

CONTACT INFORMATION

Zone A (Omineca)

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Conservation Officer Service

Please call 1-877-952-7277 for recorded information or to make an appointment at any of the following Field Offices: Burns Lake, Mackenzie, Prince George, and Vanderhoof

Nechako White Sturgeon Conservation Centre

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RAPP

Report All Poachers and Polluters
Conservation Officer 24 Hour Hotline
1-877-952-RAPP (7277) or rapp.bc.ca

Please refer to [page 78](#) for more information

Omineca Region Land Use Plans

is available at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/crown-land-water/land-use-planning/regions/omineca>

Salmon Information:

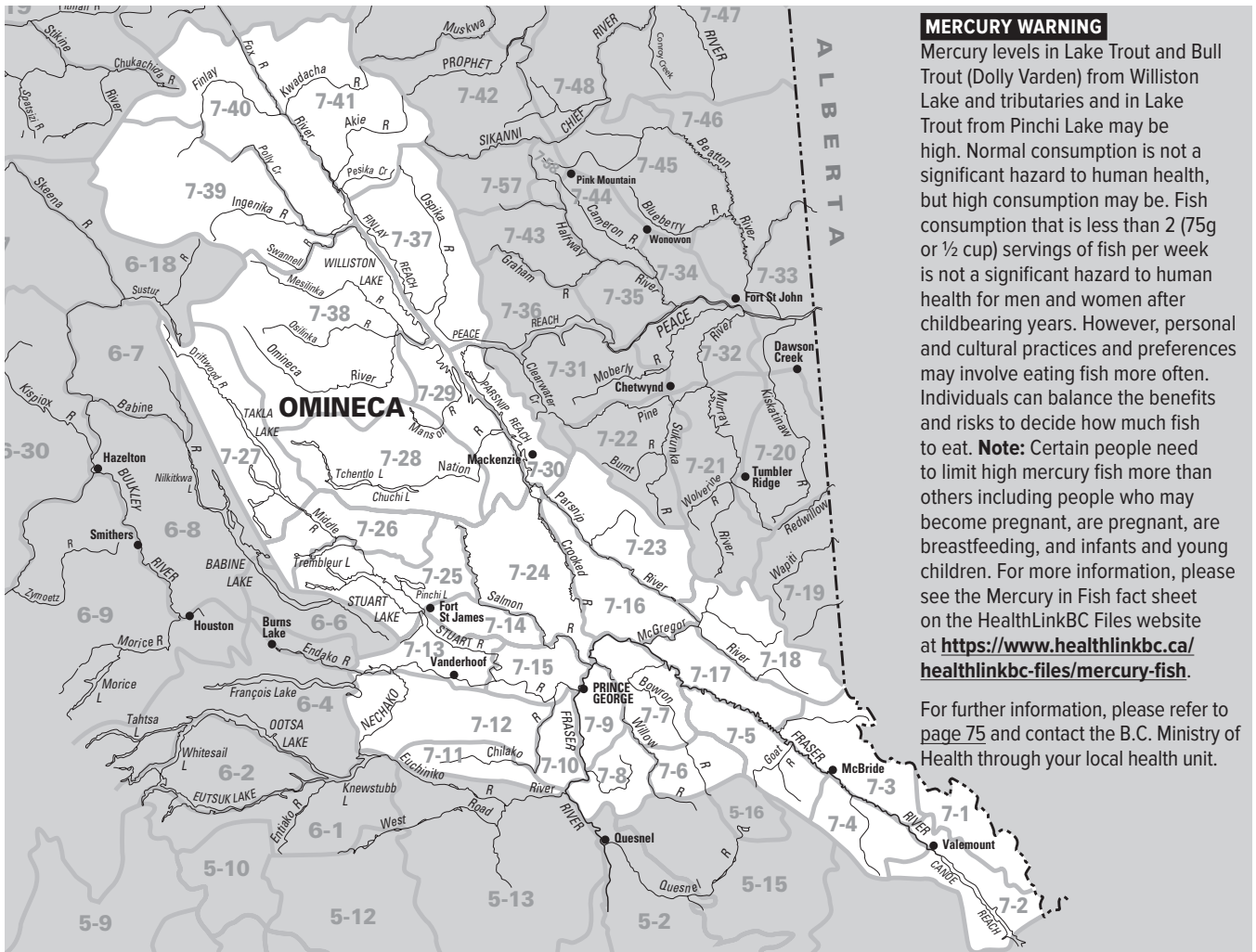
Fisheries and Oceans Canada District Offices (DFO)

