

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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Black Creek, Campbell River, Duncan, Nanaimo, Port Alberni, Port McNeill, and Victoria

### RAPP

Report All Poachers and Polluters

Conservation Officer 24 Hour Hotline

1-877-952-RAPP (7277) or [rapp.bc.ca](http://rapp.bc.ca)

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

### Salmon Information:

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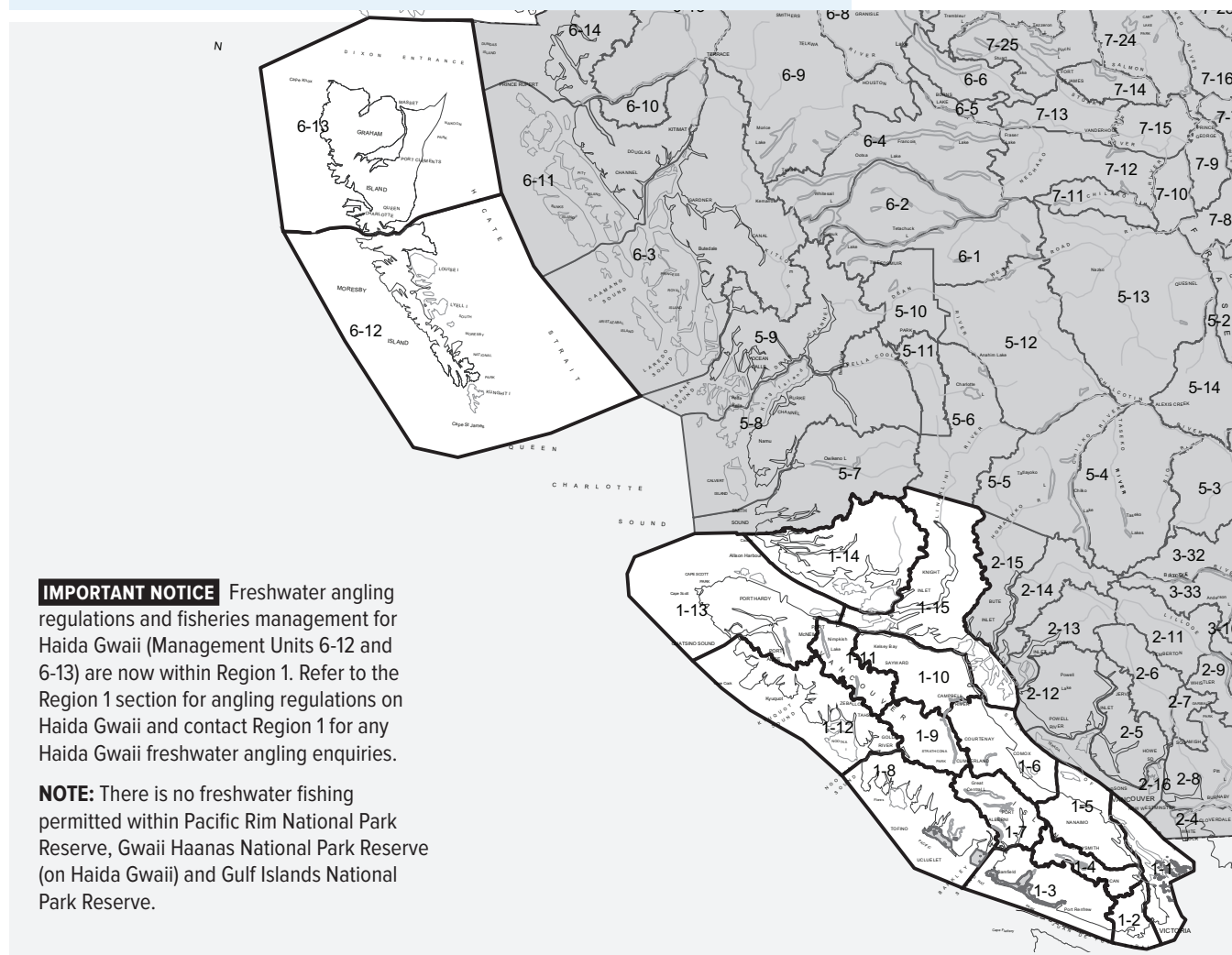
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### STAY UP TO DATE:

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



**IMPORTANT NOTICE** Freshwater angling regulations and fisheries management for Haida Gwaii (Management Units 6-12 and 6-13) are now within Region 1. Refer to the Region 1 section for angling regulations on Haida Gwaii and contact Region 1 for any Haida Gwaii freshwater angling enquiries.

**NOTE:** There is no freshwater fishing permitted within Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve (on Haida Gwaii) and Gulf Islands National Park Reserve.

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 Regulations

**Summer closure: No Fishing** in any stream in Management Units 1-1 to 1-6 from July 15-Aug 31 (see water specific regulations table for exceptions).

