

Sensitive Fish and Wildlife Habitat

Please do not disturb.

Riparian areas (land adjacent to a watercourse) are the most biologically diverse zones in BC and they provide several essential functions that support fish and fish habitat, including:

Shade

Vegetation provides shade to the watercourse which helps keep water cold, alleviating thermal stress on fish.

Leaf Litter & Insect Fall

Leaves and insects fall out of the vegetation, providing nutrients and food for fish and aquatic species.

Woody Debris

Fallen branches and logs increase aquatic and terrestrial habitat diversity, providing essential refugia (hiding places) for juvenile fish and amphibians.

Flow Control

Vegetation and soil absorb stormwater, which helps maintain natural water volumes and water quality downstream.

This area is legally protected under the *Riparian Areas Protection Regulation, Fisheries Act* and Local Government Bylaws. Report violations to environment@squamish.ca or 604.892.5217, or the Provincial RAPP Line 1.877.952.7277