

Drought in northern and central B.C. has officials worried

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B.C. lands ministry is asking for voluntary reductions in water use so fracking can continue.

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The area of the drought is marked in red. (British Columbia Drought Information Portal)

The ministry says if freezing occurs before streams, soil moisture and groundwater levels recharge, there is a risk the drought will continue into next year.

While cooler weather has reduced stress on fish populations, continued low stream flows could mean fish get stranded and inhibit species like salmon and bull trout from reaching their fall spawning destinations.