**Single barbless hook:** must be used in all streams of Region 1, all year.

**Bait ban: applies to all streams of Region 1, all year, with some important exceptions.** Check the tables.

**Bait ban: applies to all streams in Management Units 6-12 and 6-13, Nov 1-Apr 30.**

### Region 1 Daily Quotas

(excluding Haida Gwaii)  
(See tables for exceptions)

**Trout:** 4, but not more than

- 1 over 50 cm (2 hatchery steelhead over 50 cm allowed, see table for exceptions)
- 2 from streams (must be hatchery)

**And you must release:**

- All wild steelhead
- All wild trout from streams
- All char (includes Dolly Varden)

**NOTE:** There is no general minimum size limit for trout in lakes or hatchery origin trout in streams.

**Bass:** unlimited (see water specific regulations table for exceptions and mercury advisory on this page).

**Crayfish:** 25

**Kokanee:** 5 (none from streams)

**White Sturgeon:** catch and release only

**Yellow perch:** unlimited

### Haida Gwaii Daily Quotas

(See tables for exceptions):

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

- 1 over 50 cm
- 3 Dolly Varden
- 2 from streams

**And you must release:**

- Trout/char under 30 cm from streams
- All wild steelhead

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

### Possession Quotas

Possession quotas = 2 daily quotas

### Annual Quotas

Annual catch quota for all B.C.: 10 steelhead per licence year (only hatchery steelhead may be retained in B.C.)

### Daily & Annual Quotas for Salmon

Please refer to the NOTICE on [page 77](#) for Salmon Regulations.

### Cutthroat Trout Reward Tagging Program

Comox Lake, Cowichan Lake, Horne Lake and Oyster River: \$100 reward tags are being used to assess the cutthroat trout fishery. Refer to [page 76](#) for instructions on what to do if you catch a fish with a reward tag.

### INVASIVE SPECIES ALERT

#### Atlantic Salmon

Please refer to the salmon section, [page 78](#)



**MERCURY ADVISORY** Mercury levels in larger Smallmouth Bass in lakes on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands may be above national guidelines. Mercury levels tend to increase with the size of the fish and larger Smallmouth Bass generally have higher levels of mercury. The general public, especially children and women of child bearing age, including pregnant and breastfeeding women, are recommended to limit their consumption of Smallmouth Bass. More information on mercury in fish and fish consumption can be found in the HealthLinkBC Food Safety: Mercury in Fish at <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/mercury-fish>. It is advised to regularly check the online Freshwater Fishing Regulation Synopsis for more up-to-date information at [www.gov.bc.ca/FishingRegulations](http://www.gov.bc.ca/FishingRegulations).

### Wild Trout Release All streams regulation

Anglers note there is a region wide regulation (**excluding Haida Gwaii**) requiring the release of all wild origin trout in streams. This regulation allows only hatchery origin trout in streams to be harvested. In Region 1, hatchery origin trout from streams can be distinguished from wild origin trout by the presence of a healed scar in place of the adipose fin. Please note, **this regulation does not apply to lakes**. For more information please contact regional fisheries staff at (250) 751-7220.

