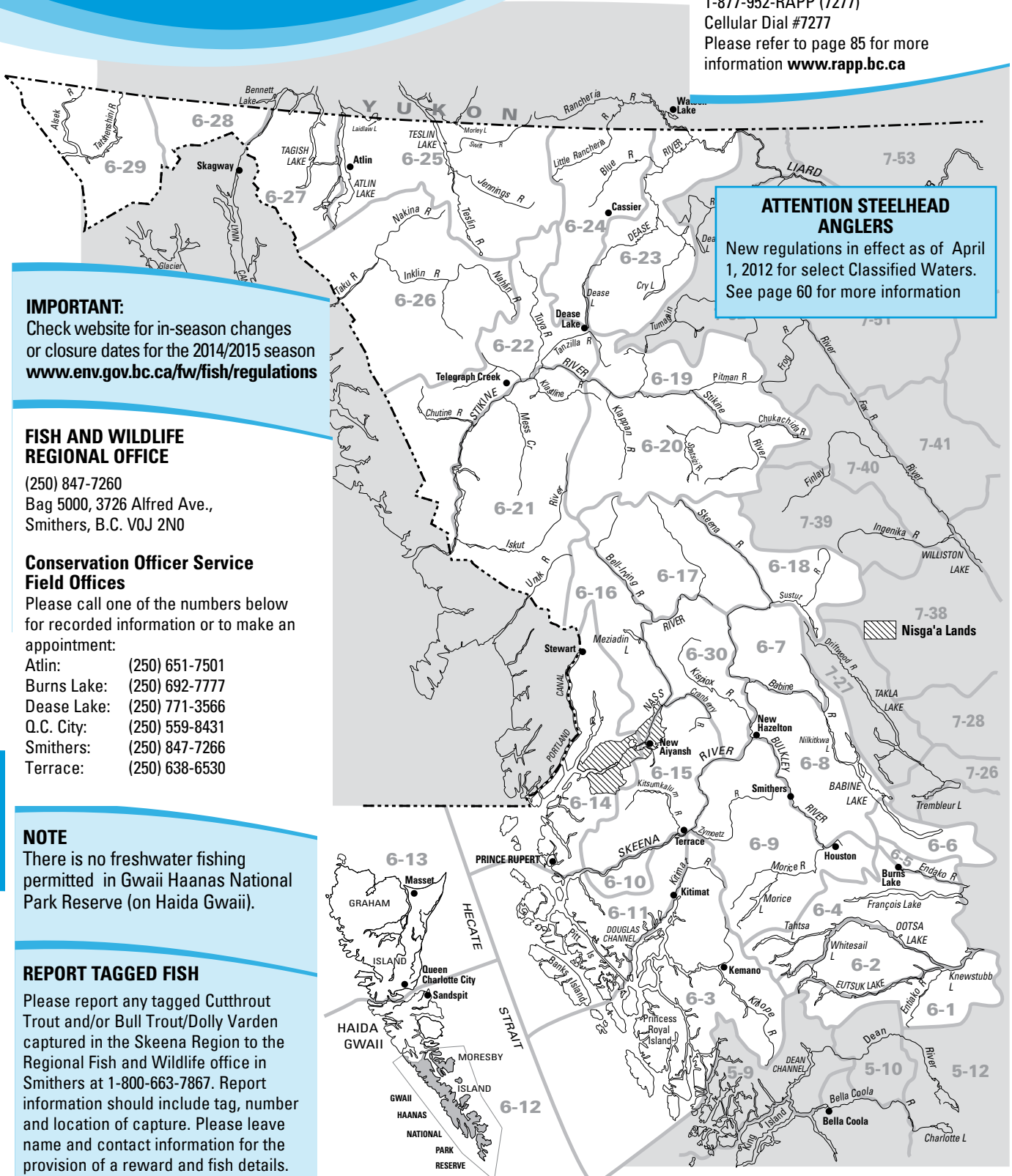


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The Management Unit boundaries indicated on the map below are shown only as a reference to help anglers locate waters in the region. For more precise Management Unit boundaries, please consult one of the commercial Recreational Atlases available for B.C.

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ATTENTION STEELHEAD ANGLERS
 New regulations in effect as of April 1, 2012 for select Classified Waters. See page 60 for more information

IMPORTANT:
 Check website for in-season changes or closure dates for the 2014/2015 season
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NOTE
 There is no freshwater fishing permitted in Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve (on Haida Gwaii).

REPORT TAGGED FISH
 Please report any tagged Cutthroat Trout and/or Bull Trout/Dolly Varden captured in the Skeena Region to the Regional Fish and Wildlife office in Smithers at 1-800-663-7867. Report information should include tag, number and location of capture. Please leave name and contact information for the provision of a reward and fish details.

