



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 it's 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](http://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	<b>No Fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
AMANITA LAKE	7-17	Electric motor only - <a href="#">max 7.5 kW</a>
ARCTIC LAKE	7-23	<b>No Fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
ATTICHIKA CREEK	7-39	<b>No Fishing</b> 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	<b>No Fishing</b> 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	<b>No Fishing</b> 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	<b>No Fishing</b> 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	<b>No Fishing</b> 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	<b>No Fishing</b> 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	<b>No Fishing</b> 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	<b>No Fishing</b> within a 500 m radius of the Davis Forest Service Road Bridge. See Davis River
DAVIS RIVER	* 7-37	<b>No Fishing</b>
DEM LAKE	7-25	<b>No Fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
DINA CREEK	7-30	<b>No Fishing</b>
DINA LAKE #1	➔ 7-30	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
DINA LAKE #2	➔ 7-30	Electric motor only - <a href="#">max 7.5 kW</a>
EAGLET LAKE	7-7	Burbot daily quota = 1
EAST HAUTETE LAKE	7-27	<b>No Fishing</b> 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 - <a href="#">max 7.5 kW</a>
EMERALD LAKE	➔ 7-15	No powered boats
ENDAKO RIVER	7-12	<b>No Fishing</b> Nov 15-June 30
EYE LAKE	7-26	<b>No Fishing</b> 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	<b>No Fishing</b> 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 - <a href="#">max 7.5 kW</a>
GOAT RIVER	* 7-5	<b>No Fishing</b> upstream of the Macleod Creek confluence, including Macleod Creek*, Sept 1-June 30
HART LAKE (Crooked River Provincial Park)	➔ 7-16	<b>No Fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 1 (none over 40 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook; electric motor only - <a href="#">max 7.5 kW</a>
HART LAKE (Fort St. James)	7-25	<b>No Fishing</b> 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

Water-Specific Regulations

WATER BODY   MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
HATDUDATEHL LAKE	7-26	<b>No Fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
HAUTETE LAKE	7-27	<b>No Fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
HEDRICK LAKE	7-18	<b>No Fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Trout/char release; bait ban, single barbless hook
HOBSON LAKE	➔ 7-12	<b>No Fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
HUMPHREY LAKE	7-38	<b>No Fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
INDATA LAKE	7-28	<b>No Fishing</b> 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	<b>No Fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30
KATHIE LAKE	➔ 7-15	Brook trout daily quota = 10
KEMESS CREEK	7-39	<b>No Fishing</b> from Attichka Creek to a point 500 m upstream
KLWALI LAKE	7-28	<b>No Fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; not 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	<b>No Fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
"LITTLE TOMAS" LAKE	7-25	<b>No Fishing</b> 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	<b>No Fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
LYNX LAKE	7-15	Electric motor only - <a href="#">max 7.5 kW</a>
"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	<b>No Fishing</b> Sept 1-June 30
MCGREGOR RIVER	7-16	Exempt from spring closure
MCLENNAN RIVER	7-4	<b>No Fishing</b> 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 <a href="#">page 4</a> ) Exempt from spring closure and from bait ban
MIDDLE RIVER	7-26	Exempt from spring closure
MORFEE LAKE (south)	7-30	Electric motor only - <a href="#">max 7.5 kW</a>
"MT. MILLIGAN" LAKE	7-28	<b>No Fishing</b> 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 <a href="#">page 4</a> )
NAKINILERAK LAKE	7-27	<b>No Fishing</b> 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	<b>No Fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
NATION ARM (Williston Lake)	7-30	<b>No Fishing</b> 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) 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
NECHAKO RIVER	7-12	<b>No Fishing</b> 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	<b>No Fishing</b> west of a line between fishing boundary signs on lakeshore near mouth of Corkscrew Creek, Apr 1-May 31
OPATCHO LAKE	➔ 7-9	<b>No Fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 1 (none over 40 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook
PACIFIC LAKE	7-16	<b>No Fishing</b> 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	<b>NOTE: see mercury warning on page 75</b>
PORTAGE LAKE	7-16	<b>No Fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
PTARMIGAN CREEK	7-5	<b>No Fishing</b> from falls to Quarry Bridge
PURVIS LAKE	7-28	<b>No Fishing</b> 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 - <a href="#">max 7.5 kW</a>
SHERE LAKE	➔ 7-4	Brook trout daily quota = 2
SLENDER LAKE	7-6	No set lines
SLIM LAKE	7-5	Electric motor only - <a href="#">max 7.5 kW</a>
SQUARE LAKE (located in Crooked River Provincial Park)	➔ 7-16	No powered boats
STALK LAKES	7-39	Bait ban
STELLAKO RIVER	CW 7-12	<b>No Fishing</b> Nov 15-May 31; <b>Class II water* when open (Steelhead Stamp not required)</b>
		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	<b>No Fishing</b> Apr 1-Aug 31 <b>No Fishing</b> from upstream side of weir to CNR Bridge in Valemount
TACHEEDA LAKES (north and south)	7-16	<b>No Fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
TATLATUI LAKE	7-39	Rainbow trout daily quota = 2
TCHENTLO LAKE	7-28	<b>No Fishing</b> 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	<b>No Fishing</b> from Attichika Creek to a point 500 m upstream
TOMAS LAKE	7-25	<b>No Fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
TOMIAS LAKE	7-38	<b>No Fishing</b> 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	<b>No Fishing</b> 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 - <a href="#">max 7.5 kW</a>
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 <a href="#">Region 5</a>
WHITEFISH LAKE	7-25	<b>No Fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
WICHEEDA LAKE	7-16	<b>No Fishing</b> 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 <b>See mercury warning on page 75</b> and definition of "stream mouth" on <a href="#">page 80</a> 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 - <a href="#">max 7.5 kW</a>
WITCH LAKE	7-28	<b>No Fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines
YELLOWHEAD LAKE	7-1	<b>No Fishing</b> Nov 1-Apr 30 Lake trout release; no set lines