



## News Release

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### **Total fire ban for Campbell River – includes camp fires and beach fires**

With hot, dry conditions and increased fire risk, a total fire ban is now in effect for Campbell River. The ban – effective at noon on Wednesday, July 18 – applies to all recreational fires, including beach fires and camp fires on private lands.

*“We know people love to have summer camp fires and fires on the beach, but the fire risk is so great at this point that the entire Coastal Fire Region other than Haida Gwaii and what’s called the coastal fog zone will have this prohibition in place,”* says fire chief Thomas Doherty.

*“We appreciate everyone’s assistance in doing their part to prevent wildfires in our community – and we are monitoring conditions,”* Doherty adds. *“If the weather changes and the risk drops enough, we will certainly let people know when and how they can have recreational fires in Campbell River.”*

This prohibition does not apply to CSA-rated or ULC-rated cooking stoves that use gas, propane or briquettes, or to portable camp fires that uses briquettes, liquid or gaseous fuel, as long as the height of the flame is less than 15 centimetres.

For more information on fire safety, visit [www.campbellriver.ca/fire](http://www.campbellriver.ca/fire).

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