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Invasive Bass Presence in Cultus Lake

The Province has received two reports of invasive bass caught in Cultus Lake since the end of May 2018. Given that bass are an aggressive piscivore (preys on other fish species), we are concerned that these fish may potentially impact the two listed species in Cultus Lake (sockeye salmon and pygmy sculpin). As such, we are asking for angler assistance to:

- **Provide any information related to the presence of bass in Cultus Lake;**
- **Confirm species** (large vs. smallmouth bass); **and**
- **Update: Please return any bass with external PINK or GREEN spaghetti tags to the lake.** These fish are involved in a research study to effectively suppress the invasive population. If you catch a bass, please record the tag number (if applicable), approximate fish size, and time spent fishing, and email to margettsw19@mytru.ca
- **All non-tagged bass may be retained as per BC Freshwater Fishing Regulation for Region 2**

Confirmation of species and extent of distribution are key at this point. Any assistance you could provide would be greatly appreciated. Please see the Smallmouth Bass factsheet [here](#) and Largemouth Bass factsheet [here](#) for more information on these invasive species. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

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NOTE: Invasive species encounters can also be reported through the [Invasive Species Council of BC's phone app](#) or the BC Conservation Officer Services Hotline (RAPP line): 1-877-952-7277. Movement of live fish is illegal and to report any violations, such as suspected illegal introductions of fish, please contact the RAPP line.