#### Wild Origin Trout



Adipose present

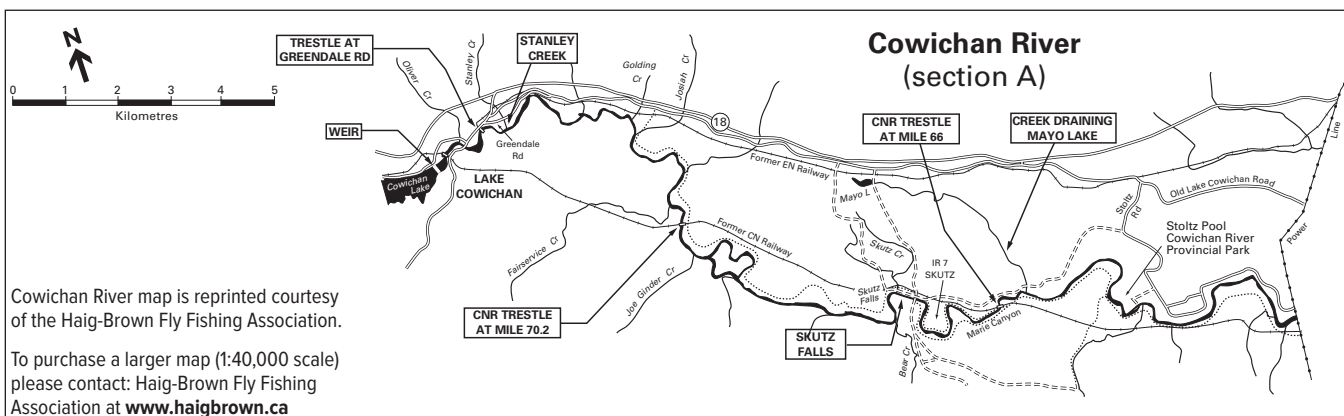
#### Hatchery Origin Trout



Healed scar in place of adipose fin

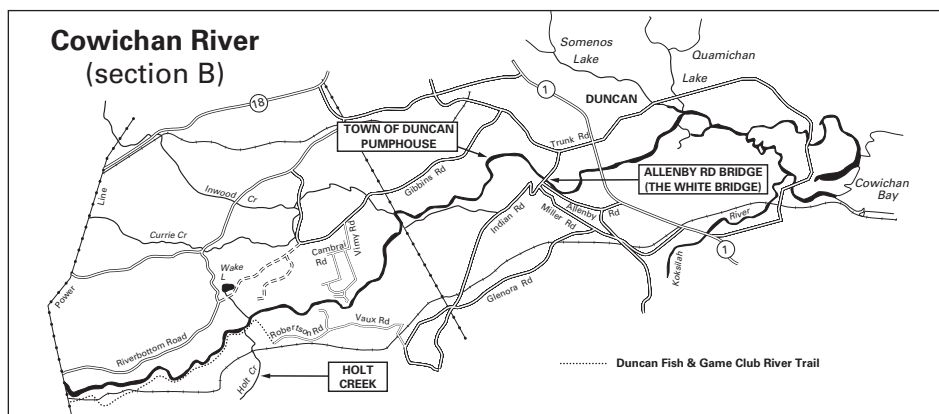
## Water-Specific Regulations

WATER BODY   MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
ADAM RIVER (except Eve River)	* 1-10	Artificial fly only upstream of Eve River, to Hwy 19 bridge
AHNUHATI RIVER	CW *	<b>Class II water Apr 1-Oct 31; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Apr 1-June 30</b>
ALICE LAKE	1-13	Bait ban, single barbless hook, no trout over 50 cm
AMOR LAKE	1-10	Trout daily quota = 2
AMOR DE COSMOS CREEK	1-10	<b>No Fishing</b> from upper falls downstream 1 km to (Bear River) logging road bridge 3 km from tidewater <b>No Fishing</b> from mouth to falls about 4 km upstream, Dec 1-May 31
"ANDERSON" LAKE	1-3	Artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook Trout and kokanee release* <b>Unnamed lake in the Walbran Creek Watershed approximately 7 km west/southwest of Mt. Walbran</b>
ANTLER LAKE	➡ 1-9	No powered boats
ARTLISH RIVER	* 1-12	<b>No Fishing</b> upstream of the boundary signs at the bridge crossing approximately 10 km from the mouth, Nov 1-Apr 30 <b>No Fishing</b> from Elsie Lake to Dickson Lake
ASH RIVER	1-7	<b>No Fishing</b> from Dickson Lake to signs 200 m downstream of Lanternman Falls, Dec 1-Apr 30 <b>No Fishing</b> from Dickson Falls downstream 30 m to signs
BAINBRIDGE LAKE	1-7	No angling from boats; ♿ Youth/Disabled Accompanied Water year round (see page 4)
BEAR LAKE	1-4	See Cowichan Lake
BEAR RIVER	1-10	See Amor de Cosmos Creek
BEAVER LAKE	➡ 1-1	Smallmouth bass daily quota = 4; engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp), no towing on parts
BENSON RIVER	* 1-13	Fly fishing only
"BIG QUALICUM" RIVER	1-6	See Qualicum River
BLACK CREEK	* 1-6	<b>No Fishing</b> Dec 1-May 31 and July 15-Aug 31
BLACKBURN LAKE	1-1	No powered boats
BLACKWATER LAKE	1-10	Trout daily quota = 2
BONANZA LAKE	1-11	Bait ban, single barbless hook, no trout over 50 cm
BOOT LAKE	➡ 1-10	Bait ban, single barbless hook, trout daily quota = 2
BRANNEN LAKE	➡ 1-5	Speed restriction on parts (60 km/h)
BROWNS RIVER	1-6	<b>No Fishing</b>
BUTTLE LAKE'S TRIBUTARIES	1-9	Fly fishing only; except Thelwood Creek is closed all year
(Lower) CAMPBELL LAKE'S TRIBUTARIES	1-6	<b>No Fishing</b> Feb 1-July 15 including Campbell River between Strathcona Dam and (Lower) Campbell Lake <b>No Fishing</b> between Elk Falls and John Hart Dam Power Station <b>No Fishing</b> from Strathcona Dam downstream 100 m <b>No Fishing</b> from the boundary sign at the end of Maple Street downstream to the boundary sign at the cement block, Aug 1-Oct 31 <b>No Fishing</b> in any tributaries (except Quinsam River), Dec 1-May 31 From John Hart Dam Power Station to power line crossing approximately 200 m upstream of Quinsam River confluence: fly fishing only year-round Artificial fly only downstream of power line crossing approximately 200 m upstream of Quinsam River: Dec 1-May 31 No vessels between Elk Falls and John Hart Dam Power Station
CAMPBELL RIVER	1-10	
CARNATION CREEK	* 1-3	<b>No Fishing</b>
CATHERINE CREEK	1-10	<b>No Fishing</b>
CAYCUSE RIVER	1-3	<b>No Fishing</b> July 15-Aug 31, fly fishing only upstream of and including Hatton Creek
CHEMAINUS RIVER	1-5	<b>No Fishing</b> downstream of Bannock Creek* July 1-Sept 30, <b>No Fishing</b> upstream of Bannock Creek* Dec 1-Sept 30 <b>No Fishing</b> from Copper Canyon Falls downstream 100 m to the fishing boundary signs
CHICADEE LAKE	➡ 1-6	Electric motor only - <a href="#">max 7.5 kW</a>
CLAUD ELLIOTT CREEK	1-10	<b>No Fishing</b>
CLAUD ELLIOTT LAKE	1-10	No trout over 50 cm; bait ban, single barbless hook
CLEAR LAKE (Quadra Island)	1-15	Electric motor only - <a href="#">max 7.5 kW</a>
CLUXEWE RIVER	* 1-13	<b>No Fishing</b> upstream of the West Main logging road bridge (approximately 7.5 km upstream of the Hwy 19 bridge), Dec 1-May 31
COLQUITZ RIVER	* 1-1	<b>No Fishing</b>
COMOX LAKE	1-6	No wild rainbow trout over 50 cm



