR bridge, Mar 1-Apr 30
									Fly fishing only between Lakelse Lake and CNR bridge, Mar 1-May 31
									Bait ban, no power boats
									Note: The mouth of the river is designated by signs 1.7 km below Lakelse River logging road bridge
									<b>Class II water all year; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-May 31</b>
Lean-to Creek		6-15		●					
Mamin River *	CW	6-13		●					Above signs at 3rd bridge 10 km above tidal boundary, Feb 1-Apr 30 <b>Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30</b>
McDonnell Lake *		6-9		●					Steelhead release
McQueen Creek *		6-30							See Hevenor Creek
Meziadin Lake & River *		6-16		●					From signs at outlet of Meziadin Lake to Nass River, Jan 1-June 15
									Steelhead release, July 1-Dec 31
									Meziadin River: bait ban, Aug 1-Dec 31
Morice River *	CW	6-9		●					From signs near outlet of Morice Lake to Gosnell Creek, Jan 1-Sept 30
				●					From Gosnell Creek to Lamprey Creek, Jan 1-Aug 31
									Bait ban (all parts)
									Fly fishing only from Gosnell Creek to Lamprey Creek, Sept 1-Sept 30
									No angling from boats, Aug 15-Dec 31 (all parts)
									<b>Class II water Sept 1-Oct 31; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31</b>
									Steelhead release (where open), July 1-Dec 31
Morley Lake		6-25			●				Lake trout daily and possession quotas = 2 (only 1 over 90 cm, none between 60 cm and 90 cm); Arctic grayling daily and possession quotas = 4 (only 1 over 44 cm, none between 36 cm and 44 cm); Northern pike daily and possession quotas = 4 (only 1 over 100 cm, none between 70 cm and 100 cm); whitefish daily quota = 5
Murray Lake		6-4		●					Lake trout release, Sept 15-Oct 31
									Lake trout daily and possession quotas = 3, Nov 1-Sept 14
Natadesleen Lake		6-21							Single barbless hook; no power boats
Naglico Lake		6-1							Trout daily quota = 4, bait ban, single barbless hook
Nakina River		6-26		●					July 20-Aug 15
Nass River * (unless specific tributary regulations apply)		6-14		●					Steelhead release, July 1 - Dec 31
Nichyeskwa Creek		6-8		●					
Nilkitkwa Lake		6-8							Fly fishing only, bait ban (EXCEPT dead fin fish may be used as bait when set lining; see page 9)
									Steelhead release, July 1-Dec 31
									That section of flowing water between Babine and Nilkitkwa Lakes is designated Babine River (see map page 67). Regional stream regulations apply.
Nithi River		6-4		●					Nov 15-June 30
Ogston Lake		6-6		●					Closed Nov 1-Apr 30
									Rainbow trout release, bait ban, single barbless hook
"Oldfield" Creek		6-14		●					See Hays Creek
Pallant Creek *	CW	6-12		●					Closed from signs approx. 100 m above the fish fence to the bridge downstream of the fence, Aug 1-Oct 31
									Steelhead release
									<b>Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30</b>
Pettry Lake		6-1							Trout daily quota = 2, bait ban, single barbless hook
Prudhomme Lake (south of the Hwy 16 bridge)		6-14		●					Aug 1-Oct 31
									Trout/char daily quota = 2 (none under 30 cm)
									Bait ban, single barbless hook
Queen Charlotte Islands		6-12 6-13		●					Release all steelhead over 90 cm from any lake or stream
Rancheria River's tributaries		6-25							Arctic grayling daily quota = 3 (only 1 over 35 cm); whitefish daily quota = 5
Ross Lake		6-9		●					Electric motors only

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Seaskinnish Creek	6-15							● See Ksi Sgasginist Creek
Seeley Creek (outlet of Seeley Lake)	6-9			●				● Open all year, trout/char daily quota = 2 (no minimum size)
Seeley Lake	6-9							● Electric motors only
Seymour Lake	6-9							● No power boats
Six Mile Lake (Ross Lake Park)	6-15							● Electric motors only
Silverthorne (Erickson) Lake	6-9							● Within 50 m of the outlet, May 1-June 30
Skeena River *(unless specific tributary regulations apply)	6-11		●					● Steelhead release, July 1 - Dec 31
Skeena River/Kispiox River confluence (waters within 3 white fishing boundary signs located at the confluence of the Skeena and Kispiox Rivers)	6-8							● Bait ban
			●					● No angling from boats
								● Steelhead release, July 1-Dec 31
Skeena River (main stem only) <b>CW</b>	6-10							● <b>Class II water (a) from 1.5 km above Kitsumkalum River to Exchamsiks, July 1-Sept 30 and (b) upstream of 1.5 km above Zymoetz River, July 1-Oct 31; Steelhead Stamp not required in either area unless angling for steelhead</b>
Squirrel Lake	6-1			●	●			● Trout daily quota = 4, bait ban, single barbless hook
Station Creek	6-9			●				● Open all year, trout/char daily quota = 2 (no minimum size)
Suskwa (Bear) River * <b>CW</b>	6-8							● Bait ban
								● <b>Class II water all year; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31</b>
								● Steelhead release, July 1-Dec 31
Sustut Lakes	6-18		●					
Sustut River * <b>CW</b>	6-18		●					● Above BCR Bridge at Bear River mouth
								● Bait ban, Sept 1-Dec 31
								● <b>Class I water Sept 1-Oct 31; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31</b>
								● Steelhead release (where open), July 1-Dec 31
Swift River *	6-25			●				● Arctic grayling daily quota = 3 (only 1 over 35 cm); whitefish daily quota = 5
Tagish Lake	6-27			●				● Lake trout daily and possession quotas = 2 (only 1 over 90 cm, none between 60 cm and 90 cm); Arctic grayling daily and possession quotas = 4 (only 1 over 44 cm, none between 36 cm and 44 cm); Northern pike daily and possession quotas = 4 (only 1 over 100 cm, none between 70 cm and 100 cm); whitefish daily quota = 5
Tahltan River *	6-22		●					● Dec 1-June 30

