

THE GREEN WATCH

The Green Lake Area Ratepayers' Association Newsletter
Representing property owners and residents in the
Watch and Green Lake Area



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Dear GLARA Members

It has been an interesting summer, with emphasis on the word "interesting". I think at this point we would all look forward to a "boring" summer where we could socialize normally and recreate unencumbered by forest fires. All things considered, we seem to get through these events and come out the other side enjoying the beauty of our area. A special thanks to our fire departments who provide us with comfort knowing their diligence keeps us as safe as we can be.

Discretion being the better part of valor, GLARA has postponed this year's AGM again as the uncertainty of Covid protocols continues. With good fortune, we hope that some sense of normalcy will return to group gatherings and we can commence the AGM in 2022.

On the environmental front, after the pine beetle devastation, guess what? We are now confronted with the fir beetle infestation and we ask everyone to become conversant with this new blight through resources in our newsletter and on our website, www.glara.ca Director Dave Schwarz has provided a substantial amount of information on this topic and we give kudos to Roy Allan who keeps our website up to date.

The Ministry of Environment re-enacted a water sampling program for Green Lake this year but we have yet to receive the results. While sampling, a few observations were made, notably the pH seems to be higher but the clarity remains near same. On the basis of totally non-scientific speculation (!) I suspect the high flushing action in the past 2-3 year has brought in more alkalinity from terrestrial sources but that and \$1.25 will buy you a cup of coffee.

However, whatever the causality, fisherpersons are happy as this year there have been a number of boats landing 3-to-8-pound trout in Green Lake which is a change from the past reputation of the lake being tough to fish. This subject makes for great coffee time conversation as to why the fishing has changed.



We wish to thank all GLARA community participants in their support to keep our area the magnificent place to live that it is, with special attention to Marie Kuyek whose consistent efforts are the glue that binds GLARA together.

Sincerely yours, Dunham Craig
Co-Chair, GLARA



WATCH LAKE – NORTH GREEN LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



So often fire department reports start out with the good, but uninteresting, news that nothing has happened in the past three or four months. For a change we were busy. The Watch Lake Dump and Si Lake Wildfires at the beginning of July started the

summer's activity and for many residents it spoiled what could have been a great season on the lakes. Watching the skimmers pick up water on Green Lake replaced watching water-skiers, although a few boaters caused some alarm by ignoring the danger they were causing by interfering with the flight pattern of the aircraft. The Dump Wildfire was a major callout for our department. Our new truck saw its first action along the dump road and then we pulled back since BC Wildfire was going to launch an aerial attack. From that point on, our crew had to await direction from BC Wildfire, but their firefighters did make good use of our ability to provide water. All three tenders kept up a full supply of water, trucking it from the nearby dry hydrant at Access 14.

As serious as that fire was, it was primarily a trial run for the enormous threat to our area from the Flat Lake Wildfire. Although most of our firefighters have had the necessary training in wildfire suppression, here again their assistance was mainly in the supply of water with the tenders. The need for water was so great at one point that we called in assistance from the South Green Lake and Lone Butte departments. Our crew worked in 24/7 shifts patrolling the area and watching for spot fires that had jumped the fire guard and Highway 97.

In one instance the quick action by passersby followed by our patrol stopped what could have been a serious outbreak just up the hill from 83 Mile Road. Residents of the area west of the highway at 83 Mile had the fire literally in their backyards and the combined efforts of the Structural Protection Unit, BC Wildfire and our Crew saved all of those properties.

The seriousness and proximity of the Flat Lake Wildfire prompted the CRD to issue an Evacuation Order for most of our fire protection area. Residents who respected the order along Green Lake North Road were out of their homes for ten days. The homeowners along 83 Mile Road felt more threatened by the fire and most were out of the area for up to twenty-three days. With the ever-present threat of the Covid Pandemic it turned out to be a very distressing time for many residents. With our firefighters on the front line of the Flat Lake fire we were able



It doesn't get much closer than this! to publish daily, first-hand updates on Facebook and the many replies praising our crew's actions were greatly appreciated. As volunteers, that is their only reward.