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WATER BODY   MGMT UNIT			EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
CONSORT CREEK	*	1-10	<b>No Fishing</b>
COPPER CREEK	CW	6-12	<b>No Fishing</b> from Skidegate Lake to signs at second bridge 6 km upstream of tidal boundary, Feb 1-Apr 30 <b>Bait ban Nov 1-Apr 30*</b> ; cutthroat trout release <b>Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30*</b> ; <b>Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30*</b>
COURTENAY RIVER		1-6	<b>No Fishing</b> Dec 1-Sept 30; speed restriction on part (8 km/h),
COUS CREEK		1-7	<b>No Fishing</b> Nov 1 - Apr 30
COWICHAN LAKE (including Bear Lake)		1-4	Cutthroat trout daily quota = 2 (none over 50 cm); bait ban and single barbless hook, Nov 15-Apr 15 Speed restriction on parts (8 km/h), plus overall 10 km/h speed restriction within 60 m of shore
COWICHAN RIVER (see map below)		1-4	<b>No Fishing</b> July 15-Aug 31*; <b>No Fishing</b> from weir (dam) at Cowichan Lake's outlet to Greendale Trestle, Nov 15-Apr 15 <b>No Fishing</b> in tributaries upstream of and including Holt Creek Fly fishing only upstream of CNR Trestle (Mile 66) Sept 1-Nov 15 <b>No Fishing</b> downstream of the <b>CNR Bridge (mile 70.2) to Skutz Falls Dec 1-Apr 30</b> Fly fishing only from signs at Greendale Trestle to CNR Bridge (mile 70.2) Speed restriction (8 km/h) and engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp) on parts
CRAIGFLOWER CREEK	*	1-1	<b>No Fishing</b>
CRANE LAKE		1-10	Trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
CRESCENT LAKE		1-10	Trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
CRUICKSHANK RIVER	*	1-6	<b>No Fishing</b>
CUSHEON LAKE	➡	1-1	Electric motor only - <b>max 7.5 kW</b>
DATLAMEN CREEK	CW *	6-13	<b>Bait ban Nov 1-Apr 30</b> ; <b>Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30</b> ; <b>Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30</b>
DAVIE RIVER	*	1-11	<b>No Fishing</b> downstream of Schoen Lake, Dec 1-May 31
DEENA CREEK	CW	6-12	<b>No Fishing</b> upstream of fishing boundary signs at second bridge approximately 5 km upstream of the tidal boundary*; Feb 1-May 31; Cutthroat trout release; <b>Bait ban Nov 1-Apr 30*</b> ; <b>Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30</b> ; <b>Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30</b>
DICKSON LAKE		1-7	No trout over 50 cm; bait ban, single barbless hook
DIMPLE LAKE		1-3	Trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
DIVER LAKE	➡	1-5	Electric motor only - <b>max 7.5 kW</b> ; & wheelchair accessible fishing platform located in Diver Lake Park
DONNER LAKE		1-9	No powered boats
DOUGAN LAKE	➡	1-4	Electric motor only - <b>max 7.5 kW</b>
DURRANCE LAKE	➡	1-1	Electric motor only - <b>max 7.5 kW</b>
ECHO LAKE	➡	1-6	Electric motor only - <b>max 7.5 kW</b>
ELK LAKE	➡	1-1	Smallmouth bass daily quota = 4 Engine power restriction on parts - 7.5 kW (10 hp); no vessels on parts, no powered boats on parts, no towing on parts & A wheelchair accessible fishing pier is located on the lake's northwest shore via Brookleigh Road
ELK RIVER (Also see Buttle Lake *)		1-9	Fly fishing only <b>No Fishing</b> July 15-Aug 31*
ENGLISHMAN RIVER		1-5	<b>No Fishing</b> from lower falls in Englishman River Park to signs approximately 100 m downstream <b>No Fishing</b> downstream of the lower falls in Englishman River Falls Provincial Park to the Top Bridge crossing at the end of Allsbrook Road*; Dec 1-May 31
ESARY LAKE		1-6	Trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
EVE RIVER	*	1-10	<b>No Fishing</b> upstream of the fishing boundary signs (near the South Main Bridge crossing) located approximately 5.4 km downstream of the Hwy 19 bridge, Dec 1-May 31
FAIRY LAKE		1-3	Trout daily quota = 1 (none over 50 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook; engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
FAREWELL LAKE		1-10	Trout daily quota = 1 (none over 50 cm); artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
FICKLE LAKE		1-10	No trout over 50 cm; bait ban, single barbless hook
FLORA LAKE		1-4	Trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
FORBUSH LAKE		1-6	No trout over 50 cm; bait ban, single barbless hook
FRENCH CREEK	*	1-5	<b>No Fishing</b> Dec 1-May 31 and July 15-Aug 31*



