

Boundary Fisheries Least Risk Timing Windows

This document provides fisheries timing windows (i.e., least risk work windows) for waterbodies in the Boundary (Figure 1). These timing windows are important guidelines for minimizing the risk of impact to fish species and habitat. A qualified professional may be required if instream works are proposed outside of these timing windows. Consult the Kootenay Boundary Habitat Officer's Terms and Conditions for more information.

Windows of least risk for most waterbodies in the Boundary are listed in Table 1. If your works are occurring in Christina Lake, proximity to kokanee shore spawner habitat and proximity to the mouth of a spawning stream need to be considered. Shore spawner and creek spawner information is available online through *HabitatWizard*.



Figure 1. Map of the Boundary Area

Table 1. Least risk work windows for selected waterbodies in the Boundary area.

Waterbody	Species	Work Window
McCrae Creek and Sutherland Creek		
a) Downstream of falls	Kokanee salmon Rainbow trout	Aug 1 – Aug 8
b) Upstream of falls	Rainbow trout	Aug 7 – Sept 15
Texas Creek		
a) Entire creek	Rainbow trout	Aug 7 – Sept 15
Christina Lake		
a) KO shore spawning area (red or yellow zone)	Kokanee salmon (shore spawning)	June 1 to Sept 30
b) Within 50 m of a fish bearing stream (other than McCrae, Sutherland or Texas)	Kokanee salmon Rainbow trout	Nov 1 – Apr 1
c) all other areas	--	No restrictions
West Kettle, Kettle and Granby Rivers		
a) Main stems of West Kettle, Kettle and Granby Rivers and <u>all tributaries</u>	Mountain whitefish Rainbow trout Speckled Dace	Sept 1 - Sept 30

In situations where works are occurring on a waterbody not listed in Table 1, the proponent must adhere to the general work windows by species listed in Table 2. Information on fish presence and absence can be found in *HabitatWizard* and the *Fisheries Inventory Data Queries*.

Table 2. General work windows by fish species.

Species	Work Window
Mountain Whitefish	May 1 – Sept 30
Bull trout	June 1 – Aug 15
Burbot	June 1 – Dec 31
Trout – Rainbow, Steelhead, Cutthroat	July 22 – Oct 31

Links to additional information

- Habitat Officers Terms and Conditions
 - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/water/water-licensing-rights/working-around-water/regional-terms-conditions-timing-windows>
- Habitat Wizard – a map-based tool that allows you to spatially access detailed fish, wildlife and ecosystem information online
 - gov.bc.ca/habitatwizard
- Fisheries Inventory Data Queries – a website where you can search for fish and fish habitat data about an individual lake or stream or about all the lakes and streams in a watershed.
 - gov.bc.ca/fish-inventory-data-queries