REGION 6 - Skeena

REGIONAL REGULATIONS

GENERAL RESTRICTIONS

NO FISHING: in any stream in the watersheds of the **Skeena River** above Cedarvale or **Nass River** above Kitsault Bridge, Jan. 1 to June 15 (NOTE: **Nass River** mainstem is EXEMPT and **Skeena River** mainstem above Cedarvale is only closed Jan. 1 to May 31). See tables for other exceptions.

NO FISHING: in any stream in the **Iskut River** watershed (upstream of Forest Kerr Canyon), April 1 to June 30; and in the **Fraser River watershed in Region 6**, April 1 to June 30.

Single barbless hook: must be used in all streams of Region 6, all year.

Set lining for burbot is permitted in the lakes of Region 6. Please refer to set lining and the use of fin fish for bait on page 9.

NOTICE TO ANGLERS FISHING B.C.-YUKON TRANSBOUNDARY WATERS

To simplify angling and licensing regulations, and to improve fisheries management, a transboundary management agreement is in place for five lakes and two river systems which straddle the B.C.-Yukon border. **The lakes are Bennett, Laidlaw, Morley, Tagish, and Teslin** (not including any of their inlet or outlet streams). **The rivers are the Rancheria and Swift, plus their tributaries.** (NOTE: Lakes in the Rancheria and Swift watersheds are NOT included in the agreement.)

Anglers may fish any part of the affected waters with either a Yukon or British Columbia angling licence. (NOTE: **A B.C. licence is required to fish the B.C. portion of Atlin Lake even though it is also a transboundary water.**)

The quotas and size limits for these waters are now similar on both sides of the border, but **tackle restrictions have not been amended under the agreement.** Please refer to the Water-Specific Tables in Region 6 for detailed information on the daily catch quotas and possession quotas, as well as gear, method, and bait restrictions applicable to the B.C. portions of these waters. Information on quotas and tackle restrictions for the Yukon portions of the transboundary waters may be found in the Yukon regulations.

Anglers are reminded that they are entitled to **only one daily quota for any given species in these waters**, regardless of which side of the border the fish were taken and even if they possess both B.C. and Yukon angling licences.

Please obtain a copy of the Yukon regulations before fishing Yukon waters.

REGIONAL DAILY CATCH QUOTAS (See tables for exceptions)

Arctic grayling: 3

Burbot: 5

Inconnu: 1

Kokanee: 10 (none from streams)

Northern pike: 5

Whitefish: 15 (all species combined)

White sturgeon: CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY

Trout/char: 5, but not more than

- 1 over 50 cm (includes hatchery steelhead in the Kitimat watershed)
- 3 Dolly Varden/bull trout and/or lake trout combined
- **1 trout from streams July 1-Oct 31, not including Haida Gwaii (MUs 6-12 & 6-13)**
- **2 from streams on Haida Gwaii**

And you must release:

- **all Dolly Varden/bull trout from streams all year, not including Haida Gwaii**
- **Trout under 30 cm from any stream**
- **Trout of any size from streams Nov 1-June 30, not including Haida Gwaii**
- **Trout/char under 30 cm from any stream on Haida Gwaii**
- Lake trout from Fraser and Skeena watersheds, Sept. 15 to Nov. 30
- all wild steelhead

POSSESSION QUOTAS

Possession quotas = 2 daily quotas.
(See tables for exceptions)

DAILY AND ANNUAL CATCH QUOTAS FOR SALMON

Please refer to the NOTICE on page 4

ANNUAL CATCH QUOTAS

Annual catch quota for all B.C.:
10 **hatchery steelhead** per licence year.

STEELHEAD STAMP REQUIREMENT

Before fishing **steelhead** waters, please refer to "Classified Waters" and "Conservation Surcharges" (pages 7 & 8) for the requirements for a Steelhead Conservation Surcharge Stamp.

NOTICE TO ANGLERS

Trout/char quotas from Skeena streams have been revised. It is now prohibited to retain Dolly Varden or bull trout from any stream in the Skeena Region. One rainbow trout or cutthroat trout 30 cm or larger per day may be retained from Skeena Region streams from July 1-Oct 31, however from Nov 1-June 30 all trout from streams must be released to protect populations during particular vulnerable overwintering, spawning and post-spawning periods. The daily harvest quota remains unchanged at 2 trout/char 30 cm or larger from streams on Haida Gwaii.

TABLE LEGEND

See the following tables for exceptions and additional regulations on specific waters.



