



ATTENTION ?AKISQNUK FISHERS

Invasive Species Yellow Perch found in
Ya·kił?unitiłki Kwiłqłi (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·kił?unitiłki Kwiłqłi and harm the local biodiversity

*Qapi qapsin kin
?itkin hin ?isti
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·kił?unitiłki Kwiłqłi 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@akisqnuuk.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@akisqnuuk.org*

Stay tuned for more updates from AFN!