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Angling Tips in

## BEAR Country



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Bears are found throughout B.C., frequently near streams. Black bears and grizzlies have a keen sense of smell, which may attract them to freshly-caught fish, fish guts, spawning grounds and bait such as fish eggs. Here are some simple precautions to help you avoid bear encounters and conflicts:

**Clean your fish** a good distance away from camp.



**Dispose of fish guts** at the same location the fish was caught by puncturing the bladder and dropping in deep or rushing water, well away from heavily used shoreline areas. Avoid disposal in shallow water or where likely to wash up on the beach, bank or boat launch. Burial or burning is not recommended, and please, **do not place in garbage receptacles!**

**Remember not to wipe your hands** on your clothing after cleaning fish or handling fish or bait such as fish eggs.

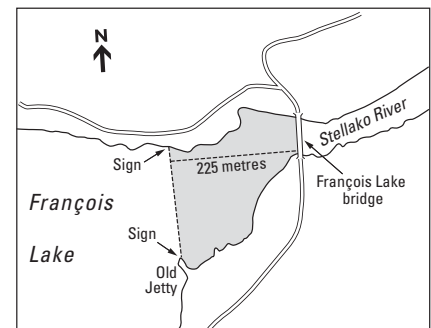
**Bears can be drawn to many types of food** – not only fish and bait, but also groceries or garbage. Take precautions both while fishing and at your camp. Keep fish eggs in well sealed and secure containers.

**Make your presence known** by talking loudly or making noise, particularly along streams and in areas where there is bear sign such as droppings, tracks, or claw or bite marks on trees.

**While fishing, if a bear approaches** within 50 metres (or 100 m for a female with cubs), reel in your line or cut the line and leave the area immediately.



FRANÇOIS LAKE MAP



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		Management Unit (Not all shown - see p. 9)	No Fishing	Catch & Release	Special Quota	Gear Restriction	Boating Restriction	Other
Takysie Lake		6-4	●					Northwest of a line between signs on opposite shores just north of Takysie Lake Settlement, Mar 1-May 31
Tatsamenie Lake's outlet streams		6-26	●					Between Tatsamenie L. and Tatsatua Cr., Dec 1-June 30 and Aug 20-Sept 15
Tchesinkut Lake		6-4		●				Release lake trout all year EXCEPT during months of February and July (when regional quotas apply)
Teslin Lake		6-25		●				Single barbless hook Lake trout daily and possession quotas = 1 (none between 60 cm and 90 cm); Arctic grayling daily and possession quotas = 4 (only 1 over 44 cm, none between 36 cm and 44 cm); Northern pike daily and possession quotas = 4 (only 1 over 100 cm, none between 70 cm and 100 cm); whitefish daily quota = 5
Tlell River *	<b>CW</b>	6-13	●					Cutthroat trout release <b>Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30</b> Tidal water regulations apply to waters below tidal boundary sign located 1.5 km above Hwy 16 bridge - check BC Tidal Waters Sport Fishing Guide
Toms Lake		6-1		●	●			Trout daily quota = 4, bait ban, single barbless hook
Triumph River		6-3	●					Nov 1-May 31 Steelhead release
Tseax River		6-14						See Ksi Sii Aks River
Two Mile Creek		6-8		●				Open all year, bait may be used, trout/char daily quota = 2 (no minimum size)
Unnamed Lake (approx. 500 m south of Nataalkuz Lake)		6-1	●		●			Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout release, bait ban, single barbless hook Located approx. 6.25 km S/SE of Yellow Moose Lake and approx. 6.25 km W/SW of Chedakuz Arm
West Road ("Blackwater") River's tributaries		6-1		●	●			Trout daily quota = 1; artificial fly only, bait ban For regulations on the mainstem of the West Road River, see Region 5
Yakoun River *	<b>CW</b>	6-13	●					From Yakoun Lake downstream 13 km to signs, Oct 1-Apr 30 Cutthroat trout release; no power boats <b>Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30</b> Steelhead daily, possession and monthly quotas = 1 (none over 90 cm); steelhead annual quota = 5
Zymoetz (Copper) River *	<b>CW</b>	6-9	●					From McDonell Lake downstream 3 km to signs Between signs in Zymoetz Canyon Above the sign at the transmission line crossing (below Zymoetz Canyon), Jan 1-June 15 Bait ban <b>Above Limonite Creek: Class I water Sept 1-Oct 31 and Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31</b> <b>Below Limonite Creek: Class II water Sept 1-Oct 31 and Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31</b> Steelhead release (where open), July 1-Dec 31

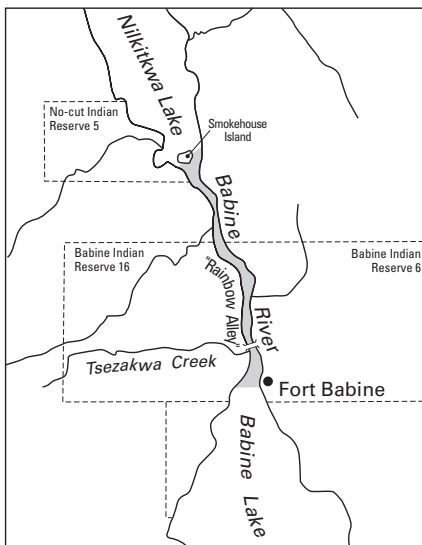
●: stocked lake

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