- ➔ Stocked Lake (not all stocked lakes listed, see p. 85)
- CW** Classified Waters Licence required to fish Class I or Class II waters, see p. 8
- * Including tributaries

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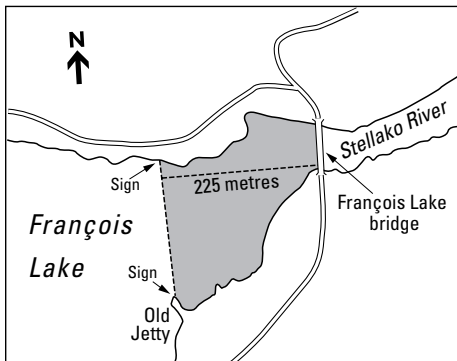
MANAGEMENT UNIT (NOT ALL SHOWN - SEE PAGE 5)		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
ALDRICH LAKE	6-9	Release rainbow trout over 50 cm
ATLIN LAKE	6-25 6-27	Lake trout daily quota = 3: EITHER none over 60 cm, OR only 1 over 60 cm and the other 2 must be 60 cm or less; Arctic grayling daily quota = 3 (only 1 over 35 cm); Northern pike daily quota = 5 (only 1 over 70 cm); whitefish daily quota = 5 Only one daily quota may be retained from Atlin Lake regardless of which side of the border the fish were taken
BABINE LAKE	6-6	Closed all year east of a line from Gullwing Creek to the south shore of Babine Lake No fishing within a 400 m radius of the mouth of Pinkut Creek, Aug 15-Sept 15 That section of flowing water between Babine and Nilkitkwa lakes is designated Babine River (see map 2 page 59); Regional stream regulations apply.
BABINE RIVER	cw 6-8	Canadian residents only on Saturdays and Sundays from the juvenile fish counting weir located at the outlet of Nilkitkwa Lake to the Nilkitkwa River confluence, Sept 1 - Oct 31 (See map 7 page 61) Closed all year between signs posted about 100 m above and 80 m below the adult fish counting fence, located approx. 1.8 km downstream of Nilkitkwa Lake Open all year in the stream channel known as "Rainbow Alley" located between Babine and Nilkitkwa lakes (see map 2 page 59) Fly fishing only (a) from the Fort Babine bridge downstream to signs posted 100 m above the adult fish counting fence (including Nilkitkwa Lake), during open times and (b) from signs about 80 m below the adult fish counting fence to Nichyeskwa Creek, June 16-Sept 30 Bait ban No angling from boats below adult fish counting fence; location of fence described above Class 1 water Sept 1-Oct 31; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31 from the juvenile fish counting weir located at the outlet of Nilkitkwa Lake downstream to the Babine River's confluence with the Skeena River (See map 7 page 61)
BASALT LAKE	6-1	No ice fishing; trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
BEAR RIVER * (Sustut Watershed)	6-18	Closed all year
BELL-IRVING RIVER	6-17	Bait ban, Aug 1-Dec 31
BENNETT LAKE	6-28	Lake trout daily and possession quotas = 2 (only 1 over 90 cm, none between 60 cm and 90 cm); Arctic grayling daily and possession quotas = 4 (only 1 over 44 cm, none between 36 cm and 44 cm); Northern pike daily and possession quotas = 4 (only 1 over 100 cm, none between 70 cm and 100 cm); whitefish daily quota = 5
BISH CREEK *	6-11	Trout release; bait ban
BUCKINGHORSE LAKE	6-20	No fishing within 100 m of outlet, May 15-July 31 Trout/char daily and possession quotas = 2 (none over 50 cm); bait ban, single hook
BUCKLEY CREEK	6-21	No fishing Nov 1-Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 1 (none over 50 cm); bait ban
BUCKLEY LAKE	6-21	No fishing Nov 1- Apr 30 Rainbow trout daily quota = 2 (none over 50 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook
BULKLEY RIVER	cw 6-9	Canadian residents only on Saturdays and Sundays, Sept 1 - Oct 31 Canadian residents only on the Telkwa River Sept 1 - Oct 31 (see Telkwa River) Closed all year above Morice/Bulkley River confluence * Bait ban, Aug 1-Dec 31 *; bait ban all year for Morice R. and Suskwa R.; no bait ban for Two Mile Creek No angling from boats from Morice River to CNR bridge at Barrett, Aug 15-Dec 31, and in Moricetown Canyon or within 100 m downstream, all year Class II water Sept 1-Oct 31* (see Suskwa River, a Bulkley tributary) & Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31 *
CASEY LAKE	6-4	Bait ban, single barbless hook; engine power restriction - 7.5 Kw (10 hp)
CHESLATTA LAKE	6-4	Lake trout release, Sept 15-Oct 31 Lake trout daily and possession quotas = 3 (only 1 over 50 cm), Nov 1-Sept 14
CHESLATTA RIVER (below falls)	6-4	Trout release; bait ban
CHILKOOT TRAIL NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK WATERS	6-28	Closed all year. Please contact Parks Canada for details (see page 11 in the Provincial Regulations)
CHIPMUNK LAKE	6-1	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
COPPER CREEK	cw 6-12	No fishing from Skidegate Lake to signs at second bridge 6 km above tidal boundary, Feb 1-Apr 30 Cutthroat trout release Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30*; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30 *
COPPER RIVER	6-9	See Zymoetz River
CRANBERRY RIVER	6-15	Closed all year between signs above and below Cranberry River Canyon Note: The section of river from Cranberry-Kiteen junction to Nass River is the Cranberry River Bait ban, Aug 1 - Dec 31
DALA RIVER *	6-3	Bait ban, June 1-June 14 and Aug 2-Oct 15 No fishing June 15-Aug 1
DAMDOCHAX CREEK	cw 6-17	Bait ban Class II water Sept 1-Oct 31*; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31 *
DATLAMEN CREEK *	cw 6-13	Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30
DEENA CREEK *	cw 6-12	No fishing above signs at second bridge 5 km above tidal boundary, Feb 1-May 31 Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30
DEEP CREEK	6-15	Closed all year
DENNIS LAKE	6-9	Release rainbow trout over 50 cm
"DIANA" CREEK	6-14	No fishing Aug 1-Oct 31 Bait ban Unnamed stream between Diana and Prudhomme lakes Also see Prudhomme Lake (south of the Hwy 16 bridge)
DORIS LAKE	6-8	Lake trout fishing closed all year (any caught must be released)
DUNALTER LAKE (Irrigation Lake) ➡	6-9	Electric motors only