Fortunately, throughout all of this activity there were no major injuries and although the surrounding forests did not fare too well, there was little property damage. There was one unfortunate incident in which one of our fire engines was broadsided by a pickup while travelling to an area close to the Flat Lake fire. Sadly, the driver of the pickup succumbed to his injuries, but our Fire Chief, Andy Palaniak, sustained only minor injuries to his shoulder. Both vehicles were totaled.



83 Mile hose maze

The Covid restrictions have had a profound affect upon most community activities. The department's annual general meeting was postponed a couple of times and finally held with mask and open doors on the Thanksgiving weekend. There were no issues to discuss, but it was one of those formalities required of all societies. The high point of the meeting was the presentation of a retirement plaque to the former Fire Chief, Guy Poliseno, and retirement watch to Vito Burtini. A Firefighter Appreciation Dinner to be held at the Flying U was scheduled for September 28th, but that has now been postponed until the gathering size limitations have been rescinded.

Restricted and cancelled community events have not deterred residents and visitors from enjoying smaller group celebrations. At the most recent bottle and can recycling count we passed a record \$10,000 in collections for this year. Alan Watrich, one of the department directors, has taken on the responsibility of organizing the weekly sort, count and bagging of the cans and bottles. He also takes those sorted to the depots where he can get the best return. For many years Alan has been a highly valued member of the department first, as a firefighter and now as a board member and resident mechanic. For his years of service to the Green Lake and 100 Mile House communities, Alan was recently chosen Citizen of the Year for the South Cariboo.



Well, that's it for the summer that was totally different for most residents and now we must get ready for winter. Please make sure your chimney is cleaned and that there are new batteries in the smoke detector. Your firefighters would far rather make a social call than respond to a callout. www.wlmgfiredept.org

Roy Allan, Director



South Green Lake Volunteer Fire Department



Hello all,

The transition of myself taking over for retiring Fire Chief Peter McKie has gone very smoothly. We have had quite a change with new officers and I would like to thank all the personnel involved in this process.

We made it through another smokey and sometimes uneasy fire season. Our fire smart program is in full swing with our fire smart reps busy getting the neighborhood program up and running with the Bravo section recently completed. Our sprinkler program has been very successful in the area and can take orders from residents to protect their properties in case of a wildfire. If you have any questions about the sprinkler program, contact a volunteer firefighter or the department.

I am grateful to all residents for their efforts in reducing the fire risk to their properties. Moving ahead, we are expecting the egress road at access number 12 to be completed in the spring of 2022. The fuel mitigation projects will be ongoing on South Green during the winter, with re-burning debris piles in the area. We are expecting another water tender next year, greatly expanding our initial "on scene" watering capabilities. The tender will replace our aging out pumper number two. We are also looking at a command vehicle for initial response in the new year.

I hope everyone has a safe year ahead and I am looking forward to seeing you at our open house planned for the May long weekend 2022. <http://southgreenlakevfd.ca/>



Roger Graham Fire Chief S.G.L.V.F.D.

Passenger bus service
Cariboo – Kamloops – Fraser Canyon

Connecting communities



Prince George to Surrey: Monday & Thursday
Surrey to Prince George: Tuesday & Friday

Williams Lake to Kamloops: Monday & Thursday
Kamloops to Williams Lake: Monday & Thursday

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Bus Service

When Greyhound discontinued its western Canada bus service in 2018, it was devastating news for people who live outside major urban areas.

Luckily for people who want to travel through the Fraser Canyon, Cariboo-Chilcotin and Kamloops districts of Central British Columbia, Adventure Charters Inter-City Bus Service is filling the void with regularly scheduled shuttle services that link the Lower Mainland to Prince George — and points in between — several times a week.

“When you live in a smaller community you don’t always have the access to opportunities you’d get in a bigger city,” says Janna Gertzen, co-owner of the family-run company. “Some smaller rural communities don’t always have access to doctors, specialists, support services, or shopping. People still need to be connected and have access to those really vital aspects of a good life.”

