

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Conservation Officer Service
 Please call 1-877-952-7277 for recorded information or to make an appointment at any of the following Field Offices: Grand Forks, Kelowna, Penticton, Salmon Arm, and Vernon

RAPP
 Report All Poachers and Polluters
 Conservation Officer 24 Hour Hotline
 1-877-952-RAPP (7277) or rapp.bc.ca

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

Salmon Information:

**Fisheries and Oceans Canada
 District Offices (DFO)**

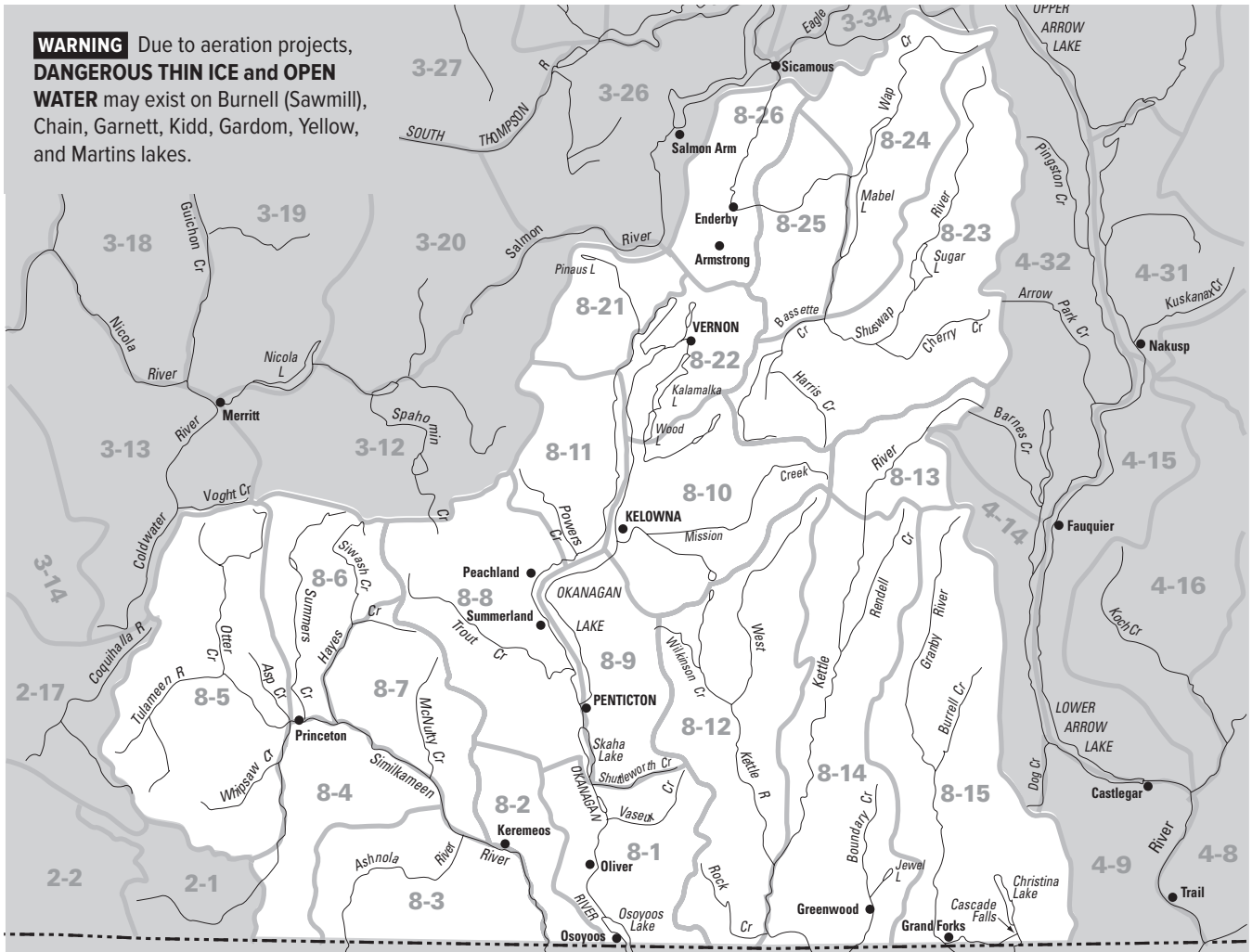
Kamloops: (250) 851-4950
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STAY UP TO DATE:

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

WARNING Due to aeration projects, **DANGEROUS THIN ICE** and **OPEN WATER** may exist on Burnell (Sawmill), Chain, Garnett, Kidd, Gardom, Yellow, and Martins lakes.