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"EAST GRIBBELL" CREEK		6-3	Closed all year Unnamed stream on Gribbell Island across Ursula Chan. from Goat Harbour
ECSTALL RIVER *	cw	6-11	Class II water all year; Steelhead Stamp not required unless angling for steelhead
ENDAKO RIVER		6-4	No fishing Nov 15-June 30
FRANÇOIS LAKE (ONLY near the outlet at the François Lake bridge; see map 1 page 57)		6-4	No fishing Nov 15-May 31 Trout/char daily quota = 2, only 1 over 50 cm; release all rainbow trout Bait ban, single barbless hook; no set lining
FULTON RIVER *		6-8	Open June 16-Apr 30 each year Angling permitted in Fulton River opposite the spawning channels, as signed
GATCHO LAKE		6-1	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
GITNADOIX RIVER *	cw	6-10	Class I water all year; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Apr 1-May 31
HAYS CREEK * (in Prince Rupert)		6-14	Closed all year above signs located below lower culvert near fish cannery Includes "Oldfield" Creek
HELENE LAKE		6-6	No fishing northwest of a line between signs on opposite shores of the outlet bay, Apr 1-June 30
HEVENOR ("Mcqueen") CREEK *		6-30	Open all year, bait may be used, trout daily quota = 1 (no minimum size)
HILL-TOUT LAKE		6-9	Closed all year
HONNA RIVER *	cw	6-13	Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30
INSECT CREEK *		6-15	No fishing Jan 1-June 15
ISHKHEENICKH RIVER		6-14	See Ksi Hlginx River
ISKUT RIVER		6-21	No fishing downstream of Forest Kerr Canyon *, Apr 1-Apr 30 No powered boats between Natadesleen Lake and Kinaskan Lake
JOHANSON LAKE		6-18	Closed all year
KATHLYN LAKE		6-9	No powered boats
KHUTZYMATEEN RIVER *		6-14	Closed all year
KILDALA RIVER *		6-3	Bait ban, June 1-Oct 15
KISPLOX RIVER *	cw	6-30	Canadian residents only on Saturdays and Sundays, Sept 1 - Oct 31 Bait ban (EXCEPT Hevenor Creek) No angling from boats, no powered boats Class II water Sept 1-Oct 31; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31 See Skeena River/Kisplox River confluence
KITEEN RIVER		6-15	Bait ban, Aug 1 - Dec 31
KITIMAT RIVER *		6-3	West half of river between signs near Kitimat Hatchery outfall closed all year Hatchery steelhead daily quota = 1; hatchery steelhead monthly quota = 10; Note: province-wide hatchery steelhead annual quota = 10 When you have caught & retained your daily steelhead quota from the Kitimat, you must stop fishing the Kitimat for the remainder of that day Bait ban, May 15-Aug 31 No powered boats
KITSEGUECLA RIVER	cw	6-9	Canadian residents only on Saturdays and Sundays, all year Bait ban, Sept 1-Dec 31 Class II water all year *; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31 *
KITSUMKALUM (Kalum) RIVER * cw		6-15	Canadian residents only on Saturdays from the outlet of Kitsumkalum Lake to Glacier Creek confluence all year (See map 3 page 61) Canadian residents only on Sundays for the entire river all year Class II water all year *; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Aug 7 - May 31 Bait ban Jan 1-Mar 15
KITWANGA RIVER *	cw	6-30	Canadian residents only on Saturdays and Sundays, all year Bait ban, Sept 1-Dec 31 Class II water all year; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31



