



Kluane National  
Park and Reserve  
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# ANGLING REGULATIONS SUMMARY

This is a brief summary of fishing regulations which apply to Kluane National Park and Reserve. Complete National Park regulations may be obtained at park offices.

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### Regulatory Objective

Kluane National Park and Reserve endeavors to maintain the ecological integrity of fish populations while promoting recreational angling opportunities for park visitors.

Possession limits and special conservation measures in Kluane National Park and Reserve waters are set with the goal of maintaining ecological integrity and ensuring fish populations are unimpaired for future generations of anglers.

Open Season for fishing is year round.

### Permits

Permits for annual and one day periods are available at the Kluane National Park and 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 and Reserve.

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

The fish belong to all of us.  
Please contact park staff if you witness any illegal fishing activity. Prompt action in reporting such incidents is important.

### 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 Tachàl Dhàl (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.

Traditional subsistence fishing may be carried out by local First Nations people in northern national parks.

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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 ..... 0
- whitefish ..... 4
- rainbow trout ..... (catch and release only)
- Maximum daily catch limit ..... 6

Slot limits:

Anglers must release all fish between the following lengths:

- lake trout: 65 - 100 cm (26" - 39") in length;
- arctic grayling: 40 - 48 cm (16" - 19") in length

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

Use of barbless hooks 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)
- all trout and char species ..... 2
- arctic grayling ..... 4
- whitefish ..... 4
- northern pike ..... 4
- Maximum daily catch limit ..... 6

Maximum size limits:

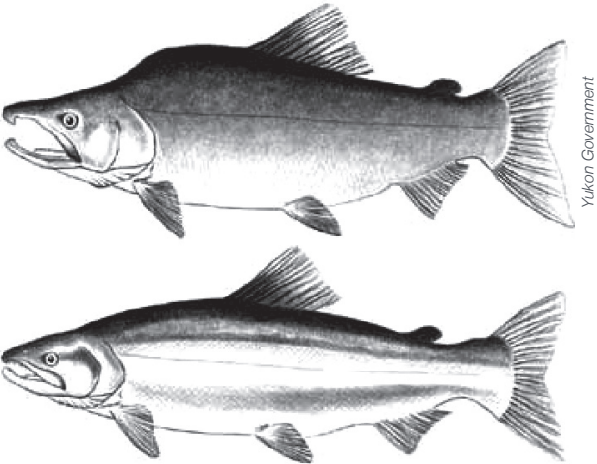
Anglers must release all fish over the following lengths:

- lake trout: 65 cm (26") in length;
- arctic grayling: 40 cm (16") in length;
- northern pike: 75 cm (30") in length

Use of barbless hooks is required.

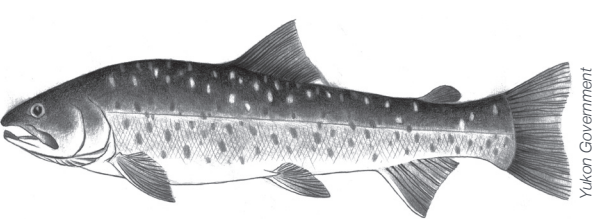
Kokanee Salmon *Oncorhynchus nerka*

Spawning runs have averaged about 2800 fish, but recently these numbers have dropped dramatically to only 20 in 2009. To protect the remaining population, Parks Canada closed sport fishing of kokanee salmon in 2004.



- Fall spawn: red bodies with green or black heads. Males have hooked jaw and humped back.
- Remainder of year: silver bodies.

Dolly Varden *Salvelinus malma*



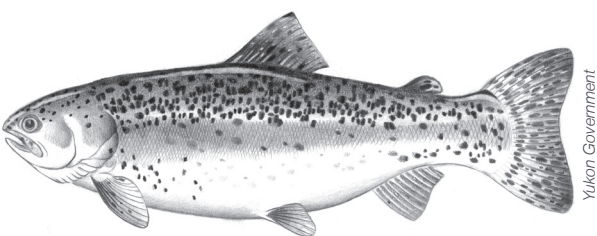
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- no worm-like markings on dorsal fin
- slightly forked tail
- small head

Lake Trout *Salvelinus namaycush*



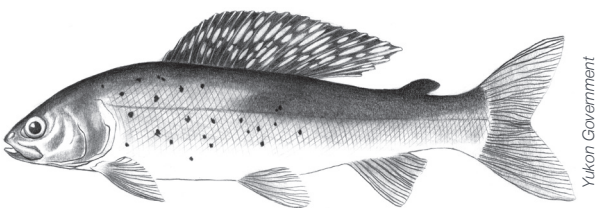
- light spots on dark body
- slightly forked tail

Rainbow Trout *Oncorhynchus mykiss*



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

Arctic Grayling *Thymallus arcticus*



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

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:



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



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



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



4. 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.



5. 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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