

FISH COLLECTION PERMIT

Salvage

File: 34770-20

ATS Project: 120106

Permit No.: FJ15-161318 (Amended April 4, 2016)

Permit Holder: BC Hydro and Power Authority – Bettina Sander

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Authorized Persons: Bettina Sander, Demitria Burgoon, Katie Frye, R.P.Bio., Jack Yurko, Geoffrey Sawatzky, Bob Chapman, Geraldine Davis and Barbara Davis.

Pursuant to section 19 of the *Wildlife Act*, RSBC 1996, Chap. 488, and section 18 of the Angling and Scientific Regulations, BC Reg. 125/90, the above named persons are hereby authorized to collect fish for scientific purposes from non-tidal waters subject to the conditions set forth in this Permit: FJ15-161318

Permitted Sampling Period: July 7, 2015 to June 21, 2016

<u>Permitted Waterbodies</u>: Peace Region – Peace River and tributaries (230) and Moberly River and tributaries (230-744800)

<u>Permitted Sampling Techniques</u>: MT, SN, DN, EF (subject to permit terms and conditions)

Potential Species: See appendix C (subject to permit terms and conditions)

Provincial Conditions: (Permit holders must be aware of all terms and conditions):

- Variance approved for Provincial Condition #13: Electrofishing will be permitted within the vicinity of incubating Mountain Whitefish eggs within the Peace mainstem only.
- Variance approved for Provincial Condition #12: When water temperature is below 5 degrees C, all other permitted salvage methodology (minnow trapping, seine netting, dip netting) will be employed prior to the use of electrofishing wherever feasible during the salvage operation

All other Provincial conditions apply. See Appendix A

Region Specific Conditions:

- Salvage Plans for areas larger than 400m, must be provided to the Province in writing 30 days prior to work commencement. The salvage plans must be deemed satisfactory by the Province before work commences.
- Variance approved for Regional Condition #3: Electrofishing will be permitted between September 15 and June 15 in streams containing bull trout.

All other Regional conditions apply. See Appendix A

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Authorized by:

Chris Addison Regional Manager

Recreational Fisheries & Wildlife Programs

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Peace Region

Date: April 4, 2016

This permit supersedes FJ15-161318 issued on July 6, 2015

Any contravention or failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit is an offense under the *Wildlife Act*, RSBC 1996, Chap. 488 and B.C. Reg. 125/90.



Appendix A: Fish Collection Permit Conditions

Any Variation of the following terms and conditions will require explicit authorization by the appropriate regional Fish & Wildlife Section Head.

Provincial Conditions

- 1. This collecting permit is not valid
 - in national parks,
 - in provincial parks unless a Park Use Permit is also obtained,
 - in tidal waters.
 - for eulachon or for salmon* other than kokanee, or
 - for collecting fish by angling unless the permit holder and crew members possess a valid angling licence.

This collecting permit is only valid for species listed as threatened, endangered or extirpated under the Species at Risk Act (SARA) in conjunction with a permit issued under Section 73 of SARA from Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

*Contact the Department of Fisheries and Oceans for fish collecting permits for salmon, eulachon or SARA listed species (see Appendix B).

- 2. The permit holder (or the project supervisor) named on the application for a scientific collection permit will carry a copy of this permit while engaged in fish collecting and produce it upon request of a conservation officer, fisheries officer or constable.
- 3. Any specimens surplus to scientific requirements and any species not authorized for collection in this permit shall be immediately and carefully released at the point of capture.
- 4. Fish collected under authority of this permit shall not be used for food or any purpose other than the objectives set out in the approved application for a scientific collection permit. The permit holder shall not sell, barter, trade, or give away, or offer to sell, barter, trade or give away fish collected under authority of this permit. Dead fish shall be disposed of in a manner that will not constitute a health hazard, nuisance or a threat to wildlife.
- 5. No fish collected under authority of this permit shall be
 - transported alive unless authorized by this permit, or
 - transplanted unless separately authorized by the Federal/Provincial Fish Transplant Committee.
- 6. The permit holder shall, within 90 days of the expiry of this permit, submit a report of fish collection activities. Interim reports may also be required and shall be submitted as required by the permit issuer. All submissions must be filed electronically to: http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fish_data_sub/index.html

Reporting specifications, information and templates are available from this website and outline the mandatory information requirements. Prior notification of submission or questions regarding data report standards can be made to: fishdatasub@gov.bc.ca

- 7. This collecting permit is subject to cancellation at any time and shall be surrendered to a conservation officer on demand or to the issuer upon written notice of its cancellation.
- 8. This permit is valid only for the activities approved on the application form and in accordance with any restrictions set out therein.
- 9. This permit is valid only for trained, qualified staff named in the Application. The permit holder will comply with all Worker's Compensation Board requirements and other regulatory requirements. Permit holders are responsible for ensuring staff members listed on the permit are properly certified for specific sampling methods or activities (e.g. electroshocking).
- 10. Any workers not listed on the permit must be supervised by the permit holder or one of the additional persons as named on the permit.