Janna was born and raised in Williams Lake, where residents are accustomed to “zipping” off to Kamloops or Prince George for appointments. If you don’t have a vehicle, however, that becomes an impossible task and, for many of these communities, there are no other options. There is no train service and flights are both expensive and daunting, especially for seniors.

“If there’s no bus service going through these little communities, then they’re cut off,” Gertzen says. “The Cariboo region has been a ghost town of bus service since Greyhound ceased operations.”

She also notes the service is vital to the communities in the Fraser Canyon as no other bus company currently travels that route.

It’s why Adventure Charters prides itself on “connecting communities”.

Often asked why they can sustain a profitable bus service while Greyhound failed, Janna explains that Adventure Charters isn’t encumbered by having to maintain depots and large coach buses. Her company’s fleet contains seven buses ranging in size from 14 to 55 passengers and includes both rugged and hardworking buses for trips off the main roads and cozy and comfortable ones for the longer journeys.

These are the scheduled routes:

- Surrey to Prince George every Tuesday and Friday, and return trips from Prince George to Surrey on Mondays and Thursdays
- Kamloops/Prince George and Prince George/Kamloops every Monday and Thursday

“As ridership builds, we can add more runs and days and start filling out that schedule to offer more service,” she says.

The Gertzens are proud of what the company has been able to achieve. “We are a smaller company, so our passengers get a very personalized service. We’re flexible, we’re nimble, we’re viable,” she says. “We get great feedback about our drivers and our buses are extremely comfortable.”

“Passengers also like that we’re quicker than Greyhound. We do have scheduled breaks, but unless a passenger has made reservations for a specific rural community, we don’t stop in every town. That shaves time off what used to be a really long run.”



<https://www.adventurecharters.ca/>



Invasive Plant Management Update

Fall marks the end of another invasive plant management operational season and what a season it was! Invasive plant management contractors and staff began the season in early May within the Cariboo Regional District. A great deal of the high priority sites within the region were managed before the unprecedented heat wave began in late June. The extreme heat and wildfire threat that the province experienced throughout the summer months significantly affected invasive plant management efforts. Work plans had to be delayed, altered, or cancelled altogether to accommodate the extreme temperatures for worker safety and management efficacy reasons. Despite these challenges, all high priority sites and many medium priority sites received management attention.

www.cariboord.ca/en/home-and-property/invasive-plants-invasive-plants.aspx



Within the Green Lake area, positive progress on the high priority species and sites continued. The couple of Hoary Alyssum patches along the Green Lake Rd N are becoming reduced in the number of plants and don't appear to be spreading beyond their current location, but the infestation continues to require multiple treatments to stop seed production. **Hoary Alyssum**

Medium priority plants in the Green Lake area, including St. John's Wort and Sulphur Cinquefoil all received at least one treatment pass and appear to remain under control.



Meadow Knapweed



Russian Knapweed

Contractors and staff continue to be on the lookout for new invaders in the area, including Russian Knapweed and Meadow Knapweed.

Thankfully neither were found this year once again and the Cariboo Regional District's (CRD) Invasive Plant Management program kindly asks that residents of Green Lake remain vigilant for and report any suspicious looking plants at 1-800-665-1636 or

invasiveplants@cariboord.ca

While fall is upon us and winter is imminent, the CRD's Invasive Plant Management program is looking forward to another great year for 2022. It is anticipated that 2022 will look much the same as 2021 for funding levels and treatment priorities. A strategic planning meeting will occur once again in early 2022 to determine treatment priorities for the year and we welcome participation from any interested members of the public. Should you wish to participate, please contact the CRD's Invasive Plant Management program at 1-800-665-1636 or

invasiveplants@cariboord.ca

Emily Sonntag, Cariboo Regional District

RCMP Report

October Newsletter article from "The Clinton Lariat"

Over the next few months there will be some community activities organized in conjunction with Elizabeth Fry Society, Victim Services and RCMP. <https://www.scefry.ca/>



In October there will be a scavenger hunt and a pumpkin carving contest, pumpkins will be supplied by Elizabeth Fry Society and completed pumpkins will be dropped off at the Clinton RCMP detachment. There will be prizes of course. We will be decorating the parking lot and handing out treats here on Halloween night so please bring your kids. In December we will be having our annual "Cram a Cruiser" event for the Food Bank. Last year many people made this event one for the books, so let's do it again!! All dates TBD.