Prince George: (250) 561-5366



STAY UP TO DATE:

Check website for in-season changes or closure dates for the 2023-2025 season at: www.gov.bc.ca/FishingRegulations



MERCURY WARNING

Mercury levels in Lake Trout and Bull Trout (Dolly Varden) from Williston Lake and tributaries and in Lake Trout from Pinchi Lake may be high. Normal consumption is not a significant hazard to human health, but high consumption may be. Fish consumption that is less than 2 (75g or ½ cup) servings of fish per week is not a significant hazard to human health for men and women after childbearing years. However, personal and cultural practices and preferences may involve eating fish more often. Individuals can balance the benefits and risks to decide how much fish to eat. **Note:** Certain people need to limit high mercury fish more than others including people who may become pregnant, are pregnant, are breastfeeding, and infants and young children. For more information, please see the Mercury in Fish fact sheet on the HealthLinkBC Files website at <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/mercury-fish>.

For further information, please refer to [page 75](#) and contact the B.C. Ministry of Health through your local health unit.

The Management Unit boundaries on the map above, and in the Water-specific Regulations tables, are only a reference to help anglers locate waters in the region. For more precise Management Unit boundaries, please consult one of the commercial Recreational Atlases available for B.C.

Regional Regulations

General Zone A Regulations

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 8). All set lines must be marked with the angler's name, address and telephone number. See "Rules on Bait Usage" (see page 8). **Any game fish that you catch other than burbot must be released.**

No fishing (spring closure): in any stream of Zone A, Apr 1-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 8 for details. (See tables for exceptions).

Region Zone A Daily 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-Aug 14. These fish may only be taken from lakes and only 30-50 cm in length.

And you must release:

- Bull trout (Dolly Varden):
 - from streams, all year
 - from lakes, Aug 15-Oct 15

And you must release:

- Lake trout:
 - of any size, Sept 15-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)

Daily and Annual Quotas for Salmon

Please refer to the NOTICE on page 77 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.

⚠ INVASIVE SPECIES ALERT

Please refer to page 74 for more information on Aquatic Invasive Species

NOTICE TO ANGLERS

The Ministry and its partners are conducting several tagging studies on a variety of species throughout the Omineca region. Some tags offer cash rewards for reporting. If you catch a fish with a coloured "spaghetti" tag, whether you retain it or release it, please report the tag number, tag colour, date, time and location prior to releasing the fish. To report your catch of a tagged fish please contact the Fish and Wildlife Regional Office in Prince George at (250) 614-7400. For more on tagging programs see pages 76-77.

58 lakes in the Omineca region are currently stocked with Rainbow trout, Eastern Brook trout, and/or Kokanee. The water-specific regulations tables identify only stocked lakes with waterbody specific regulations. For information on all stocked lakes, go to <https://www.gofishbc.com/Where-to-Fish.aspx>.

ICE FISHING HUTS: WARNING!

Failure to remove ice fishing huts from lakes before spring breakup is an offence under the *Environmental Management Act*.

White Sturgeon in the Omineca Region

White Sturgeon (*Acipenser transmontanus*) from the Nechako and the Upper Fraser watersheds are listed as endangered under the Species at Risk Act (SARA).

Research to date indicates the Upper Fraser Designatable Unit (DU) of White Sturgeon (including the Upper Fraser, Middle Fraser, and Nechako River populations) is genetically distinct. Within the Upper Fraser DU, the Nechako River White Sturgeon is a unique group. The Upper Fraser DU is currently under consideration for listing under SARA by Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO).

It is illegal to fish for, kill, harm, or harass SARA-listed White Sturgeon in the Upper Fraser and Nechako Rivers. Recovery actions have been underway since 2001 guided by research and monitoring programs under the Nechako White Sturgeon Recovery Initiative (NWSRI), including stewardship, habitat restoration efforts, and conservation fish culture;

Help from the public will also be necessary for recovery and the NWSRI requests that you report the date and location of all sightings or incidental captures, particularly in the Nechako, Fraser Lake and Stuart/Takla watersheds. If you observe or accidentally catch a

White Sturgeon in the Omineca Region, please call the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship at 250-614-7400. For more information on Nechako White Sturgeon, including Nechako White Sturgeon Conservation Centre in Vanderhoof, BC, go to: www.nechakowhitesturgeon.org.