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FULLER LAKE	➡	1-5	Smallmouth bass daily quota = 4; electric motor only - <a href="#">max 7.5 kW</a> ; ♿ wheelchair accessible fishing platform is located in Fuller Lake Park
GLEN LAKE	➡	1-2	Electric motor only - <a href="#">max 7.5 kW</a> ; fishing platform is located in Glen Lake Park
GOLD LAKE		1-9	No trout over 50 cm; bait ban, single barbless hook
GOLD RIVER		1-9	<b>No Fishing</b> upstream of the Muchalat River* (see river specific regulations for Muchalat River)
			<b>No Fishing</b> downstream of the Muchalat River*, Dec 1-Aug 15, but not including the Muchalat or Heber Rivers (see river specific regulations for those waters)
			<b>No Fishing</b> between the cascade falls (located approximately 6.5 km upstream of Muchalat Inlet, UTM 709137E, 5512420N) and fishing boundary signs approximately 80 m downstream
GOLDSTREAM RIVER	*	1-2	No powered boats
GORDON RIVER	*	1-3	<b>No Fishing</b>
			<b>No Fishing</b> July 15-Aug 31
GRACIE LAKE	➡	1-7	<b>No Fishing</b> upstream of Bugaboo Creek, Nov 1-Apr 30; artificial fly only upstream of Bugaboo Creek when open
GRAHAM LAKE		1-6	Electric motor only - <a href="#">max 7.5 kW</a>
GREAT CENTRAL LAKE		1-7	Electric motor only - <a href="#">max 7.5 kW</a>
			<b>No Fishing</b> Jan 1-Apr 30, from the dam to fishing boundary signs approximately 50 m upstream (southwest) of the Ash Main Bridge
GREEN LAKE	➡	1-5	Single barbless hook, no wild rainbow trout over 50 cm
GREENSTONE CREEK	*	1-10	Electric motor only - <a href="#">max 7.5 kW</a>
GUNFLINT LAKE		1-15	<b>No Fishing</b>
HAGUE LAKE		1-15	Trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook; electric motor only - <a href="#">max 7.5 kW</a>
HARRIS CREEK	*	1-3	Electric motor only - <a href="#">max 7.5 kW</a>
HAREWOOD (Extension) LAKE		1-5	<b>No Fishing</b> July 15-Aug 31*; <b>No Fishing</b> upstream of and including Hemmingsen Creek*
HASLAM CREEK		1-5	Trout daily quota = 2
HAWARTH LAKE		1-9	<b>No Fishing</b>
HEALY (Panther) LAKE		1-5	<b>No Fishing</b>
HEALY LAKE'S OUTLET STREAM		1-5	Trout release; fly fishing only, bait ban, single barbless hook
HEBER RIVER		1-9	<b>No Fishing</b>
HEMMINGSSEN CREEK	*	1-3	<b>No Fishing</b>
HENRY LAKE		1-5	Trout release; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
HIGGINS LAKE		1-10	Trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
HOLLAND LAKE		1-5	Trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
HONNA RIVER	CW *	6-13	No powered boats
			<b>Bait ban Nov 1-Apr 30</b> ; cutthroat trout release
IDA LAKE		1-11	<b>Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30</b>
ILLUSION LAKES		1-6	No trout over 50 cm; bait ban, single barbless hook
JASPER LAKE		1-10	No powered boats
JOHN HART LAKE'S TRIBUTARIES		1-10	Trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
JUNE LAKE		1-7	<b>No Fishing</b> Apr 15-July 15 (includes channel downstream of Ladore Dam)
KAKWEIKEN LAKE		1-15	Trout daily quota = 2
KAKWEIKEN RIVER	CW *	1-15	Trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
KEMP LAKE	➡	1-2	<b>Class II water Apr 1-Oct 31; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Apr 1-June 30</b>
KEOGH RIVER		1-13	No powered boats
			<b>No Fishing</b> downstream of lower fish counting fence near tidewater
KINGCOME RIVER	CW *	1-14	<b>No Fishing</b> in all parts*; Dec 1-May 31
KOKISH RIVER		1-11	<b>Class II water Apr 1-Oct 31; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Apr 1-June 30</b>
			<b>No Fishing</b> from boundary signs in Kokish canyon to Ida Lake, Nov 1-Apr 30;
			<b>No Fishing</b> from the log boom located approximately 100 m upstream of the IPP intake to signs at the tail of the canyon pool located approximately 250 m downstream
KOKSILAH RIVER	*	1-4	<b>No Fishing</b> between signs at the IPP tail race confluence downstream approximately 500 m to signs
LAKE WESTON ("Weston Lake")		1-1	<b>No Fishing</b> Dec 1-May 31 and July 1-Sept 30
LANGFORD LAKE	➡	1-2	Trout daily quota = 1 (none over 50 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook; electric motor only - <a href="#">max 7.5 kW</a>
			Smallmouth bass daily quota = 4
"LINK" RIVER		1-13	Electric motor only - <a href="#">max 7.5 kW</a> ; fishing platforms are available off Leigh Road and the Nixon Trail
LITTLE MAIN LAKE (Quadra Island)		1-15	See Marble River
LITTLE QUALICUM RIVER		1-6	Bait ban and single barbless hook, Nov 1-Apr 30; electric motor only - <a href="#">max 7.5 kW</a>
			<b>No Fishing</b> July 15-Aug 31*; <b>No Fishing</b> - All tributaries
			<b>No Fishing</b> from the falls in Little Qualicum Falls Provincial Park downstream to the hatchery fence, Dec 1-May 31
LIZARD LAKE	➡	1-3	The standard 100 m closure around a fish rearing facility has been reduced to a no fishing area from the hatchery fence to signs approximately 35 m downstream
LIZARD POND		1-7	Fly fishing only, Sept 1-Nov 30 (where open)

