

August 27, 2024

Re: Reopening of Kispiox River and tributaries to recreational fishing

The Kispiox River is now open to angling for provincially managed species such as steelhead, char and trout. Regulations on gear and guotas are located in the provincial 2023-2025 Freshwater Fishing Regulation Synopsis¹. A decision to reopen the river as of August 27 was made in response to declining river temperatures. The Kispiox was closed August 15 to angling when water temperatures exceeded temperature thresholds of 20C for multiple days. There are no future predicted Kispiox temperature related closures for provincially managed species for 2024.

Please refer to Fisheries and Oceans Canada regulations² for open and closed times for salmon.

Please see the Skeena Recreational Fisheries Update³ for the 2024 status of Skeena steelhead.

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¹ Freshwater Fishing Regulations Synopsis: https://www2.qa.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/sports- recreation-arts-and-culture/outdoor-recreation/fishing-and-hunting/freshwaterfishing/fishing synopsis.pdf

² Fisheries and Oceans Canada: Recreational fishing in British Columbia: https://www.pac.dfompo.gc.ca/fm-gp/rec/index-eng.html

³ Skeena Recreational Fisheries update: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/sports-recreationarts-and-culture/outdoor-recreation/fishing-and-hunting/freshwaterfishing/skeena steelhead update august 13 2024.pdf