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

No fishing: (spring closure) in any stream in Region 8 from Apr 1-June 30 (see tables for exceptions). See definition of “streams” on page 80.

Single barbless hook: must be used in all streams of Region 8, all year.

Region 8 Daily Quotas

(See tables for exceptions)

Trout/char: 5, but not more than

- 1 over 50 cm
- 4 from streams (only 2 over 30 cm)

And you may retain:

20 brook trout from streams

And you must release:

Bull trout (Dolly Varden) from streams

Bass: 0 quota, CLOSED TO FISHING

(see tables for exceptions)

Burbot: 2

Crappie: 20

Crayfish: 25

Kokanee: 5 (none from streams)

Walleye: 8

Whitefish: 15 (all species combined)

Yellow perch: 0 quota, CLOSED TO FISHING

(see tables for exceptions)

Possession Quotas

Possession quotas = 2 daily quotas

(See tables for exceptions)

Daily AND Annual Quotas for Salmon

Please refer to the NOTICE on page 77 for Salmon Regulations (including Osoyoos Lake sockeye fishery enquiries)

Sugar Lake Bull Trout Reward Tagging Program

If you catch a tagged fish, please cut the tag off and report the fish length, tag color, number and capture location to the Okanagan Fish & Wildlife Office in Penticton at 250-490-8200. You may be eligible for a reward of up to \$100.

GARNET LAKE ANGLING CLOSURE Due to the illegal introduction of largemouth bass, Garnet Lake has been closed to all angling. Moving forward, Garnet Valley Reservoir will be used as a research lake, contributing to ongoing development of fisheries management programs and improving angling quality province wide.

OKANAGAN LAKE DAM FISH PASSAGE

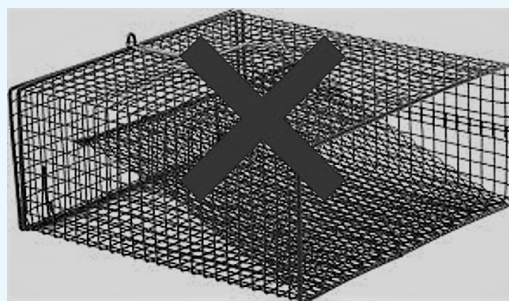
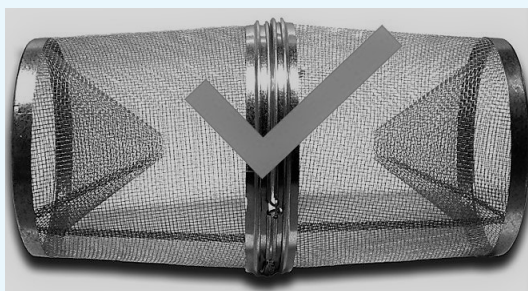
INITIATIVE Controlled testing is underway to investigate fish passage options at Okanagan Lake Dam, monitor fish navigation of the ladder, and upstream habitat utilization of sockeye and Chinook salmon. If you catch a tagged fish, please report it to the Okanagan Fish & Wildlife office in Penticton at 250-490-8200.

Syilx OKANAGAN NATION

The Okanagan is the traditional territory of the *Syilx* people. The *Syilx* people of the Okanagan Nation, are a trans-boundary tribe between Canada and the United States. Their communities share the same land, *nsyilxcən* language, culture and customs. The *Syilx* people have relied on salmon and other fish as main food sources for centuries. The Okanagan Nation Alliance (ONA) is committed to the conservation, protection, restoration, and enhancement of indigenous fisheries and aquatic habitats within Syilx Territory and the Province of B.C. is proud to collaborate with ONA and its member Nations on key initiatives to restore and manage fish stocks. Over the past 20 years the ONA has been instrumental in leading key initiatives such as construction of the *kt c̓p̓alk̓ st̓im̓* Hatchery, to the Okanagan River Restoration Initiative, and Rejuvenation of *sc̓'win* (Okanagan Sockeye).