### 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](#)



Wheelchair Accessible

☺ Youth/Disabled Accompanied Water



## Water-Specific Regulations

WATER BODY   MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS	
LOIS LAKE	🐟	1-4	Trout daily quota = 1; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
LONG LAKE (Nanaimo)	🐟	1-5	Speed restriction on parts (60 km/h); ♿ wheelchair accessible fishing platform is located in Loudon Park
LOON LAKE	🐟	1-7	Electric motor only - <a href="#">max 7.5 kW</a>
MACKTUSH CREEK		1-7	<b>No Fishing</b>
MAGGIE LAKE		1-8	No wild rainbow trout over 50 cm; bait ban, single barbless hook
MAHATTA RIVER		1-13	<b>No Fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30
MAIN LAKE (Quadra Island)		1-15	Bait ban and single barbless hook, Nov 1-Apr 30;
			Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
MAMIN RIVER	CW * 🐟	6-13	<b>Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30</b> <b>No Fishing</b> upstream of fishing boundary signs on third bridge approximately 10 km upstream of the tidal boundary, Feb 1-Apr 30 <a href="#">Bait ban Nov 1-Apr 30</a>
MAPLE LAKE	🐟	1-6	Electric motor only - <a href="#">max 7.5 kW</a>
MARBLE (“Link”) RIVER (only between Victoria and Alice lakes)		1-13	Fly fishing only*
MARTHA LAKE	🐟	1-10	Trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
MATHESON LAKE	🐟	1-2	Electric motor only - <a href="#">max 7.5 kW</a>
“MAXWELL LAKE” (Lake Maxwell)		1-1	Electric motor only - <a href="#">max 7.5 kW</a>
MAYO LAKE	🐟	1-4	♿ Youth/Disabled Accompanied Water (see <a href="#">page 4</a> )
MCKENZIE LAKE		1-2	No powered boats
MCNAIR LAKE		1-10	Trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
MEGIN LAKE		1-8	No trout over 50 cm; bait ban, single barbless hook
MICHAEL LAKE		1-5	No powered boats
MILLER CREEK	*	1-6	<b>No Fishing</b>
MINE LAKE		1-15	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
MISTY LAKE		1-13	<b>No Fishing</b> (located in an Ecological Reserve)
MOHUN CREEK	*	1-10	<b>No Fishing</b> Dec 1-May 31, <b>No Fishing</b> from Menzies Bay logging mainline bridge crossing to Morton Lake
MORTE LAKE		1-15	Electric motor only - <a href="#">max 7.5 kW</a>
MUCHALAT RIVER	*	1-12	<b>No Fishing</b> Dec 1-May 15; no wild rainbow trout over 50 cm
MYRA LAKE		1-10	<b>No Fishing</b>
NAHMINT LAKE		1-7	No trout over 50 cm; bait ban, single barbless hook; engine power restriction 7.5 kW (10 hp)
NAHMINT RIVER		1-7	<b>No Fishing</b> Nahmint River (upstream and downstream of the lake), Nov 1-Apr 30; fly fishing only upstream of Nahmint Lake when open <b>No Fishing</b> July 15-Aug 31 <b>No Fishing</b> from power line crossing at “Bore Hole” upstream to fishing boundary signs at the mouth of Boulder Creek <b>No Fishing</b> from the Cedar Road Bridge upstream approximately 400 m to the white square boundary signs near the Hwy 19 bridge, Sept 15-Oct 30 <b>No Fishing</b> upstream of the Hwy 1 bridge*, Dec 1-May 31 Artificial fly only upstream of the westernmost of the two Nanaimo Lakes, known locally as “Second” Lake, including tributaries Engine power restriction on parts - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
NANAIMO RIVER		1-5	
NIMPKISH RIVER	*	1-11	<b>No Fishing</b> upstream of Davie River, Dec 1-May 15
NITINAT LAKE		1-3	Note: Nitinat Lake is tidal water; tidal regulations apply and a (federal) Tidal Waters Sport Fishing Licence is required
NITINAT RIVER	*	1-4	Exempt from July 15-Aug 31 summer closure
			<b>No Fishing</b> upstream of Parker Creek
			<b>No Fishing</b> between fishing boundary signs approximately 100 m upstream of and downstream of “Red Rock Pool,” approximately 2 km (by road) south of the Nitinat River Bridge, Aug 25-Dec 31
			<b>No Fishing</b> between boundary signs approximately 50 m upstream of and downstream of the Nitinat River Bridge, Aug 25-Oct 15
NOLA LAKE		1-9	<b>No Fishing</b>
O’CONNELL LAKE		1-13	No trout over 50 cm; bait ban, single barbless hook
OYSTER RIVER	🐟	1-6	Exempt from July 15-Aug 31 summer closure; <b>No Fishing</b> upstream of the confluence with Little Oyster River*, Dec 1-June 30
PALLANT CREEK	CW * 🐟	6-12	<a href="#">Bait ban Nov 1-Apr 30</a> ; <b>Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30</b>
PANTHER LAKE		1-5	See Healy Lake
PERRY LAKE		1-12	Trout daily quota = 1 (none over 50 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook
“PETE’S POND” Unnamed lake at the head of San Juan River		1-3	Trout release; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
PRIOR LAKE		1-2	No powered boats
PROSPECT LAKE	🐟	1-2	Smallmouth bass daily quota = 4; speed restriction on parts (8 and 60 km/h)
PROVOST DAM		1-5	No powered boats
PUNTLEDGE RIVER		1-6	Exempt from July 15-August 31 summer closure
			<b>No Fishing</b> downstream of the BC Hydro diversion dam (approximately 3.5 km downstream of Comox Lake) to the base of Stotan Falls (approximately 450 m downstream of the Duncan Bay Mainline logging road)
			<b>No Fishing</b> between fishing boundary signs approximately 100 m upstream and downstream of the confluence with Morrison Creek
			<b>No Fishing</b> from fishing boundary signs located 50 m upstream of the BC Hydro generating station tailrace to signs located 75 m downstream of the Puntledge River hatchery fence (total distance approximately 500 m)
			<b>No Fishing</b> tributaries
			Fly fishing only upstream of the BC Hydro diversion dam (approximately 3.5 km downstream of Comox Lake), including tributaries

