



CERTC

Cheakamus Ecosystem Restoration Technical Committee

Fisheries Notice

Regional fish stock managers conduct ongoing reviews of available information from numerous sources to determine general and water specific fishing regulations to conserve fish stocks. When requested, the Cheakamus Ecosystem Restoration Technical Committee (CERTC) provides input to the regulatory review process to aid in stock management decisions.

On August 1, 2006 the Ministry of Environment re-opened the Cheakamus River upstream of the lower falls to the dam at Daisy Lake to recreational angling. Recent impact and recovery studies in this portion of the Cheakamus River have indicated that a return to catch-and-release angling should not hinder recovery of resident fish stocks upstream of the lower falls (i.e. within the non-anadromous reach).

Based on information collected during the emergency impact assessment conducted after the August 5, 2005 derailment, and forecasted impacts on future brood years, the CERTC does not anticipate any other specific changes to the 2006-07 fishing regulations at this time as a result of the derailment and subsequent fish mortalities in the Cheakamus River.

Anglers are reminded to familiarize themselves with the Freshwater Fishing Synopsis and salmon regulation supplement, which will be available where you purchase your licence. Anglers are also encouraged to be aware of the possibility of in-season changes. More information is also available from the Ministry of Environment website <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish/regulations/synopsis.html> local DFO or Ministry of Environment offices or by calling the Office of the Chief of Recreational Fisheries, DFO: (604) 666-3271 (Vancouver).



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