Conservation-cultured juvenile sturgeon recaptured at age two.

Water-Specific Regulations

WATER BODY MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
AIRLINE LAKE	7-28	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
AMANITA LAKE	7-17	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
ARCTIC LAKE	7-23	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
ATTICHIKA CREEK	7-39	No Fishing 500 m upstream and downstream of the Thorn Creek confluence or the Kemess Creek confluence
BEAR LAKE (Crooked River Provincial Park)	7-16	No powered boats
BEDNESTI LAKE	7-12	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
BLACKWATER RIVER	7-10	See West Road River
BOBTAIL (Naltesby) LAKE	7-12	Kokanee daily quota = 5
BOW LAKE	7-15	Brook trout daily quota = 10
BOWRON RIVER	7-7	Exempt from spring closure; no rainbow trout under 30 cm
BUTTERFLY LAKE	7-15	Brook trout daily quota = 10
BYERS LAKE	7-15	Trout/char daily quota = 2
CAMP LAKE	7-15	Brook trout daily quota = 10; kokanee daily quota = 5
CANOE RIVER	7-2	Exempt from spring closure; rainbow trout release, Apr 1-June 30
CARINA LAKE	7-38	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
CHICHOUYENILY CREEK	7-30	Exempt from spring closure; also EXEMPT from bait ban downstream of fishing boundary signs near its mouth
CHIEF GRAY LAKE	7-12	No Fishing 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	No Fishing 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	No Fishing 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
CUNNINGHAM LAKE	7-25	No Fishing 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	No Fishing within a 500 m radius of the Davis Forest Service Road Bridge. See Davis River
DAVIS RIVER	7-37	No Fishing
DEM LAKE	7-25	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
DINA CREEK	7-30	No Fishing
DINA LAKE #1	7-30	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
DINA LAKE #2	7-30	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
EAGLET LAKE	7-7	Burbot daily quota = 1
EAST HAUTETE LAKE	7-27	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
ECHO LAKE	7-13	Brook trout daily quota = 2; no powered boats
EENA LAKE	7-15	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
EMERALD LAKE	7-15	No powered boats
ENDAKO RIVER	7-12	No Fishing Nov 15-June 30
EYE LAKE	7-26	No Fishing 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 upstream of Cottonwood River
FRIDAY LAKE	7-27	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release
GAGNON CREEK	7-30	Exempt from spring closure downstream of fishing boundary signs near its mouth
GANTHAZ LAKE	7-30	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
GOAT RIVER	7-5	No Fishing upstream of the Macleod Creek confluence, including Macleod Creek*, Sept 1-June 30
HART LAKE (Crooked River Provincial Park)	7-16	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 1 (none over 40 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook; electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
HART LAKE (Fort St. James)	7-25	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook

TABLE LEGEND:

* Includes tributaries ➡ Stocked Lake, see [page 4](#) CW Classified Waters Licence required to fish Class I or Class II waters, see [page 7](#) 👤 Youth/Disabled Accompanied Water

