

ANGLING REGULATIONS SUMMARY

Recreational angling opportunities are provided as a way of experiencing Kluane National Park and Reserve. Possession limits and special conservation measures are established as a way of maintaining healthy fish populations.

Open Season for fishing is year round.

Permits

Annual (valid from April 1 to March 31 of the following year) and one-day permits are available at the Kluane National Park & Reserve Visitor Centre in Haines Junction and at the Parks Canada office in Whitehorse. They may also be available from retail outlets near Kluane National Park & Reserve.

Youth under the age of 16 may fish in Kluane National Park & Reserve without a permit if accompanied by a permit holder who 16 years of age or older. However, their catch is then included within the permit holder's daily limit. Youth under 16 who purchase a permit are allowed their own daily limit.

You must purchase a national park fishing permit when angling in Canada's national parks. Yukon fishing licenses are not valid.

Subsistence fishing may be carried out by Yukon First Nations with Traditional Territory in Kluane National Park & Reserve.

This is not a legal document. It is meant to be a brief summary designed to help you interpret the rules. Additional information and the complete Regulations are available at park offices.

Closed Waters

Fishing is prohibited in Sockeye Lake and the creek between Sockeye Lake and Louise Lake.

When Angling

in Kluane National Park & Reserve
it is unlawful to:

- Fish without a valid National Park permit
- Fish by any method other than angling
- Fish from 2 hours after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise
- Use more than one rod and line
- Leave a fishing line unattended
- Use, or be in possession of a lead sinker or jig weighing less than 50 grams
- No person shall use or have in possession for use as bait, live or dead fish or any parts thereof
- Use a motor-powered boat on unauthorized waters
- Use a snowmobile other than on the ice surface of Kathleen Lake
- Sell, offer to sell, trade or barter fish caught within the park
- Waste or allow fish suitable for human consumption to spoil
- Fish while employed as a fish guide or boatman during hours of employment

The possession limit shall not exceed one day's legal catch.

Be Bear Aware

Fish entrails attract bears. Dispose of them in a park garbage container or sink in backcountry water bodies. Puncturing the air bladder is important to ensure fish entrails sink.

Overnight Backcountry Visitors

Overnight backcountry visitors are required to register their proposed trips at the Kluane Visitor Reception Centre in Haines Junction or the Tach̓àl Dh̓àl (Sheep Mountain) Visitor Reception Centre.

Help Maintain the Park's Wilderness Character

Please comply with national parks' pack-in pack-out policy and use low impact camping practices.

Help Us Protect Kluane's Fish

The fish belong to all of us, and we all have a role to play in protecting them. If you witness any illegal fishing activity, you can help by carefully recording the date/time, location, description and number of people involved, vehicle description and license plate, and details of the violation. Please report the incident as soon as possible to Park Wardens by calling (toll-free) 1-877-852-3100. Prompt action in reporting such incidents is important.

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1 Kathleen Lake, Louise Lake and the river between the two lakes

Catch and possession:

- All trout and char species (except rainbow) 2
- Arctic grayling 4
- * Kokanee salmon (catch and release only) 0
- Whitefish 4
- Rainbow trout (catch and release only) 0
- Maximum daily catch limit (all species combined) 6

Slot limits:

Anglers must release all fish between the following fork lengths**:

- Lake trout: 65-100 cm (26"-39") fork length**;
- Arctic grayling: 40-48 cm (16"-19") fork length**

Only one fish of each species in your daily limit or possession can be over this slot length size.

Use of barbless hooks (single or treble) is required.

2 Kathleen River

The same as Kathleen Lake except:

Use of **single** barbless hooks is required.

3 All Other Park Waters

Catch and possession:

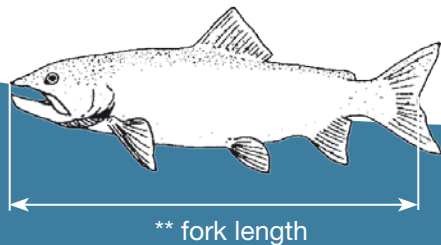
- Rainbow trout (catch and release only) 0
- All trout and char species 2
- Arctic grayling 4
- Whitefish 4
- Northern pike 4
- Maximum daily catch limit (all species combined) 6

Maximum size limits:

Anglers must release all fish over the following fork lengths**:

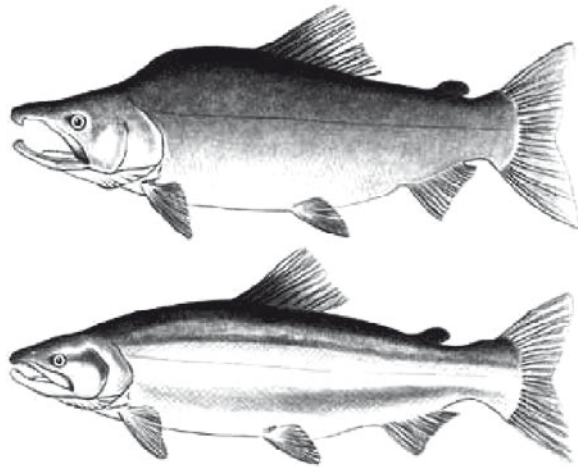
- Lake trout: 65 cm (26") fork length**;
- Arctic grayling: 40 cm (16") fork length**;
- Northern pike: 75 cm (30") fork length**

Use of barbless hooks (single or treble) is required.



Kokanee Salmon *Oncorhynchus nerka*

*Historically, kokanee spawning runs have averaged about 2800 fish, but dropped dramatically to only 20 in 2009. To protect the remaining population, Parks Canada closed sport fishing of kokanee salmon.



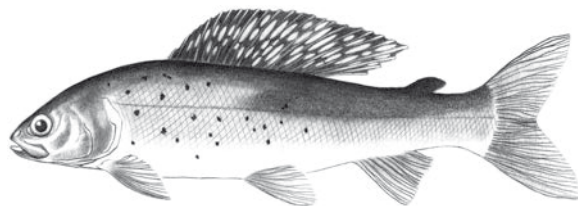
Fall spawn:

- red bodies with green or black heads
- males have hooked jaw and humped back

Remainder of year:

- silver bodies

Arctic Grayling *Thymallus arcticus*



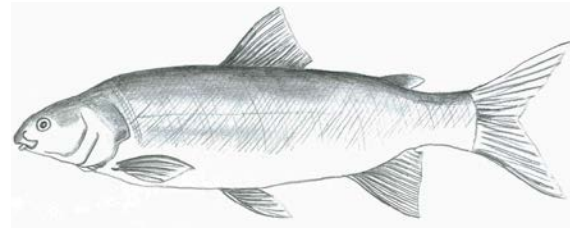
- long, high dorsal fin edged with a coloured band and dotted with rows of spots

Lake Trout *Salvelinus namaycush*



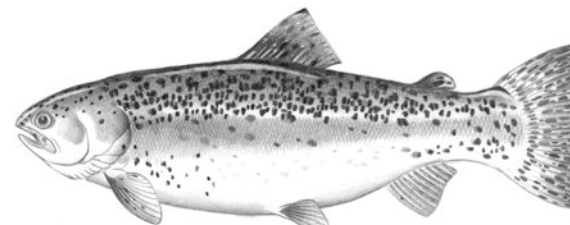
- light spots on dark body
- slightly forked tail

Round Whitefish *Prosopium cylindraceum*



- cigar shaped with a deeply forked tail, scaly
- short head with a small mouth devoid of teeth
- laterally "pinched" snout that projects beyond lower jaw

Rainbow Trout *Oncorhynchus mykiss*



- dark spots on light body
- radiating rows of black spots on tail

Do Your Part

Invasive plants and animals can damage our aquatic ecosystems. Pay special attention when you are moving from one water body to another, particularly if you are coming from outside of Yukon.

Prevent the introduction and spread of invasive species:



Choose gear wisely. Felt-soled waders stay moist for a long time and can spread aquatic organisms. Please choose alternative footwear.



Drain water from your boat and gear before leaving an area.



Inspect and remove weeds and all other organisms from motors, boats, trailers and gear before leaving an area.



Clean your boat and gear. Remove mud, water, plant or aquatic life. Disinfect with a 2% bleach solution or hot, soapy water. If disinfecting is not practical, dry items and wait 48 hours before use in other waters.



It is illegal to use live or dead fish or fish parts (including eggs) as bait in Kluane National Park & Reserve.

Thank you for keeping our waters healthy.



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Fork length is measured from the tip of the snout to the fork in the tail.