In October we responded to 72 files. There have been some break and enters in Clinton and the Beaverdam area with several items stolen including firearms. Of recent, some of the firearms have been located and some of the property including a boat motor. Please do not leave firearms, even in a safe, unattended in a residence or storage unit for long periods of time. If you have the opportunity, trail cameras on your property are a good idea, especially for those seasonal residences that are unoccupied much of the winter. There have also been lots of reports of collisions with wildlife. Please be cautious when driving on these highways and use your high beams when appropriate as those animals can come out of nowhere. I have attended a few collisions over the years with moose where the occupants are lucky to have survived.

The first couple of weekends in October members were busy with increased traffic enforcement and check stops. One Friday night a check stop was held with BC Highway Patrol. Several motor vehicle act infractions were ticketed. As well, one suspended driver was taken off the road and the vehicle impounded. I am happy to report that no impaired drivers were located.

As a reminder, please watch your speed in School Zones and stay off your phone, it's not only unsafe for you but for the kids. There will be increased enforcement in the school zones in the near future. Hope everyone had a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving

A/Cpl Marika MASTERS, Detachment Commander

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Message from the Ministry of Transportation

With the arrival of October, comes the spectacular backdrops of changing leaf colours along with a number of factors related to road safety. Shortening daylight hours requires increased driver attention for road conditions, wildlife, and livestock into the dinner hour. Nighttime lows below zero, become normal. Awareness of conditions such as higher moisture content in the air at and near to streams, rivers, and lakes, directly contributes to black ice on road surfaces and bridge decks! And just generally speaking, as snow accumulates, road surface conditions become cause for a higher level of defensive driving. The following link adds to these points and reminds all drivers about changes in approaches to winter driving in order to arrive safely and to return from your daily activities.

Road approaches including Hwy #24 and into and about the 70 Mile House, Watch and Green Lakes areas, are priority with MOT and road maintenance contractors. Road traffic volumes over the years, have contributed to road bed and surface deterioration. Seasonally high spring run-off and ground water absorption, have not been helpful in accelerating some circumstances. While in other settings, there have been some new and unexpected priorities arise. Assessments have resulted in active planning to remediate the damaged areas. As winter takes hold, so do the limiting circumstances brought on by freezing temperatures that prevent addressing the damage until the spring. The MOT continues to work towards repairing pavement damage with asphalt overlays this fall as circumstances allow. Please be conscious of temporary caution and road safety signs and work crews! Thank you for your patience.

Michelle Schilling

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Driver Winter Driving Safety: <https://shiftintowinter.ca/>

70 Mile Eco-Depot

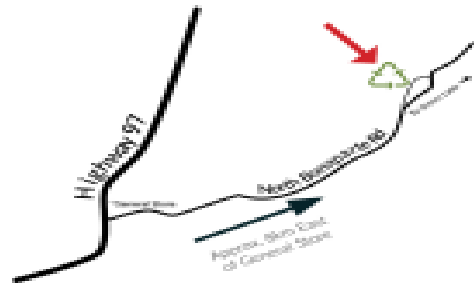
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HOURS OF OPERATION

SUMMER	WINTER
Sat - Wed	Sat, Sun, Mon, Wed
8am - 4pm	10am - 4pm
[Apr 1 - Sept 30]	[Oct 1 - Mar 31]

*Site closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Day and is open all other regularly scheduled days