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WATER BODY MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
HATDUDATEHL LAKE	7-26	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
HAUTETE LAKE	7-27	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
HEDRICK LAKE	7-18	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Trout/char release; bait ban, single barbless hook
HOBSON LAKE	➡ 7-12	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
HUMPHREY LAKE	7-38	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
INDATA LAKE	7-28	No Fishing 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	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30
KATHIE LAKE	➡ 7-15	Brook trout daily quota = 10
KEMESS CREEK	7-39	No Fishing from Attichka Creek to a point 500 m upstream
KLWALI LAKE	7-28	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
KWITZIL LAKE (also known as Gravelpit Lake)	➡ 7-12	No powered boats
LA SALLE LAKES	➡ 7-3	No powered boats Note: La Salle Lake "west" is only stocked
LITTLE LOST LAKE	➡ 7-3	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
"LITTLE TOMAS" LAKE	7-25	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines; unnamed lake approximately 300 m downstream of Tomas Lake
"LOWER BEAVERPOND" LAKE (lowermost of the two Beaverpond lakes)	7-38	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
LYNX LAKE	7-15	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
"MACKENZIE LAKE #2 EAST"	➡ 7-10	Most southeasterly of two unnamed lakes ("Mackenzie #1 West" and "Mackenzie #2 East"), located approximately 6 km southeast of Erickson Lake
MACLEOD CREEK	* 7-5	No Fishing Sept 1-June 30
MCGREGOR RIVER	7-16	Exempt from spring closure
MCLENNAN RIVER	7-4	No Fishing Apr 1-Aug 31
MCLEOD RIVER	7-24	Artificial fly only from Carp Lake to War Falls (excluding War Lake)
MCMILLAN CREEK	7-15	♿ Youth/Disabled Accompanied Water year round (see page 4) Exempt from spring closure and from bait ban
MIDDLE RIVER	7-26	Exempt from spring closure
MORFEE LAKE (south)	7-30	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
"MT. MILLIGAN" LAKE	7-28	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook; unnamed lake located approximately 7.5 km south/southeast of Mt. Milligan
MUGAHA CREEK	7-30	EXEMPT from bait ban; ♿ Youth/Disabled Accompanied Water year round (see page 4)
NAKINILERAK LAKE	7-27	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout possession quota = 2 (only one over 50 cm); no set lines
NALTESBY LAKE (Bobtail Lake)	7-12	Kokanee daily quota = 5
NARROW LAKE	7-7	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
NATION ARM (Williston Lake)	7-30	No Fishing west of a line between two fishing boundary signs approximately 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 fishing boundary signs approximately 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 No Fishing for white sturgeon Exempt from bait ban downstream of Foothills Boulevard Bridge in Prince George
NESS LAKE	➡ 7-15	Kokanee daily quota = 10
NULKI LAKE	➡ 7-12	No Fishing west of a line between fishing boundary signs on lakeshore near mouth of Corkscrew Creek, Apr 1-May 31
OPATCHO LAKE	➡ 7-9	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 1 (none over 40 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook
PACIFIC LAKE	7-16	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
PARSNIP RIVER	7-23	Exempt from spring closure

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WATER BODY MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
PINCHI LAKE	7-25	NOTE: see mercury warning on page 75
PORTAGE LAKE	7-16	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
PTARMIGAN CREEK	7-5	No Fishing from falls to Quarry Bridge
PURVIS LAKE	7-28	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
SALMON RIVER	7-15	Exempt from spring closure
SHANDY LAKE	7-5	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
SHERE LAKE	7-4	Brook trout daily quota = 2
SLENDER LAKE	7-6	No set lines
SLIM LAKE	7-5	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
SQUARE LAKE (located in Crooked River Provincial Park)	7-16	No powered boats
STALK LAKES	7-39	Bait ban
STELLAKO RIVER	CW	No Fishing Nov 15-May 31; Class II water*when open (Steelhead Stamp not required)
		Rainbow trout release
		Fly fishing only between fishing boundary signs approximately 250 m and 4 km downstream of 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	No Fishing Apr 1-Aug 31 No Fishing from upstream side of weir to CNR Bridge in Valemount
TACHEEDA LAKES (north and south)	7-16	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
TATLATUI LAKE	7-39	Rainbow trout daily quota = 2
TCHENTLO LAKE	7-28	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout possession quota = 2 (only one over 50 cm); no set lines
TEBBUTT LAKE	7-13	Brook trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
THORN CREEK	7-39	No Fishing from Attichika Creek to a point 500 m upstream
TOMAS LAKE	7-25	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
TOMIAS LAKE	7-38	No Fishing 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	No Fishing 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 motor only - max 7.5 kW
VIVIAN LAKE	7-15	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
UNNAMED LAKE ("Kingle Lake") located 100 m west of Butterfly Lake	7-15	Brook trout daily quota = 10
UNNAMED LAKE ("Redstart Lake") located approx. 200 m southwest of Butterfly Lake	7-15	Brook trout daily quota = 10
WESTON CREEK	7-30	Exempt from spring closure downstream of 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	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
WICHEEDA LAKE	7-16	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 3; bait ban, single barbless hook
WILLISTON LAKE (in Zone A) (includes waters 500 m east/upstream of the Causeway Road)	7-30	No rainbow trout under 30 cm
	7-37	Bait ban 500 m upstream and downstream of Causeway Road July 1-Oct 30
	7-38	See Nation Arm
		REMINDER: Arctic grayling release from tributaries See mercury warning on page 75 and definition of "stream mouth" on page 80 in the Provincial Regulations
WILLOW RIVER	7-9	Exempt from spring closure; no rainbow trout under 30 cm
WINDY POINT LAKE	7-24	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
WITCH LAKE	7-28	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
YELLOWHEAD LAKE	7-1	No Fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines