

For the past four weeks, the Coldwater River has experienced the worst drought in the entire province.

Due to the concern circulating about the ability for salmon to return to spawn, the River Forecast Centre has been monitoring the situation daily. Dave Kemper from the Forecast Centre provided an update on the conditions.

“Unfortunately we’ve seen the continued decline of flows over the past few weeks,” said Kemper. “We’re essentially at that threshold right now and the question is, is that going to hold.”

The level of .430 cubic metres per second is the critical flow threshold set forth by the Ministry and dipping below it could lead to enhanced water restrictions across the community.

Currently, water restrictions directed to license holders is voluntary, however, the province does have the authority to make them mandatory should the conditions continue to worsen.