

# FISH COLLECTION PERMIT Research

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Permit No.: SU20-602281

Permit Holder: University of British Columbia - Dolph Schluter

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Authorized Persons: Dr. Robert Devlin, Dr. Benjamin Freeman, Dr. Jonathan Rolland, Dr. Antonin Machac, Ken Thompson, Stephanie Blain, Mackenzie Kinney, Kately Nikiforuk, Frank Yeung, Anthony Ho, Katie Chu

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:

Permitted Sampling Period: April 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020

<u>Permitted Waterbodies</u>: South Coast Region – Campbell River (900-000500), Klein Lake (900-147300-79800), Lily Lake (900-141100), Little Quarry Lake (905-145000-08500), Murdo-Frazer Park Pond (900-069300), Paxton Lake (905-126000-66000-97900), Priest Lake (905-126000-61600), Sasamat Lake (900-050500), Schkam Lake (100-115100), Second Lake (4026165499091), Trout Lake (900-126800)

West Coast Region – Enos Lake (920-440400)

<u>Permitted Sampling Techniques</u>: DN, MT (subject to permit terms and conditions) <u>Potential Species</u>: SB12, SBB, SB13, SB5, SBP, TSB, CAS (subject to permit terms and conditions)

**Permitted Lethal Sampling:** Not to exceed 105 TSB from Enos Lake

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

See Appendix A.

**Region Specific Conditions:** 

See Appendix A.

**Authorized by:** 

**Christopher Hegele** 

Aquatic Biologist

A person authorized by the Regional Manager Recreational Fisheries & Wildlife Programs

**South Coast Region** 



**Sean Pendergast** 

Deputy Regional Manager Recreational Fisheries & Wildlife Programs **West Coast Region** 

Date: April 16, 2020 Permit Fee \$25

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: <a href="http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fish\_data\_sub/index.html">http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fish\_data\_sub/index.html</a>

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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## **Appendix A: Fish Collection Permit Conditions Continued**

- 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. No electrofishing is to take place in waters below five degrees C.
- 13. No Sampling of Fish in waters over twenty degrees C.
- 14. 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.
- 15. Angling must only occur in accordance with the regulations specified in the current BC Freshwater Fishing Regulations Synopsis.

#### **Region Specific Conditions**

#### **South Coast Region**

- The permit holder must notify the Aquatic Fish and Wildlife Section of the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development at <a href="mailto:SCFishandAquaticWildlife@gov.bc.ca">SCFishandAquaticWildlife@gov.bc.ca</a> with the following information at least 24 hours prior to undertaking work:
  - o approved SFC permit number
  - o report number (where applicable)
  - o company
  - o contact
  - o address
  - o phone
  - o fax
  - o water body
  - watershed code
  - o purpose of collection
  - o start date
  - end date
- All streams sampled, for which a watershed code does not presently exist, will require a map showing the location of the stream and sampling location with the map scale identified at time of reporting.
- Electrofishing and minnow trapping can harm or kill non-target species of management concern such as the endangered Coastal Giant Salamander (within the Chilliwack River drainage system), Oregon Spotted Frog, and Pacific Water Shrew (within the lower Fraser River Valley). Any incidental captures (alive or dead) of any red- or blue-listed wildlife species must be reported to the Ministry of Forest, Lands, Natural Resources and Rural Development, South Coast Region. For further information on these species or to report incidental captures, please contact the Fish and Aquatic Wildlife Section by e-mail at SCFishand AquaticWildlife@gov.bc.ca.
- Please refer to the following website for the least risk in-stream work windows: <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/air-land-water/water/working-around-water/work\_windows\_low\_main.pdf">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/air-land-water/working-around-water/work\_windows\_low\_main.pdf</a>

Where possible, collection should be conducted during the least risk work windows identified. The exception is seasonal or ephemeral streams where sampling may not be possible during the prescribed window due to flow conditions.

• The permit holder must refer to the following when sampling Salish Sucker, Nooksack Dace and Stickleback species.

Salish sucker sampling guidelines –

http://www.frontcounterbc.gov.bc.ca/pdf/SalishSuckerCollectionGuidelines2015.pdf

Nooksack dace sampling guidelines -

 $\underline{http://www.frontcounterbc.gov.bc.ca/pdf/NooksackDaceCollectionGuidelines 2015.pdf}$ 

Stickleback species pairs sampling guidelines -

http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/species-especes/publications/sara-lep/stickleback-epinoches/index-eng.html

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• All non-native fish species captured under this permit are to be humanely euthanized and disposed of appropriately. Within 48 hours of capture, a record of the species, capture location, date, waterbody, number, size range (mm) and digital imagery must be submitted to the Fish and Aquatic Wildlife Section by email at <a href="SCFishandAquaticWildlife@gov.bc.ca">SCFishandAquaticWildlife@gov.bc.ca</a>. Non-native fish species include, but are not limited to: American Shad; Black Catfish; Black Crappie; Brown Catfish; Carp; Goldfish; Largemouth or Smallmouth Bass; Pumpkinseed Sunfish; and Weather-fish.

## 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	*Lampe <mark>tra richardso</mark> ni
Vancouver Lamprey (Cowichan Lake Lamprey)	*Lampetr <mark>a macrostom</mark> a
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 (<a href="mailto:steve.mcadam@gov.bc.ca">steve.mcadam@gov.bc.ca</a>). For listed non-game freshwater fish the contact is Jordan Rosenfeld (<a href="mailto:jordan.rosenfeld@gov.bc.ca">jordan.rosenfeld@gov.bc.ca</a>).

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