Crayfish trapping

Many Okanagan anglers enjoy trapping and eating crayfish. Unfortunately, some styles and sizes of legal traps are very effective at catching and drowning turtles. This is particularly concerning for the Western Painted Turtle, a native species whose population health is vulnerable to human activities. Anglers are encouraged to use traps with minimally-sized circular openings, to reduce the chance of capturing turtles.



Water-Specific Regulations

WATER BODY MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS	
ALLEYNE LAKE	➔	8-6	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
ARLINGTON LAKES		8-12	Yellow perch daily quota = 20
ASHNOLA RIVER		8-3	Rainbow and cutthroat trout catch and release; exempt from spring closure
ASP (China) CREEK		8-5	Exempt from spring closure
BAIRD LAKE	➔	8-25	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
BIGHORN RESERVOIR (Lakeview Irrigation District)		8-11	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
“BLUEY LAKE POTHOLE”		8-6	No Fishing Includes all unnamed lakes within 2 km of Bluey Lake (except Bluey Lake itself and Kentucky Lake)
BURNELL (Sawmill) LAKE	➔	8-1	No Ice Fishing Trout/char release Artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!
BUTLER LAKE (east of Allison Lake)	➔	8-6	No Ice Fishing Trout/char daily quota = 2 Bait ban
CHAIN LAKE		8-6	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp) WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!
CHAPMAN LAKE		8-8	No Ice Fishing Trout daily quota = 2
CHRISTINA CREEK		8-15	Bass daily quota = 8, yellow perch daily quota = 20
CHRISTINA LAKE		8-15	No Fishing north of a line between Bald and Knob Points, Mar 1-May 31 Rainbow trout daily quota = 2, bass daily quota = 8, yellow perch daily quota = 20
CHUTE LAKE		8-9	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
CLIFFORD (Cliff) LAKE	➔	8-5	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
CONKLE LAKE		8-12	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
DOBBIN LAKE		8-11	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
DRY LAKE	➔	8-5	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
EASTMERE LAKE	➔	8-8	No Ice Fishing Trout/char daily quota = 2 Bait ban Motorized vehicle closure. Walk-in access only. See sign at trailhead.
EHOLT CREEK		8-14	Exempt from spring closure
ENEAS CREEK		8-8	Exempt from spring closure
FIVE O’CLOCK LAKE (approx. 800 m southeast of Cup Lake)	➔	8-14	No Ice Fishing Trout/char daily quota = 2; bait ban
FRAZER LAKE		8-9	Bass daily quota = 8, yellow perch daily quota = 20
FRIDAY LAKE	➔	8-6	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
GALLAGHER LAKE		8-1	Bass daily quota = 8, yellow perch daily quota = 20
GARDOM LAKE	➔	8-26	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!
GARNET LAKE		8-8	No Fishing Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW; WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!
GOOSE LAKE		8-5	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
GRANBY RIVER		8-15	Upstream of Burrell Creek: exempt from spring closure; bait ban Apr 1-Oct 31; trout/char daily quota = 1 Downstream of Burrell Creek: bait ban July 1-Oct 31; rainbow trout release
GRANBY RIVER’S TRIBUTARIES		8-15	Bait ban
HALL ROAD (Mission) POND		8-10	Trout daily quota = 1; 🧑 Youth/Disabled Accompanied Water May 1-Jun 15 (see page 4)
HARVEY HALL LAKE		8-5	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
HAYNES LAKE		8-10	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp); this lake is part of McCulloch Reservoir
HEADWATER LAKE #1	➔	8-8	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
HIDDEN LAKE	➔	8-25	No towing
HYDRAULIC LAKE	➔	8-10	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp); this lake is part of McCulloch Reservoir
IDLEBACK LAKE	➔	8-12	No Ice Fishing Trout daily quota = 1; bait ban, single barbless hook; electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
ISLAHT (Horseshoe) LAKE		8-11	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
JACKPINE LAKE	➔	8-11	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
JEWEL CREEK		8-14	No Fishing from Jewel Lake downstream approximately 1.5 km to fishing boundary signs Brook trout daily quota = 20
JEWEL LAKE	➔	8-14	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp) and speed restriction (8 km/h)