3061 NORTH BONAPARTE ROAD



ACCEPTED MATERIALS

Household Garbage	\$80/t or \$1 per bag
Household Recycling	Free to Recycle
Residential Yard Waste	Free to Recycle
Mattresses & Box Springs	Free to Recycle
Tires	Free to Recycle
Cooling Appliances fridge, freezer, water cooler	Free to Recycle
Lg Appliances, Scrap Metal, Propane Tanks	Free to Recycle
Electronics, Small Appliances	Free to Recycle
Batteries - Household, Automotive	Free to Recycle
Used Oil, Paints, Pesticides, & Flammables	Free to Recycle
Wood Waste, Asphalt Shingles separated from other construction material	\$100/t [\$5 min. charge]
DRC demolition, renovation, construction	\$160/t [\$8 min. charge]
Asphalt/Concrete separated from other construction material	\$20/t [\$1 min. charge]
Commercial (IC&I) Recycling	\$80/t [\$4 min. charge]
Commercial (IC&I) Yard Waste	\$40/t [\$2 min. charge]

WHAT IS ... HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE?

Solid waste generated from the day to day activities of households and non-industrial businesses. Typically, this waste will fit in bags but can include larger items used around a property such as a garden hose.

DRC?

(Demolition, Renovation, and Construction)
Solid waste generated from activities such as renovations or industrial work. Any material that is designed to be part of a house or building is considered DRC.



*Disposal fees can be paid by credit, debit, or Eco Card. Cash is not accepted.



Have an unusual or odd load? Give us a call ahead of time

Be sure to follow us for all the latest information

tnr.ca | 250.377.8673 | recycleright@tnrd.ca



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Winter Hours 70 Mile Eco Depot Oct. 1 – March 31

70 mile depot closed Christmas day, Boxing day and New Years day

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Closed	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Closed	Closed	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	10:00 am - 4:00 pm



Winter Hours Watch Lake Landfill Oct. 1 – March 31

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
8:00 am - 4:00 pm	7:00 am - 4:00 pm	Closed	Closed	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	9:00 am - 4:00 pm



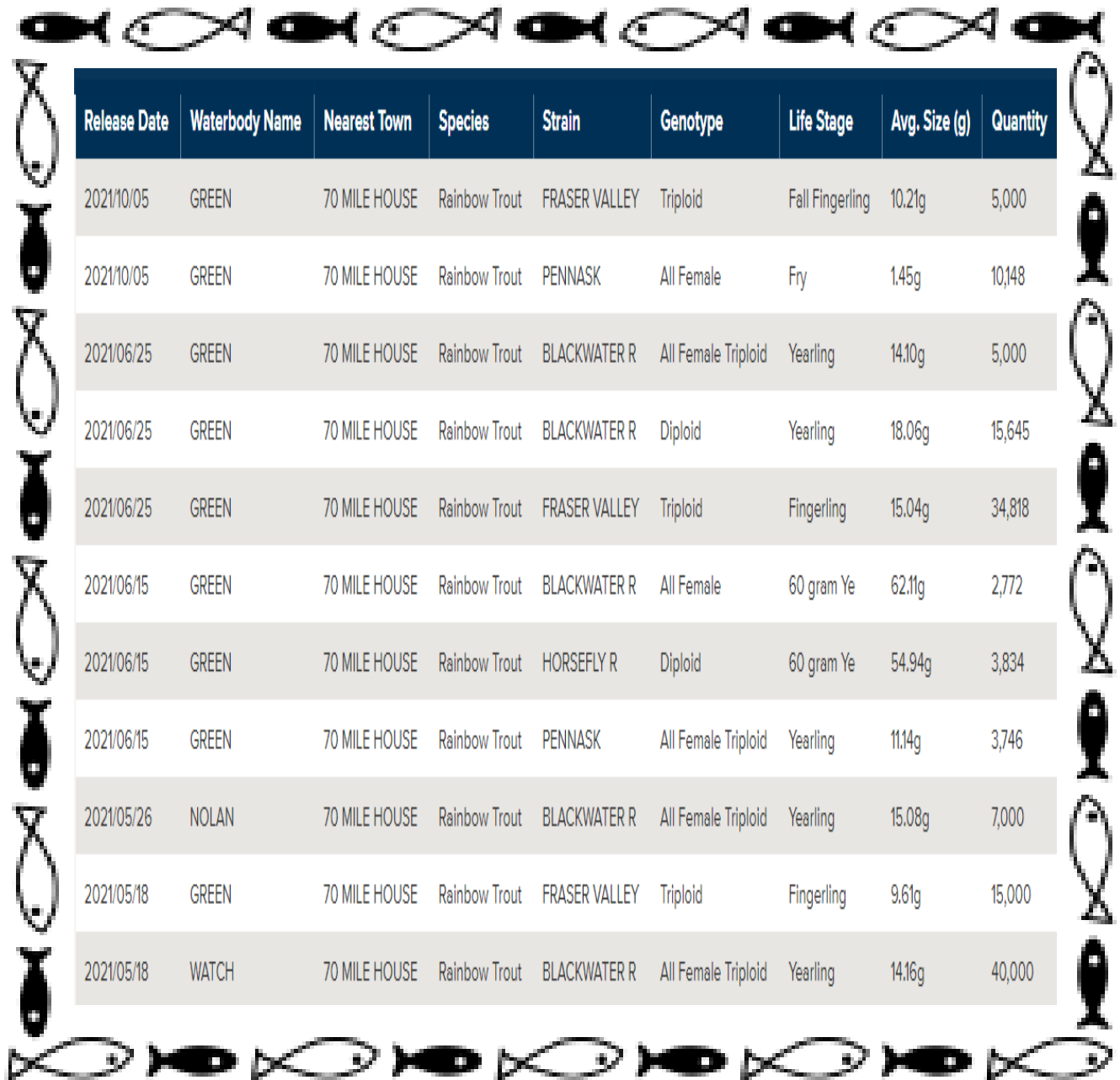
Winter Hours Lone Butte Transfer Station Oct. 1 – March 31

