



## **Como Lake Angling Regulation Change Supplementary Information**

One of the Freshwater Angling Regulation changes the Ministry of Environment is proposing for April 1, 2009, is to remove the current Age Restriction for recreational angling on Como Lake. This will open the lake to angling by anyone with a valid BC Freshwater Fishing Licence.

Reasons for the change:

- ◆ The Age Restriction concept was developed many years ago when youth, seniors and the disabled required some easily accessible fisheries in order to avoid competing with more knowledgeable and agile anglers.
- ◆ Times have changed. There are fewer anglers and many parents will not allow their children to fish alone.
- ◆ The transfer of angling knowledge from parent to child often requires the participation of the parent, which is awkward on Age Restricted waters.
- ◆ The Ministry and its partners, the Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC and the City of Coquitlam, recognize the value of Como Lake as a family fishing lake.
- ◆ Como Lake is a stocked fishery. It is possible to adjust the number of rainbow trout released into the lake to meet angler participation demands.

Written input to the Ministry on the proposed change will be received up to Thursday, July 31, 2008, and can be provided in one of the following ways:

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