

OKANAGAN 'SEVERELY DRY'

Province elevates drought conditions in the Okanagan to Level 3

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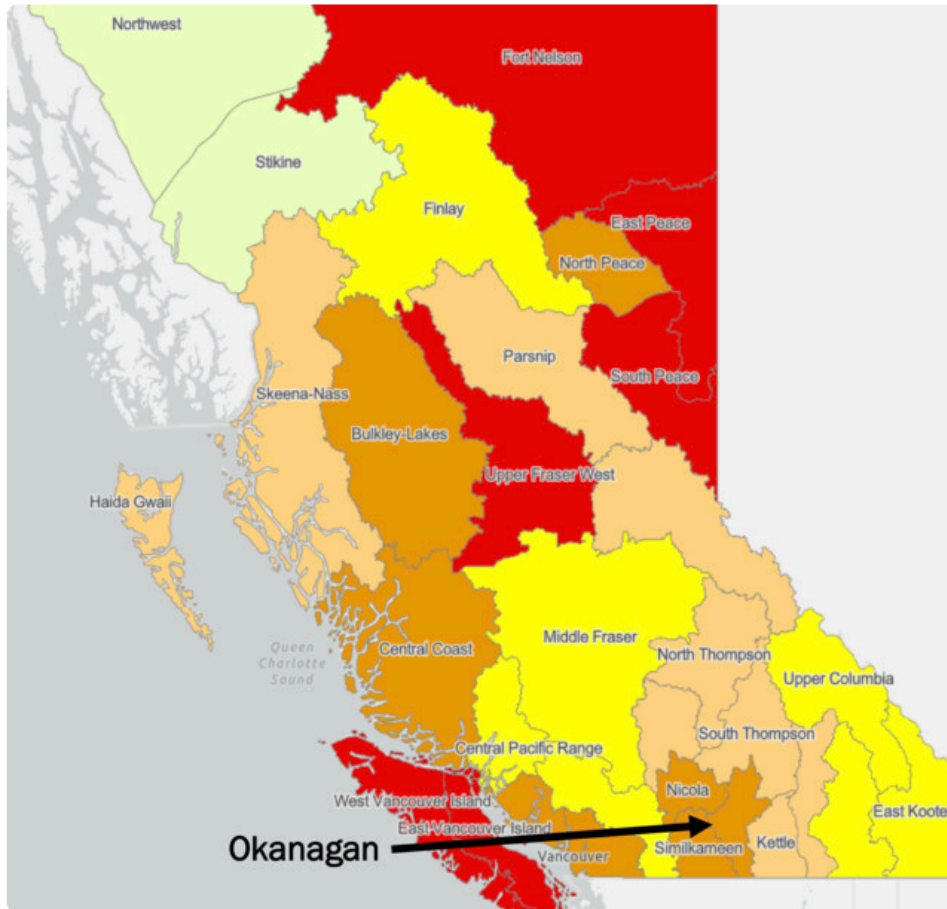


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The Okanagan is now at a Level 3 drought.

In a drought bulletin released Thursday, the Okanagan Basin Water Board announced provincial government moved drought conditions in the valley to "severely dry" or Level 3.

"Conditions in the Okanagan are changing quickly. Cooler temperatures and rain in May and June have given way to hot, dry conditions in July. Stream flows are dropping and water temperatures are increasing," said Corinne Jackson of the Okanagan Basin Water Board.

At a Level 3 drought, serious ecosystem and socio-economic impacts are possible.

According to the B.C. Drought and Water Scarcity Response Plan, at Level 3 all unauthorized use should be curtailed, and water suppliers are likely to impose water restrictions.

The move comes just a few days after the Okanagan was [moved to a Level 2 drought](#). The Nicola region has also been recently moved to a Level 3 drought.

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