Map 1 Francios Lake - Outlet of Francois Lake

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KLAWOWYA LAKE	6-20	No fishing within 100 m of outlet, May 15 - July 31 Trout/char daily and possession quotas = 2 (none over 50 cm); bait ban, single hook
KLOIYA RIVER	6-14	No fishing Aug 1-Oct 31 Bait ban
KLUTANTAN RIVER *	cw 6-18	Bait ban, Sept 1-Dec 31 Class II water all year; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31
KOWATUA CREEK	6-26	No fishing Dec 1-June 30 and Aug 20-Sept 15
KSI HLGINX RIVER	6-14	No fishing June 15-Sept 1 Formerly Ishkheenickh River
KSI SGASGINIST CREEK	6-15	No fishing July 1-Sept 15 Formerly Seaskinnish Creek
KSI SII AKS RIVER	6-14	No fishing above Nass Road bridge, Aug 1-Dec 31 Formerly Tseax River
KSI X'ANMAS RIVER *	cw 6-14	No fishing upstream from the lower bridge abutments, July 1-Aug 20 Class II water Apr 1-Sept 30; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Apr 1-May 31 Formerly Kwinamass River
KWINAGEESE RIVER *	cw 6-30	Class II water Sept 1-Oct 31; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31 Bait ban, Aug 1-Dec 31
KWINAMASS RIVER *	cw 6-14	See Ksi X'anmas River
LACHMACH RIVER	6-14	No fishing Sept 1-Oct 31 Bait ban
LAILAW LAKE	6-25	Lake trout daily quota = 3: EITHER none over 60 cm, OR only 1 over 60 cm and the other 2 must be 60 cm or less; Arctic grayling daily quota = 3 (only 1 over 35 cm); Northern pike daily quota = 5 (only 1 over 70 cm); whitefish daily quota = 5
LAKELSE LAKE	6-11	Release rainbow trout over 50 cm
LAKELSE RIVER *	cw 6-10	Canadian residents only from the outlet of Lakelse Lake to the power line crossing, located 3.5 km upstream of the Lakelse River mouth, all year (See map 4 page 61) Cutthroat trout release above CNR bridge, Mar 1-Apr 30 Fly fishing only between Lakelse Lake and CNR bridge, Mar 1-May 31 Bait ban; no powered boats Note: The mouth of the river is designated by signs 1.7 km below Lakelse River logging road bridge Class I water all year; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-May 31
LEAN-TO CREEK	6-15	Closed all year
MAMIN RIVER *	cw 6-13	No fishing above signs at 3rd bridge 10 km above tidal boundary, Feb 1-Apr 30 Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30
MAXAN LAKE	6-9	Closed all year to fishing for lake trout
MCDONNELL LAKE	6-9	Release rainbow trout over 50 cm
MCQUEEN CREEK *	6-30	See Hevenor Creek
MEZIADIN RIVER *	6-16	No fishing from signs at outlet of Meziadin Lake to Nass River, Jan 1-June 15 Bait ban, Aug 1-Dec 31
MORICE RIVER *	cw 6-9	Canadian residents only on Saturdays and Sundays, Sept 1 - Oct 31 No fishing from signs near outlet of Morice Lake to Gosnell Creek, Jan 1-Sept 30 No fishing for finfish other than salmon from Gosnell Creek to Lamprey Creek, Jan 1-Aug 31; See British Columbia Freshwater Salmon Supplement Bait ban (all parts) Fly fishing only from Gosnell Creek to Lamprey Creek, Sept 1-Sept 30 No angling from boats, Aug 15-Dec 31 (all parts) Class II water Sept 1-Oct 31; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31
MORLEY LAKE	6-25	Lake trout daily and possession quotas = 2 (only 1 over 90 cm, none between 60 cm and 90 cm); Arctic grayling daily and possession quotas = 4 (only 1 over 44 cm, none between 36 cm and 44 cm); Northern pike daily and possession quotas = 4 (only 1 over 100 cm, none between 70 cm and 100 cm); whitefish daily quota = 5