TABLE LEGEND:

* Includes tributaries ➔ Stocked Lake, see page 4 🧑 Youth/Disabled Accompanied Water

Water-Specific Regulations

WATER BODY MGMT UNIT		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
JOHNNY LAKE	➔ 8-5	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
KALAMALKA LAKE	8-22	Kokanee daily quota = 5, Yellow perch daily quota = 20 Speed restrictions or no vessels (as buoyed and signed), various locations
KENTUCKY LAKE	➔ 8-6	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
KETTLE RIVER	8-14	Exempt from spring closure
	8-15	No Fishing July 25-Aug 25; bait ban Apr 1-Oct 31 Rainbow trout release year round
KETTLE RIVER'S TRIBUTARIES	8-14	Bait ban
KIDD LAKE	➔ 8-6	No Ice Fishing
		Trout/char release; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
		Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
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KUMP (Lost) LAKE	➔ 8-5	No Ice Fishing Trout/char daily quota = 2; bait ban
LAMBLY (Bear) LAKE	➔ 8-11	Yellow perch daily quota = 20
		Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
LARRY LAKE (unnamed lake located about 400 m west of Thalia Lake)	➔ 8-5	No Ice Fishing
		Trout/char release
		Artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook, Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
LINK LAKE	➔ 8-6	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
LITTLE PINAUS LAKE	8-21	Yellow perch daily quota = 20
LOCH DRINKIE	8-11	No Ice Fishing
		Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban
LOON LAKE	➔ 8-10	No Ice Fishing
		Trout/char release; artificial fly only, bait ban, single barbless hook
LOST LAKE	➔ 8-10	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
MABEL LAKE	8-24	No Fishing south of a line between fishing boundary signs on the lakeshore approximately 800 m north of Shuswap River inlet, Jan 1-May 31
		Bull trout (Dolly Varden) daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm)
		Single barbless hook
MARA LAKE	8-26	See Shuswap Lake in Region 3
		No powered boats south of the CPR bridge
MARTIN LAKE	➔ 8-6	Trout daily quota = 2
		WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration!
MCCULLOCH RESERVOIR	8-10	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
MCRAE CREEK	8-15	No Fishing downstream of falls situated approximately 4 km upstream of Christina Lake
MEADOW LAKE	8-10	No Ice Fishing ; trout/char daily quota = 2; bait ban
MINNOW LAKE	8-10	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp); this lake is part of McCulloch Reservoir
MISSION CREEK	8-10	No Fishing from falls at Gallagher Canyon to Okanagan Lake
OKANAGAN LAKE	8-10	Rainbow trout daily quota = 2 (only one over 50 cm), bass daily quota = 8, yellow perch daily quota = 20
		Speed restrictions or no vessels (as buoyed and signed), various locations
OKANAGAN RIVER	8-1	No Fishing Oct 1-Nov 15; bass daily quota = 8, yellow perch daily quota = 20
		Exempt from spring closure from Okanagan Lake Dam downstream to McIntyre Dam and downstream of Drop Structure No. 1 (located about 1 km upstream of Osoyoos Lake)
		Rainbow trout release; no powered boats
OKANAGAN RIVER OXBOWS	8-1	These isolated oxbows adjacent to Okanagan River downstream of the McIntyre Dam and upstream of Vaseux Lake are EXEMPT from the spring closure
OSOYOOS LAKE	8-1	Kokanee daily quota = 5 (none over 30cm from July 1-Oct 31), bass daily quota = 8, yellow perch daily quota = 20
		Barbless hook July 1-Oct 31
		Speed restriction on parts, no vessels (see definition on page 4) in 5 signed swimming areas
OSPREY LAKE	8-6	Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp)
PEACHLAND CREEK	8-8	No Fishing from Hardy Falls to Okanagan Lake
PINAUS LAKE		Yellow perch daily quota = 20
POWERS CREEK	8-11	No Fishing downstream of Hwy 97 bridge to Okanagan Lake
RICKEY LAKE	8-5	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
ROBERTSON LAKE	➔ 8-5	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
ROSEMOND LAKE	8-26	No powered boats south of the CPR Bridge
ROSE VALLEY RESERVOIR (Lakeview Irrigation District)	➔ 8-11	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
SANDNER CREEK	8-15	No Fishing
SATURDAY LAKE	8-6	Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
SAWMILL LAKE	➔ 8-1	See Burnell Lake
SHANNON LAKE	➔ 8-11	Bass daily quota = 8, yellow perch daily quota = 20

