

# *Eulachon Monitoring Tool*

## New Monitoring Booklets are Available for Pick-Up at the KLRD Office

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The Kitselas Lands and Resources Department (KLRD) is excited to announce the launch of the Eulachon Monitoring Tool, now available for community members in preparation for this year's Skeena River Eulachon (w̓ah) run, which starts in just a few short weeks!

### **What is the tool for?**

The tool is a short booklet designed as an educational resource and a monitoring tool for Kitselas First Nation community members to help collect important information about the Skeena River Eulachon run. The first half of the booklet discusses the biological, cultural and ecological importance of Eulachon, while the second half includes a field guide, maps of important monitoring locations, and tearaway monitoring cards.



Image description: *Eulachon Monitoring Tool*.

### **Why is it important?**

Little is known about the size, specific breeding locations, and timing of the Skeena River Eulachon run, and how it changes over time. KLRD has been monitoring the run to learn more about this important species. The information collected with this monitoring tool will support KLRD's existing programs and help Kitselas to make informed fisheries management and conservation decisions, so that this cultural and food resource can remain a part of Kitselas culture for generations to come.

### **Can anyone pick up a booklet?**

Yes! Community participation in monitoring the run is vital for protecting and sustaining this important species. We are relying on Kitselas community members to help us enhance the data KLRD is already collecting.

You can pick up a booklet by contacting the Senior Resource Stewardship Officer by email at [seniorRSO@kitselas.com](mailto:seniorRSO@kitselas.com) to make an arrangement for pick-up.

### **How do I use the booklet?**

Make sure to bring your booklet with you when you go out fishing and complete the tearaway monitoring forms with your catch information and observation of predators.

The **Predator Observation Form** collects data on time spent observing predators, your location, and number of species groups identified. The **Catch & Environmental Condition Form** collects data on fishing sites, gear used, and estimated catch.

### **Where do I drop off my completed tearaway forms?**

You can submit your completed tearaway forms to KLRD by:

- tearing out the booklet pages and returning them to the KLRD Drop Box outside the office, or
- taking a photo of your forms and sending them via text or email to the KLRD Senior Resource Stewardship Officer

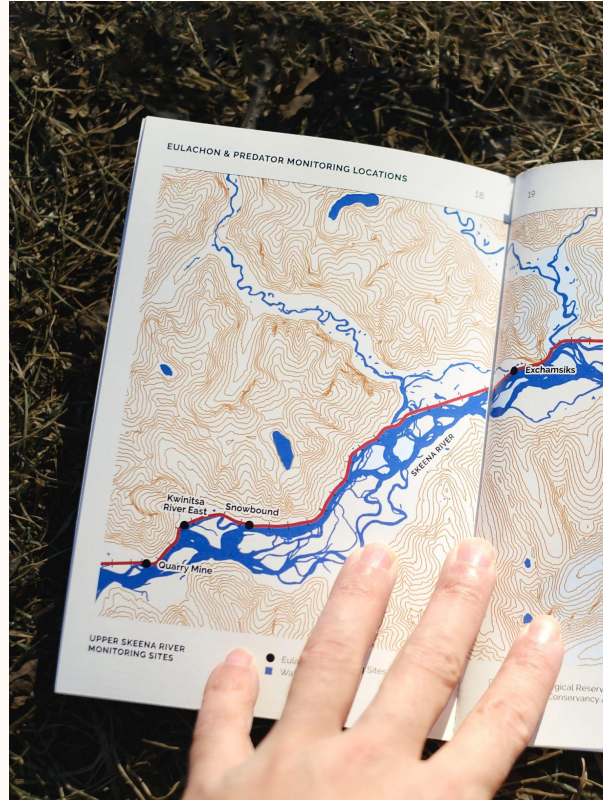


Image description: *Eulachon Monitoring Tool monitoring locations.*

### **Enter to Win!**

By submitting your completed monitoring form, you are entered to win a pair of waterproof Bushnell Legend Binoculars 10x42, a value of over \$200. Write your name and phone number (or email) on the back of your completed monitoring forms to be entered in the draw before April 15th.

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*“The Eulachon Monitoring Tool is a great Cultural Resource, as Eulachon is a staple to the Kitselas Nation. We need to protect and conserve the species to keep in our watersheds for future generations to harvest.”*

*- Ken McDames Jr.*

Kitselas Lands & Resources Department/Councillor

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**Questions?** Reach out to 250-641-7616 or [seniorRSO@kitselas.com](mailto:seniorRSO@kitselas.com)