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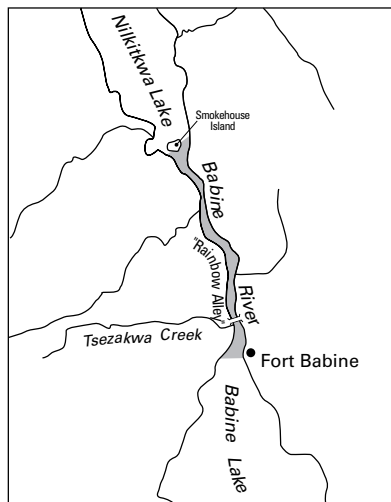
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MURRAY LAKE		6-4	Lake trout release, Sept 15-Oct 31 Lake trout daily and possession quotas = 3 (only 1 over 50 cm), Nov 1-Sept 14
NAGLICO LAKE		6-1	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
NAKINA RIVER		6-26	No fishing July 20-Aug 15
NATADESLEEN LAKE		6-21	Single barbless hook; no powered boats
NICHYESKWA CREEK		6-8	Closed all year
NILKITKWA LAKE		6-8	Fly fishing only, bait ban (EXCEPT dead fin fish may be used as bait when set lining; see page 9 in the Provincial Regulations) That section of flowing water between Babine and Nilkitkwa Lakes known as "Rainbow Alley" is open for fishing all year (see also Babine River) (See map 2 page 57)
NITHI RIVER		6-4	No fishing Nov 15-June 30
OGSTON LAKE		6-6	No ice fishing Rainbow trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook
"OLDFIELD" CREEK		6-14	No fishing ; see Hays Creek
OWVEEGEE LAKE		6-16	Release rainbow trout over 50 cm
PALLANT CREEK *	CW	6-12	Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30
PETTRY LAKE		6-1	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
PINKUT CREEK		6-8	No fishing downstream of the fish fence, Aug 15-Sept 15
PRUDHOMME LAKE		6-14	No fishing Aug 1-Oct 31 Trout/char daily quota = 2 (none under 30 cm); bait ban, single barbless hook
(South Of The Hwy 16 Bridge)			
RANCHERIA RIVER'S TRIBUTARIES		6-25	Arctic grayling daily quota = 3 (only 1 over 35 cm); whitefish daily quota = 5
ROSS LAKE	➔	6-9	Electric motors only
SEASKINNISH CREEK		6-15	See Ksi Sgaginist Creek
"SEELEY" CREEK (outlet of Seeley Lake)		6-9	Open all year, no minimum size for trout
SEELEY LAKE		6-9	Electric motors only
SEYMOUR LAKE		6-9	No powered boats
SIX MILE LAKE (Ross Lake Park)		6-15	Electric motors only
SILVERTHORNE (Erickson) LAKE		6-9	No fishing within 50 m of the outlet, May 1-June 30
SKEENA RIVER/KISPIOX RIVER CONFLUENCE		6-8	Bait ban; no angling from boats Waters within 3 white fishing boundary signs located at the confluence of the Skeena and Kispiox rivers
SKEENA RIVER (Mainstem Only)	CW	6-10	There are two separate Class II waters on the Skeena River (non-residents require separate licences describing which section they are fishing): (a) from Exchamsiks River to 1.5 km above Kitsumkalum River (known as "Skeena River 2"), July 1-Sept 30; and (b) upstream of 1.5 km above Zymoetz River (known as "Skeena River Section 4"), July 1-Dec 31; Steelhead Stamp not mandatory for Skeena River 2 unless fishing for steelhead. Steelhead Stamp is mandatory in Skeena River Section 4 during the Classified Waters period from July 1-Dec 31 Canadian residents only in Skeena River Section 4 on Saturdays and Sundays in two zones: (a) Shegunia River confluence to Sedan Creek confluence July 1-Dec 31 (See map 5 page 61), and (b) Chindemash Creek confluence to 1.5 km above Zymoetz River confluence, July 1 - Dec 31, (See map 6 page 61)
SQUIRREL LAKE		6-1	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
STATION CREEK		6-9	Open all year; trout daily quota = 1 (no minimum size)
SUSKWA (Bear) RIVER *	CW	6-8	Canadian residents only on Saturdays and Sundays, all year Bait ban Class I water all year; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31
SUSTUT LAKES		6-18	Closed all year
SUSTUT RIVER *	CW	6-18	Closed all year above BCR bridge at Bear River mouth Bait ban, Sept 1-Dec 31 Class I water Sept 1-Oct 31; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Sept 1-Oct 31
SWIFT RIVER *		6-25	Arctic grayling daily quota = 3 (only 1 over 35 cm); whitefish daily quota = 5



Map 2 Nilkitkwa Lake and section of the Babine River known as "Rainbow Alley"

