

Environmental Concerns for Disposing of Fish Wastes in the River

Fish waste may include, but is not limited to, particles of flesh, skin, bones, entrails, or shells.



Environmental concerns associated with disposal of fish wastes into river waters include:

- introduction of disease, pathogens or non-native and invasive species to the ecosystem of the river
- reduced oxygen levels in the river;
- burial or smothering of living organisms; and



Fish Wastes poses environmental and health problems

The organic components of the waste have a high biological oxygen demand and, if not managed properly, high oxygen demand poses environmental and health problems.



Fish wastes degrade rapidly in warm temperatures

If not appropriately stored or managed, fish wastes create aesthetic problems and strong odors as a result of bacterial decomposition.



Where to dispose fish wastes

- Bings Creek www.cvrld.bc.ca/2969/Accepted-Materials-Fees
- Peerless Road www.cvrld.bc.ca/2969/Accepted-Materials-Fees
- In the Ocean - Away from high traffic areas such as canoe and boat launch locations

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