

ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC

Recreation

Report: 31. Peace River Angling and Recreation-Use Creel Survey 2008 – Interim Year 1 Report

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Summary: The purposes of this survey were to interview recreational users of the Peace and Pine rivers to quantify the timing, duration, type and location of their recreational activities with the aim of establishing a baseline for future assessment, and to identify and describe all recreational use sites located within the Peace River mainstem and any potentially inundated tributaries. The creel survey included overflights and a statistical analysis of recreational fishery catch rates. From mid-May until the end of December 2008, 29 over-flights were conducted, and 2,809 recreational users were interviewed, including 651 respondents who said that they were angling. Results reported include the number and type of recreation sites, the popularity of various recreational activities in the study area, and the abundance and species of fish caught by recreational anglers in each study strata.