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	closed	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	9:00 am - 5:00 pm



Watch lake & Lone Butte transfer stations: Closed Christmas day and New Years day

Fish Stocking for 2021



Release Date	Waterbody Name	Nearest Town	Species	Strain	Genotype	Life Stage	Avg. Size (g)	Quantity
2021/10/05	GREEN	70 MILE HOUSE	Rainbow Trout	FRASER VALLEY	Triploid	Fall Fingerling	10.21g	5,000
2021/10/05	GREEN	70 MILE HOUSE	Rainbow Trout	PENNASK	All Female	Fry	1.45g	10,148
2021/06/25	GREEN	70 MILE HOUSE	Rainbow Trout	BLACKWATER R	All Female Triploid	Yearling	14.10g	5,000
2021/06/25	GREEN	70 MILE HOUSE	Rainbow Trout	BLACKWATER R	Diploid	Yearling	18.06g	15,645
2021/06/25	GREEN	70 MILE HOUSE	Rainbow Trout	FRASER VALLEY	Triploid	Fingerling	15.04g	34,818
2021/06/15	GREEN	70 MILE HOUSE	Rainbow Trout	BLACKWATER R	All Female	60 gram Ye	62.11g	2,772
2021/06/15	GREEN	70 MILE HOUSE	Rainbow Trout	HORSEFLY R	Diploid	60 gram Ye	54.94g	3,834
2021/06/15	GREEN	70 MILE HOUSE	Rainbow Trout	PENNASK	All Female Triploid	Yearling	11.14g	3,746
2021/05/26	NOLAN	70 MILE HOUSE	Rainbow Trout	BLACKWATER R	All Female Triploid	Yearling	15.08g	7,000
2021/05/18	GREEN	70 MILE HOUSE	Rainbow Trout	FRASER VALLEY	Triploid	Fingerling	9.61g	15,000
2021/05/18	WATCH	70 MILE HOUSE	Rainbow Trout	BLACKWATER R	All Female Triploid	Yearling	14.16g	40,000

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