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REGION 6 - Skeena

WATER-SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

MANAGEMENT UNIT (NOT ALL SHOWN - SEE PAGE 5)		EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGIONAL REGULATIONS
TAGISH LAKE	6-27	Lake trout daily and possession quotas = 2 (only 1 over 90 cm, none between 60 cm and 90 cm); Arctic grayling daily and possession quotas = 4 (only 1 over 44 cm, none between 36 cm and 44 cm); Northern pike daily and possession quotas = 4 (only 1 over 100 cm, none between 70 cm and 100 cm); whitefish daily quota = 5
TAHLTAN RIVER *	6-22	No fishing Dec 1-June 30
TAKYSIE LAKE	6-4	No fishing northwest of a line between signs on opposite shores just north of Takysie Lake Settlement, Mar 1-May 31
TATSAMENIE LAKE'S OUTLET STREAMS	6-26	No fishing between Tatsamenie Lake and Tatsatua Creek, Dec 1-June 30 and Aug 20-Sept 15
TCHESINKUT LAKE	6-4	Release lake trout all year EXCEPT during months of February and July (when regional quotas apply) Single barbless hook
TELKWA RIVER	6-9	Canadian residents only on the Telkwa River Sept 1 - Oct 31 (see Bulkley River)
TESLIN LAKE	6-25	Lake trout daily and possession quotas = 1 (none between 60 cm and 90 cm); Arctic grayling daily and possession quotas = 4 (only 1 over 44 cm, none between 36 cm and 44 cm); Northern pike daily and possession quotas = 4 (only 1 over 100 cm, none between 70 cm and 100 cm); whitefish daily quota = 5
TLELL RIVER *	cw 6-13	Cutthroat trout release Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30 Tidal water regulations apply to waters below tidal boundary sign located 1.5 km above Hwy 16 bridge - check B.C. Tidal Waters Sport Fishing Guide
TOMS LAKE	6-1	Trout daily quota = 2; bait ban, single barbless hook
TRIUMPH RIVER	6-3	No fishing Nov 1-May 31
TSEAX RIVER	6-14	See Ksi Sii Aks River
TWO MILE CREEK	6-8	Open all year; bait may be used; trout daily quota = 1 (no minimum size)
UNNAMED LAKE (approx. 500 M south of Natalkuz Lake)	6-1	No ice fishing ; rainbow trout release; bait ban, single barbless hook Located approx. 6.25 km S/SE of Yellow Moose Lake and approx. 6.25 km W/SW of Chedakuz Arm
WAHLA LAKE	6-2	Rainbow trout daily quota = 1 (none over 50 cm)
WEST ROAD ("Blackwater") RIVER'S TRIBUTARIES	6-1	Trout daily quota = 1; artificial fly only For regulations on the mainstem of the West Road River, see Region 5
YAKOUN RIVER *	cw 6-13	No fishing from Yakoun Lake downstream 13 km to signs, Oct 1-Apr 30 Cutthroat trout release; no powered boats Class II water Sept 1-Apr 30; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Dec 1-Apr 30
ZYMOETZ (Copper) RIVER *	cw 6-9	Closed all year from McDonell Lake downstream 3 km to signs Closed all year between signs in Zymoetz Canyon No fishing above the sign at the transmission line crossing (below Zymoetz Canyon), Jan 1-June 15 Bait ban Above Limonite Creek (Zymoetz River A): Class I water Jul 24 - Dec 31; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Jul 24 - Dec 31; Canadian residents only on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays Jul 24 - Dec 31 Below Limonite Creek (Zymoetz River B): Class II water Jul 24 - May 31; Steelhead Stamp mandatory Jul 24 - May 31; Canadian residents only on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays Jul 24 - May 31

NOTE: If a lake or stream is NOT listed here, then only the Provincial Regulations (pages 9-11) and the Regional Regulations (page 55) apply. New restrictions are highlighted in blue. Check for any in-season changes at: www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish

SKEENA QUALITY WATERS STRATEGY

New steelhead regulations in effect as of April 1, 2012

On April 1, 2012, a number of angling regulation changes were implemented in the Skeena Region to address issues of overcrowding and conflict among users during the steelhead fishery.

Changes were developed in consultation with resident anglers, guides, tourism and business representatives, non-Canadian anglers and First Nations (for more information, see www.env.gov.bc.ca/skeena/qws/). They apply to the Bulkley, Babine, Morice, Kispiox, Suskwa, Kitseguecla, Kitwanga, Skeena (section 4), Zymoetz Class I section, Zymoetz Class II section, Lakelse and Kitsumkalum rivers.

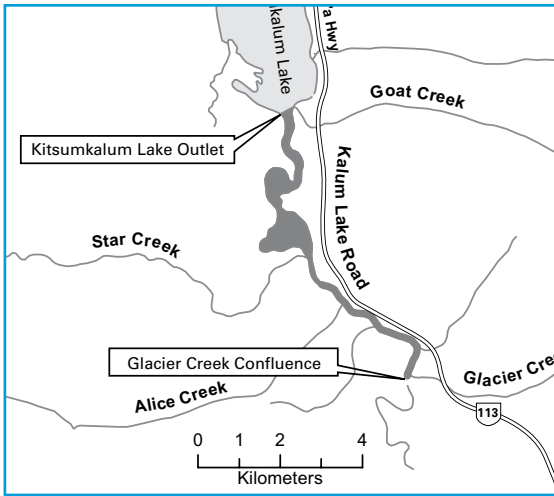
Depending on the river, the new regulations include:

- Extensions to the time period when a Classified Waters Licence and Steelhead Conservation Surcharge Stamp are required