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- 11. All sampling equipment that has been previously used outside of B.C. must be cleaned of mud and dirt and disinfected with 100mg/L chlorine bleach before using in any water course to prevent the spread of fish pathogens (e.g. Whirling disease) and / or invasive plant species. Any washed off dirt or mud must be disposed of in a manner such that it cannot enter a watercourse untreated.
- 12. When water temperature is below 5 degrees C, all other permitted salvage methodology (minnow trapping, seine netting, dip netting) will be employed prior to the use of electrofishing wherever feasible during the salvage operation
- 13. Except as outlined in the Application, electrofishing may not be conducted in the vicinity of spawning gravel, redds, or spawning fish, or around gravels which are capable of supporting eggs or developing embryos of any species of salmonid at a time of year when such eggs or embryos may be present.
- 14. Angling must only occur in accordance with the regulations specified in the current BC Freshwater Fishing Regulations Synopsis.

Region Specific Conditions

Peace Region

- 1. The permit holder must advise Region 7B (Peace) of sampling activities 48 hrs prior to field operations. Please complete the following notification form:

 http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/pasb/reports/fish/permit_notify7b.html
- 2. Voucher specimens for all regionally significant red and blue-listed species (3 per species) must be submitted to the Regional Fish Information Specialists as per RISC standards.
- 3. No electrofishing will be permitted between September 15 and June 15 in streams containing bull trout.
- 4. All sampling gear follow Association of Professional Biologists' advisory practice bulletin #5. Practice Advisory Didymo, see: https://www.professionalbiology.com/sites/default/files/pdfs/Didymo.pdf



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Appendix B: Table 1 - Species at Risk

The following are species at risk that have been listed by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) as either endangered, threatened or a species of special concern. Species also listed under the Species at Risk Act (SARA) are identified with an asterisk, and are subject to additional permitting requirements through the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO).

Common Name	Scientific Name		
Benthic Paxton Lake Stickleback	*Gasterosteus sp.		
Benthic Vananda Creek Stickleback	*Gasterosteus sp.		
Limnetic Paxton Lake Stickleback	*Gasterosteus sp.		
Limnetic Vananda Creek Stickleback	*Gasterosteus sp.		
Nooksack Dace	*Rhinichthys sp.		
Morrison Creek Lamprey	*Lampetra richardsoni		
Vancouver Lamprey (Cowichan Lake Lamprey)	*Lampetra macrostoma		
Cultus Pygmy Sculpin	*Cottus sp.		
Shorthead Sculpin	*Cottus confusus		
Hotwater Physa	*Physella wrighti		
Limnetic Enos Lake Stickleback	Gasterosteus sp.		
Benthic Enos Lake Stickleback	Gasterosteus sp.		
Salish Sucker	Catostomus sp.		
Speckled Dace	Rhinichthys osculus		
Charlotte Unarmoured Stickleback	Gasterosteus aculeatus		
Columbia Mottled Sculpin	Cottus bairdi hubbsi		
Giant Stickleback	Gasterosteus sp.		
Green Sturgeon	Acipenser medirostris		
Umatilla Dace	Rhinichthys umatilla		
West Slope Cutthroat Trout	*Oncorhynchus clarki lewisi		
White Sturgeon	Acipenser transmontanus		

Applications for permits to specifically collect and retain listed species must be reviewed by the appropriate provincial expert, who will screen permits to ensure that any impacts on listed species are acceptable. For white sturgeon the contact is Steve McAdam (<u>steve.mcadam@gov.bc.ca</u>). For listed non-game freshwater fish the contact is Jordan Rosenfeld (<u>jordan.rosenfeld@gov.bc.ca</u>).



Appendix C: Potential Species

Common	Scientific	Code	Common	Scientific	Code
Name	Name		Name	Name	
Artic Grayling	Thymallus	GR	Finescale	Phoxinus	FDC
	arcticus		Dace	neogaeus	
Brook	Culaea	BSB	Flathead	Platygobio	FHC
Stickleback	inconstans		Chub	gracilis	
Bull Trout	Salvelinus	BT	Goldeye	Hiodon	GE
	confluentus			alosoides	
Burbot	Lota lota	BB	Kokanee	Oncorhynchus	КО
				nerka	
Mountain	Prosopium	MW	Lake Chub	Couesius	LKC
Whitefish	williamsoni			plumbeus	
Northern	Margariscus	PDC	L <mark>ake Tr</mark> out	Salvelinus	LT
Pearl Dace	margarita			namaycush	
Northern Pike	Esox lu <mark>cius</mark>	NP	Lake	Coregonus	LW
			Whitefish	clupeaformis	
Northern	Ptyc <mark>hocheilus</mark>	NSC	Largescale	Catostomus	CSU
Pikeminnow	ore <mark>gone</mark> nsis		Sucker	macrocheilus	
Northern	Phoxinus eos	RDC	Longnose	Rhinichthys	LNC
Redbelly			Dace	cataractae	
Dace					
Peamouth	Mylocheilus	PCC	Longnose	Catostomus	LSU
Chub	caurinus		Sucker	catostomus	
Prickly	Cottus asper	CAS	Slimy Sculpin	Cottus	CCG
Sculpin				cognatus	
Pygmy	Prosopium	PW	Spoonhead	Cottus ricei	CRI
Whitefish	coulteri		Sculpin		
Rainbow	Oncorhynchus	RB	Spottail	Notropis	STC
Trout	mykiss		Shiner	hudsonius	
Redside	Richardsonius	RSC	Troutperch	Percopsis	TP
Shiner	balteatus			omiscomaycus	
Walleye	Stizostedion	WP	White Sucker	Catostomus	WSU
	vitreus			commersoni	
Yellow Perch	Perca	YP			
	flavescens				