

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
REGULATION OF THE MINISTER OF
WATER, LAND AND RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP

Wildlife Act

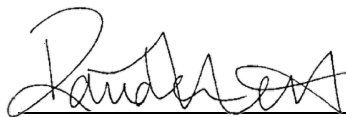
Ministerial Order No. M350

I, Randene Neill, Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, order that

- (a) the Angling and Scientific Collection Regulation, B.C. Reg. 125/90, is amended as set out in the attached Schedule 1, and
- (b) the Wildlife Act General Regulation, B.C. Reg. 340/82, is amended as set out in the attached Schedule 2.

November 16, 2025

Date



Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: *Wildlife Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 488, ss. 1 and 108

Other: *OIC 523/90 and OIC 1491/82*

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SCHEDULE 1

- 1** *Section 1 (1) of the Angling and Scientific Collection Regulation, B.C. Reg. 125/90, is amended by adding the following definition:*

“conservation surcharge stamp” means an authorization that is

- (a) issued for the purposes of section 2, and
- (b) recorded on the angling licence of the person to whom it is issued; .

- 2** *Section 2 is repealed and the following substituted:*

Conservation surcharge stamps

- 2** (1) A person must not do any of the following except in accordance with an applicable conservation surcharge stamp issued to the person:
- (a) angle for or catch and retain steelhead in classified or unclassified waters;
 - (b) angle for fish in classified waters listed in column 1 of Schedule A during the period set out opposite in column 5;
 - (c) catch and retain up to 5 rainbow trout that measure more than 50 cm from the tip of the nose to the fork of the tail and are caught in Kootenay Lake east of a line between fishing boundary signs on opposite shores at Balfour Point and Proctor Lighthouse;
 - (d) catch and retain up to 5 rainbow trout that measure more than 50 cm from the tip of the nose to the fork of the tail that are caught in Shuswap Lake;
 - (e) catch and retain up to 5 char that measure more than 60 cm from the tip of the nose to the fork of the tail that are caught in Shuswap Lake;
 - (f) catch and retain salmon that are caught in non-tidal waters of the Province, including not more than 10 adult chinook salmon.
- (2) A person may be issued a conservation surcharge stamp if the person
- (a) holds or is issued an angling licence at the time that the stamp is issued, and
 - (b) pays the applicable fee and conservation surcharge set out in Schedule C.

- 3** *Sections 4 (a) and 14 (2) are amended by striking out “Fisheries Act” and substituting “Fish and Seafood Act”.*

- 4** *Section 17 is amended*

(a) by renumbering the section as section 17 (1),

(b) in subsection (1) by striking out “shall immediately record, in ink, in the space provided on the back of the” and substituting “must immediately record on the person’s”, and

(c) by adding the following subsection:

- (2) A record made for the purposes of subsection (1) must be made
- (a) on the space provided for this on the angling licence, and
 - (b) in the form and manner required by the director.

5 *Section 19 is amended by adding the following paragraph:*

(a.01) to contravene section 2 (1), .

SCHEDULE 2

1 *Section 4.002 (b) of the Wildlife Act General Regulation, B.C. Reg. 340/82, is amended*

(a) by striking out “section 20.05 (2)” and substituting “section 21.02 (1)”, and

(b) in subparagraph (ii) by adding the following clauses:

(E) a basic angling licence issued with respect to a licence year that began on or after April 1, 2026;

(F) a classified waters angling licence issued with respect to a licence year that began on or after April 1, 2026.

2 *Section 16.02 is amended by striking out “the recording instructions set out on the back of an angling licence” and substituting “the recording instructions set out on an angling licence”.*

3 *Section 16.03 is amended by striking out “the recording instructions on the back of an angling licence” and substituting “the recording instructions set out on an angling licence”.*

4 *Section 21.02 is amended*

(a) in subsection (1) by adding the following paragraphs:

(g) a basic angling licence issued with respect to a licence year that began on or after April 1, 2026;

(h) a classified waters angling licence issued with respect to a licence year that began on or after April 1, 2026;

(i) a white sturgeon conservation licence issued with respect to a licence year that began on or after April 1, 2026. , ***and***

(b) by adding the following subsection:

(3) Despite subsection (1) (g), (h) and (i) of this section, a person must produce the person’s original licence if section 17 of the Angling and Scientific Collection Regulation applies to a fish caught and retained under the licence.

5 *Section 22.03 is amended*

(a) in paragraph (a) by striking out “14th” and substituting “fourteenth”, and

(b) in paragraphs (b) to (e) by striking out “3rd” and substituting “third”.