



# ATTENTION ?AKISQNUK FISHERS

Invasive Species Yellow Perch found in  
Ya·ki?uni?i?ki Kwi?q?i (Columbia Lake)

## Why is this important?

- Yellow Perch in BC are considered an invasive species, and are a direct threat to native fish species like salmon, trout, whitefish, and burbot, preying on their juveniles and negatively impacting their populations
- If nothing is done, yellow perch could rapidly overtake all other fish species native to Ya·ki?uni?i?ki Kwi?q?i and harm the local biodiversity

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Ktunaxa***

*Everything you do,  
you do for Ktunaxa*

## What do Yellow Perch look like?

- Size ranges between 10 - 25 cm (4 - 10 inches) long
- Olive-green back, yellow sides, white belly, and dark vertical bars on the sides
- Two dorsal (back) fins and a forked tail

*There are no other fish species in Ya·ki?uni?i?ki Kwi?q?i that look similar to Yellow Perch*

## What to do if you catch one:

- **Do NOT release Yellow Perch back into the water (alive or dead)**
- Humanely kill the fish and dispose of safely if not intending to eat (e.g. trash, leave on shore if not in area of high-human activity)
- Yellow perch are safe to eat if you wish to keep your catch

## Info to report:

Please report any Yellow Perch catches to **Lands.Resources@akisqnuq.org** and include:

- Date and location caught (GPS if possible)
- Photo of fish (ruler for scale)
- Any identifying markings on the fish

*AFN will send invasive species reports to the relevant Ministry*

## For more information or questions:

- BC Invasive Species website - Yellow Perch
- AFN Lands & Resources department - [Lands.Resources@akisqnuq.org](mailto:Lands.Resources@akisqnuq.org)

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