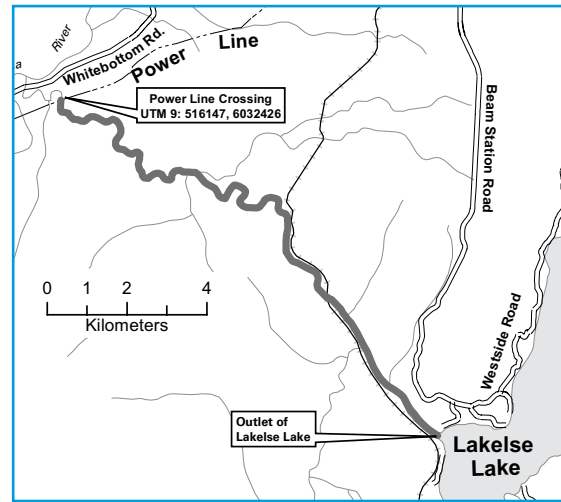
- Changes from Class II to Class I designation
- New times and zones where only Canadians are permitted to angle and non-Canadians are restricted
- New measures for the management of angling guides

For an explanation of all changes, visit www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish/regulations/ to read the Skeena Steelhead Regulations Brochure and Question and Answers that have been prepared.

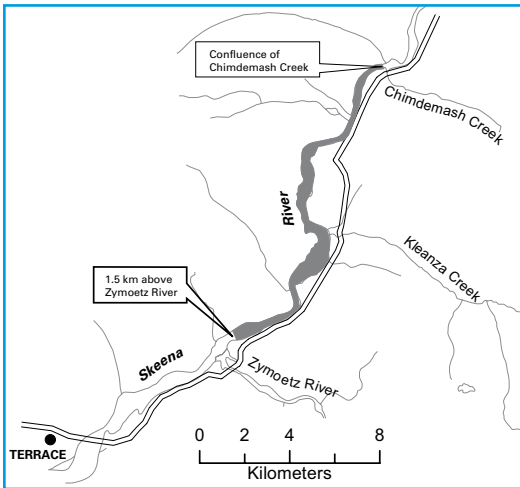
The ministry will be monitoring these new regulations to ensure they are working as intended. Information on angler effort and satisfaction will be gathered and used to inform management decisions in the future.



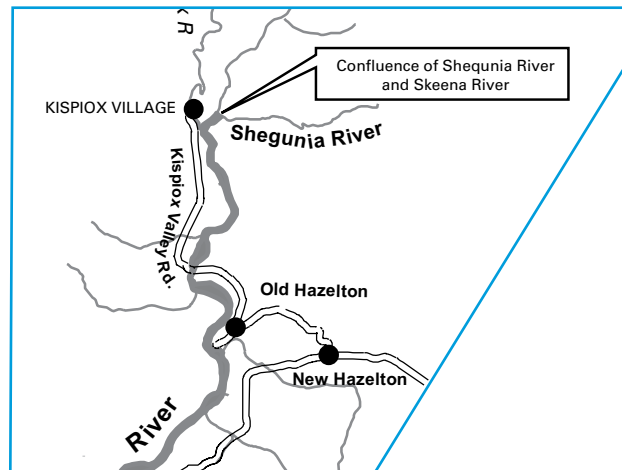
Map 3 Kitsumkalum River - Canadian residents only on Saturdays from the outlet of Kitsumkalum Lake to Glacier Creek confluence all year; Canadian residents only on Sundays for the entire river all year.



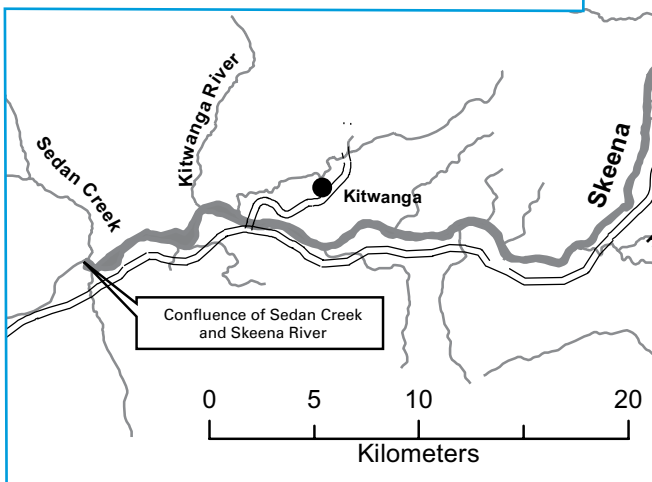
Map 4 Lakelse River - Canadian residents only from the outlet of Lakelse Lake to the power line crossing (UTM 9: 516147, 6032426), all year.



Map 5 Skeena River, Section 4, Zone A - Canadian residents only on Saturdays and Sundays from the Shegunia River confluence to Sedan Creek confluence, July 1 - Dec 31.



Map 6 Skeena River Section 4, Zone B Canadian residents only on Saturdays and Sundays from the Chindemash Creek confluence to 1.5 km above Zymoetz River confluence, July 1 - Dec 31.



Map 7 Babine River - Canadian residents only on Saturdays and Sundays from the juvenile fish counting weir at the outlet of Nilkitkwa Lake to the Nilkitkwa River confluence, Sept 1 - Oct 31