Water-Specific Regulations

WATER BODY MGMT UNIT	EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
SHANNON LAKE (netted off portion on the south end of the lake)	8-11 Trout daily quota = 1 🧑 Youth/Disabled Accompanied Water May 1-Jun 15 (see page 4)
SHORTS CREEK	8-11 No Fishing from Westside Road Bridge to Okanagan Lake
SHUSWAP RIVER	8-26 No Fishing from Mara Lake upstream to Mara Bridge No Fishing 50 m upstream and 50 m downstream of Trinity Bridge, Jun 15-Nov 15 Rainbow trout/char release; exempt from spring closure from Mara Bridge upstream to Sugar Lake Upstream of Sugar Lake: No fishing Sept 1-Oct 31; bait ban
SILVER LAKE	8-8 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
SIMILKAMEEN RIVER	8-2 Rainbow and cutthroat trout catch and release Bait ban, Apr 1-Oct 31; exempt from spring closure
SITKUM CREEK	8-23 No Fishing Sept 1-Oct 15
SKAHA LAKE	8-9 Kokanee daily quota = 5 (none over 35 cm from July 10-Oct 31) Bass daily quota = 8, yellow perch daily quota = 20 Speed restrictions or no vessels (as buoyed and signed), various locations
SOUTH LAKE	8-10 No Ice Fishing Trout/char daily quota = 2; bait ban
SQUARE LAKE	8-21 No Ice Fishing Trout/char daily quota = 2; bait ban
STONY LAKE	8-5 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
SUGAR LAKE	8-23 Bull trout/Dolly Varden daily quota = 1 (none under 50 cm); single barbless hook
SUNDAY LAKE	8-6 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
SWAN LAKE	8-26 Yellow perch daily quota = 20
TEE PEE LAKES	8-6 See Friday, Saturday, and Sunday Lakes
TOMMY LEE LAKE	8-5 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
THIRSK LAKE	8-8 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
TREPANIER RIVER	8-8 No Fishing from Hwy 97C to Okanagan Lake
TROUT CREEK	8-8 No Fishing from the trestle in Trout Creek Canyon to Okanagan Lake Upstream of the trestle exempt from spring closure
TROUT LAKE	8-8 Bass daily quota = 8, yellow perch daily quota = 20 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
TUC-EL-NUIT LAKE	8-1 Bass daily quota = 8, yellow perch daily quota = 20 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
TULAMEEN RIVER	8-5 Rainbow and cutthroat trout catch and release Bait ban Apr 1-Oct 31 Exempt from spring closure
TWIN LAKES	8-1 Yellow perch daily quota = 20 Electric motor only - max 7.5 kW
UNNAMED LAKES (located immediately north and south of Bluey Lake)	8-6 No Fishing Known by Ministry of Forests designations as lakes 711, 712, 713, 364 and 309 on Map 92H-088
VASEUX LAKE (including two lagoons on the west side of Okanagan River upstream of McIntyre Dam)	8-1 No powered boats (Migratory Bird Sanctuary Regulations) Bass daily quota = 8, yellow perch daily quota = 20
VINSON LAKE	8-6 No Ice Fishing Trout/char release; bait ban, single barbless hook
WAP CREEK	8-24 No Fishing downstream of Frog Falls (excluding Wap Lake) Sept 1-June 30 Exempt from spring closure upstream of Frog Falls
WEST KETTLE RIVER	8-12 No Fishing July 25-Aug 25 Rainbow trout release; bait ban Apr 1-Oct 31 Exempt from spring closure
WEST KETTLE RIVER'S tributaries	8-12 Bait ban
WOOD LAKE	8-22 No Ice Fishing No Fishing for kokanee Sept 1-Mar 31 Kokanee daily quota = 3, Apr 1-Aug 31 Yellow perch daily quota = 20 Speed restriction (10 km/h) on parts
YELLOW LAKE	8-2 Yellow perch daily quota = 20 Engine power restriction - 7.5 kW (10 hp) WARNING! Dangerous thin ice due to aeration