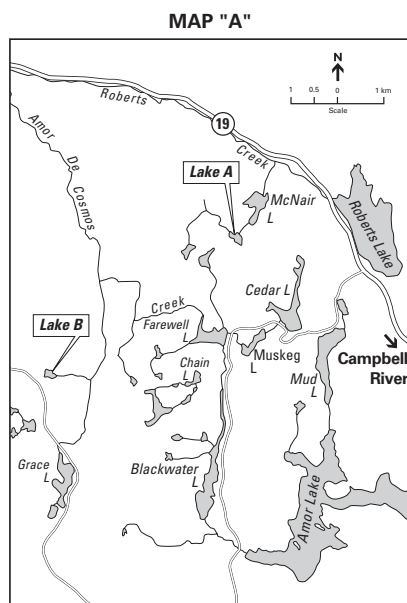
## Water-Specific Regulations

WATER BODY   MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
QUALICUM RIVER	1-6	<b>No Fishing</b> downstream of boundary signs located approximately 100 m downstream of the hatchery counting fence
		<b>No Fishing</b> from the upper hatchery weir (located 125 m downstream of the E&N Trestle) to boundary sign: located approximately 100 m downstream of the hatchery counting fence, Aug 15-Oct 15. Refer to page 6 for updated regulations related to non-tidal salmon
		<b>No Fishing</b> tributaries
		Single barbless hook, no hooks greater than 15 mm from point to shank
QUATSE RIVER	1-13	Exempt from July 15-Aug 31 summer closure, & wheelchair accessible fishing platform is located at the hatchery
		<b>No Fishing</b> May 1-June 15 Hatchery steelhead daily quota = 1
QUENNEL LAKE	1-5	<b>No Fishing</b> upstream of the Quatse River fishway (approximately 1.4 km upstream of Dick Booth Creek), Dec 1-June 15 Bait ban, May 1-Nov 30
		Smallmouth bass daily quota = 4; speed restriction on parts (8 km/h)
QUINSAM RIVER	1-6	<b>No Fishing</b> from the fishing boundary signs at power line crossing (approximately 25 m upstream of Quinsam Hatchery weir) to fishing boundary signs approximately 300 m downstream of weir
		<b>No Fishing</b> from the falls situated downstream of Middle Quinsam Lake to the fishing boundary signs at power line crossing (approximately 25 m upstream of the Quinsam hatchery weir), Dec 1-June 30 Exempt from July 15-Aug 31 summer closure; & wheelchair accessible fishing platform is located near the Hwy 28 Bridge
REGAN LAKE	1-6	Trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
REGINALD LAKE	1-6	Trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
ROBERTS LAKE	1-10	No trout over 50 cm; bait ban, single barbless hook
ROGERS CREEK	1-7	<b>No Fishing</b> Dec 1-Apr 30
ROSELLE LAKE	1-11	Trout daily quota = 2
ROSEN LAKE (Read Island)	1-15	No powered boats
ROWBOTHAM LAKE	1-5	Trout release; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
ST. MARY LAKE	1-1	Electric motor only - <a href="#">max 7.5 kW</a>
SALMON RIVER	1-10	<b>No Fishing</b> upstream of Kay Creek
		No powered boats upstream of confluence with White River; speed restriction (10 km/h) from estuary to confluence with White River
SAN JUAN RIVER	1-3	<b>No Fishing</b> upstream of Fleet River, <b>No Fishing</b> July 15-Aug 31*
SEYMOUR RIVER	1-14	<b>Class II water Aug 15-Oct 31*; Steelhead Stamp not required unless fishing for steelhead</b>
SHAWNIGAN LAKE	1-2	Smallmouth bass daily quota = 4; Speed restrictions on parts (8 and 65 km/h)
SOMASS RIVER	1-7	<b>No Fishing</b> between the tidal boundary at Papermill Dam to boundary signs approximately 1.0 km upstream (Falls Road Gravel Pit and the southern most end of Collins Farm/Arrow Vale Campground on Hector Road), Aug 25-Nov 15
		Bait ban, June 1-Aug 24
		Engine power restriction 7.5 kW (10 hp)
Sooke River	1-2	Fly fishing only downstream of Sooke River Falls, Sept 1-Nov 30
		<b>No Fishing</b> July 15-Aug 31*; <b>No Fishing</b> from the base of the lower "potholes" falls to signs approximately 100 m downstream
SPIDER LAKE	1-6	Smallmouth bass daily quota = 4; no powered boats
SPROAT LAKE	1-7	Cutthroat trout release, no wild rainbow trout over 50 cm; single barbless hook
SPROAT RIVER	1-7	<b>No Fishing</b> from Sproat Lake to fishing boundary signs approximately 300 m downstream of Hwy 4, June 15-Nov 15
		Bait ban, May 1-Oct 31
STAMP RIVER	1-7	<b>No Fishing</b> between fishing boundary signs 200 m upstream of and 500 m downstream of Stamp Falls, June 15-Nov 15
		<b>No Fishing</b> from the confluence with Ash River upstream to the Great Central Lake dam*, Jan 1-Apr 30
		Bait ban all year upstream of signs at "Girl Guide Falls" (approximately 250 m upstream of the mouth of Beaver Creek)*
		Bait ban downstream of signs at "Girl Guide Falls" (approximately 250 m upstream of the mouth of Beaver Creek), June 1-Aug 24 Engine power restriction 7.5 kW (10 hp), on parts
STEWART LAKE	1-10	No trout over 50 cm; bait ban, single barbless hook; electric motor only - <a href="#">max 7.5 kW</a>
STOCKING LAKE	1-5	No powered boats
"STOWELL LAKE" (Lake Stowell)	1-1	Electric motor only - <a href="#">max 7.5 kW</a>
STRAMBERG LAKE	1-15	Trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook; electric motor only - <a href="#">max 7.5 kW</a>
STRATHCONA PARK WATERS	1-9	No powered boats on any water within Strathcona Park except Gold, Upper Campbell and Buttle lakes
TADJISS LAKE	1-4	Trout daily quota = 1; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
TAYLOR RIVER	1-7	Fly fishing only
THELWOOD CREEK	1-9	<b>No Fishing</b>
THETIS LAKE	1-1	Electric motor only - <a href="#">max 7.5 kW</a>
TLELL RIVER	6-13	<b>Bait ban Nov 1-Apr 30</b> ; Cutthroat trout release
		<b>Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30</b> Tidal waters regulations apply to waters downstream of tidal boundary sign located 1.5 km upstream of Hwy 16 Bridge
TLOOLS LAKE	1-9	<b>No Fishing</b>
TLOWILS LAKE	1-10	Electric motor only - <a href="#">max 7.5 kW</a>
TOQUART LAKE	1-8	No trout over 50 cm; bait ban, single barbless hook
TOQUART RIVER	1-8	Fly fishing only upstream of the Toquart mainline logging bridge when open; <b>No Fishing</b> upstream of the boundary sign located near the falls approximately 800 m downstream of Toquart Lake (including the Upper Toquart River) between Nov 1-May 31. Note: this includes the river upstream of the lake
		Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
TOY LAKE	1-7	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
TRENT RIVER	1-6	<b>No Fishing</b> Dec 1-May 31 and July 15-Aug 31
TSABLE RIVER	1-6	<b>No Fishing</b> Dec 1-May 31 and July 15-Aug 31

