



SCHEDULE 3

Notification of Water Use and/or Deposit of Waste Without a Licence



What is a Schedule 3 notice?

A Schedule 3 notice is a form completed by an individual or a business registered in Yukon to use water or deposit a waste without a water use licence. A Schedule 3 notice only applies to Industrial, Placer mining and Quartz mining undertakings.

It is not a permit or a licence.

There is no cost for submitting a Schedule 3 Notification form.

Where can I learn more about Schedule 3's?

The criteria for projects where a Schedule 3 is applicable originates in Section 4, as well as Column 2 of Schedules 5, 6 and 7 of the *Waters Regulation*, which can be accessed electronically on the Water Board's website.
http://www.gov.yk.ca/legislation/regs/oic2003_058.pdf

If, after reading this fact sheet you have additional questions, please contact the Board's Secretariat at (867) 456-3980 to speak to a Licensing Officer.

For Placer and Quartz mining undertakings, you can also contact Compliance Monitoring and Inspections Branch (Department of Energy Mines and Resources) based on the area that you plan to explore and/or mine:
Dawson: (867) 993-7300

Mayo: (687) 996-2568
Watson Lake/Whitehorse:
(867) 456-3882.

For Industrial undertakings, you can also contact the Water Resources Branch (Department of Environment) located in Whitehorse at 667-3171).

Your activities may also require submission of notification to YG Mining Lands. Please contact the Mining Lands Office in your area of interest:
Dawson: (867) 993-5343
Whitehorse: (867) 667-3107
Mayo: (867) 996-2256
Watson Lake: (867) 536-7366

What is the process for submitting a Schedule 3?

Schedule 3 forms can be obtained on the Water Board's website at:
<http://yukonwaterboard.ca/forms/Schedule3/schedule3.pdf>

Submit your completed form to the Water Board Secretariat, with all required attachments.

The notice must be submitted at least 10 days before you commence any activities related to the Schedule 3 notice. This time will be used by YG to review your notice and questions may be asked of you to confirm that your activities can proceed without a water use licence.

What type of information must be provided for a Schedule 3 notification?

1. A signed copy of the Schedule 3 Notification.
2. At a minimum, one map shall be submitted as part of the notification and be at a scale of 1:25,000, and shall include:
 - Longitude and Latitude for the center of the location of the operation;
 - NTS Map sheet number;
 - A general description of the location of the undertaking (for example, "located 50 km South of Whitehorse" or "km 3 of Ten Mile Ranch Road");
 - The area of the operation clearly drawn on the map; and
 - A North arrow.

Where can I submit my notification?

Can be submitted to the Water Board Secretariat by:

- Mail or in Person:
Suite 106, 419 Range Road
Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 3V1
- Fax: (867) 456-3890
- Email:
ywb@yukonwaterboard.ca

Direct Water Use

If you are proposing to use water as part of your Schedule 3 notice, it must be below the quantities that require a water use licence, as noted below:

Industrial – less than 100 m³/d
Placer mining – less than 300 m³/d
Quartz mining – less than 300 m³/d for total work program

Any amount over the thresholds requires a water licence from the Yukon Water Board, prior to use.

Deposit of Waste

Please refer to the appropriate Schedule of the *Waters Regulation* that applies to your undertaking. Each undertaking has different criteria that must be considered. It is your responsibility to substantiate in your notice that your activities are captured within Column 2 criteria and are not subject to a water use licence.

Depending on the nature of activities you are proposing to undertake, you need to consider if you are adding chemicals to water, whether any disturbance you make will result in metal leaching or acid rock drainage or causing increased sediment deposit to a watercourse, etc. that alters the quality of water.

Activity Within an Assigned Leave Strip for Placer Mining

A leave strip is required for all placer streams for the protection of riparian areas and is dependent on the stream's

habitat suitability classification as defined in the Fish Habitat Management System for Yukon's Placer Mining. **The distances set in the Management System refer only to licensed works. In consultation with DFO, the leave strips for placer water use without a licence are more precautionary and are:**

Highly suitable:	30 m
Moderate-High:	30 m
Moderate-Moderate:	20 m
Moderate-Low:	10 m
Low:	5 m
WQZ:	5 m

The defined leave strips are considered riparian areas. Riparian areas are the vegetated areas adjacent to a water body and directly contribute to fish habitat by providing shade, cover and food production areas. Riparian areas are also important because they stabilize stream banks and shorelines. In order to minimize disturbance to fish habitat and prevent bank erosion, it is important to retain as much riparian vegetation as possible, especially the vegetation directly adjacent to the watercourse.

Exploration or mining activities carried out in riparian areas can negatively affect fish and fish habitat by causing excessive loss of riparian vegetation, erosion and sedimentation, disturbance to the banks and bottom of the water body from use of heavy equipment, and introduction of deleterious substances as a result of inadequate containment of spoil piles and

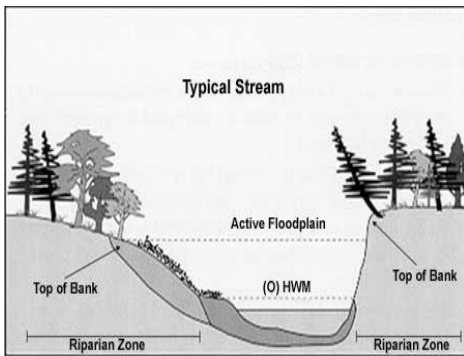
improper maintenance of equipment.

If your proposed activity requires work within the (Ordinary) High Water Mark (HWM) or the leave strip, please refer to the DFO website at <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html> for additional information or contact:

General Inquiries
Triage & Planning Unit
Fisheries Protection Program
Ecosystem Mgmt. Branch
Phone Toll Free: 1-866-845-6776
Email: ReferralsPacific@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

Measurements for Leave Strips or setbacks should be taken from OHWM

(Ordinary) High Water Mark (HWM): means the visible high water mark of any lake, stream, or other body of water where the presence and action of the water are so common and usual and so long continued in all ordinary years as to mark upon the soil of the bed of the lake, river stream, or other body of water a character distinct from that of the banks, both in vegetation and in the nature of the soil itself. Typical features may include, a natural line or "mark" impressed on the bank or shore, indicated by erosion, shelving, changes in soil characteristics, destruction of terrestrial vegetation, or other distinctive physical characteristics.



Activity Within the Wetted Perimeter of a Watercourse

With the exception of using existing fords for placer mining, no activity is permitted to occur within the wetted perimeter of a watercourse without a water use licence.

Watercourse Crossings

For Placer Mining undertakings, existing ford crossings that do not require alteration of the bed and bank of the stream do not require a licence. Consult with an Inspector prior to use or to determine if a licence is required.

For Industrial and Quartz Mining, crossings may be constructed without a licence so long as the Schedule 5 and 7 criteria are met, as follows:

Construction of a structure across a watercourse less than 5 m in width at OHWM at point of construction.

The Inspector can advise you if consultation with Fisheries & Oceans Canada will be required for use of a specific ford.