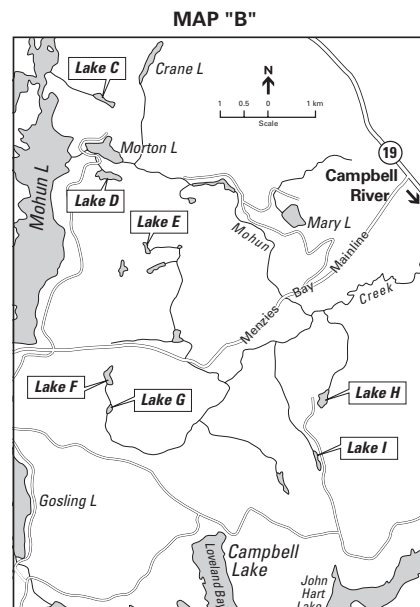
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TSABLE LAKE	1-6	Trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
<b>TSITIKA RIVER</b>	<b>1-10</b>	<b>No Fishing</b>
TSOLUM RIVER	* 1-6	<b>No Fishing</b>
UNNAMED LAKE "A" - MAP A (below)	1-10	Trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
UNNAMED LAKE "B" - MAP A (below)	1-10	Trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
UNNAMED LAKE "C" - MAP B (below)	1-10	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
UNNAMED LAKE "D" - MAP B (below)	1-10	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
UNNAMED LAKE "E" - MAP B (below)	1-10	Trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
UNNAMED LAKE "F" - MAP B (below)	1-10	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
UNNAMED LAKE "G" - MAP B (below)	1-10	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
UNNAMED LAKE "H" - MAP B (below)	1-10	Trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
UNNAMED LAKE "I" - MAP B (below)	1-10	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
VILLAGE BAY LAKE	1-15	Bait ban and single barbless hook, Nov 1-Apr 30 Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
WAHPEETO CREEK	1-14	No Fishing within 100 m downstream of the falls situated approximately 4.5 km upstream of Wakeman River
WAKEMAN RIVER	CW *	<b>Class II water Apr 1-Oct 31; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Apr 1-June 30</b>
"WESTON LAKE"	1-1	See Lake Weston
WESTWOOD LAKE	➡ 1-5	Smallmouth bass daily quota = 4 ♿ wheelchair accessible fishing platform is located in Westwood Lake Park
WHITE RIVER	* 1-10	<b>No Fishing</b> between fishing boundary signs at the salmon viewing pool <b>No Fishing</b> upstream of the Sayward Road Bridge crossing, Nov 1-Apr 30
WILLEMAR LAKE	1-6	No trout over 50 cm; bait ban, single barbless hook
WOWO LAKE	➡ 1-6	Trout daily quota = 2; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook Electric motor only - <b>max 7.5 kW</b> <b>No Fishing</b> from Yakoun Lake downstream approximately 13 km to fishing boundary signs, Oct 1-Apr 30 <b>Bait ban Nov 1-Apr 30</b>
YAKOUN RIVER	CW *	Cutthroat trout release No powered boats <b>Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30</b>
ZEBALLOS LAKE	1-12	<b>No Fishing</b>
ZEBALLOS RIVER	* 1-12	<b>No Fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30

**NOTE:** If a lake or stream is NOT listed here, then only the Provincial Regulations (pages 8-10) and the Regional Regulations (page 13) apply. Regulations that have changed from the previous version of the printed synopsis are highlighted in **blue**. Check for any in-season changes at: [www.gov.bc.ca/FishingRegulations](http://www.gov.bc.ca/FishingRegulations).



Map A



Map B