



Las Vegas Wash Receives New Fishing Regulations



Nevada Department of Wildlife recently closed the Las Vegas Wash to fishing.

Upcoming Meetings

**No Study Team
Meetings This
Quarter**

**Las Vegas Valley
Watershed Advisory
Committee**

July 12, 2011 3 p.m.

**Las Vegas Wash
Coordination
Committee**

July 27, 2011
8:30 a.m.

The Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) recently prohibited fishing within the Las Vegas Wash. Clark County has discouraged fishing for many years, but only recently has the State of Nevada identified the Las Vegas Wash as a non-fishing waterway.

Although the water that flows through the Wash meets Clean Water Act standards, urban runoff and shallow groundwater flows can have an impact on the Wash's water quality. That is one reason why the Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee (LVWCC) closely monitors water quality within the Wash and its tributaries, helping ensure any changes in the water are immediately recognized and quickly resolved.

Clark County also encourages Wetlands Park visitors to avoid direct contact with the Wash water. Again, the water in the Wash meets Clean Water Act standards; however, this is a preventative measure to ensure that all who visit the Wash and the Wetlands Park have a safe experience. Nevada's fishing regulations can be found by visiting the [NDOW's website](#).

Water Quality Data Goes Live, Once Again

Data from the Real-Time Water Quality Monitoring Program is once again instantly available to online users. Originally launched in 2008, the real-time application was previously unavailable as upgrades and modifications were made to the system.

Upgrades to the software of the Duck Creek water quality station allows it to collect and instantly post information every two minutes. The station includes a multi-probe water quality instrument that records pH, temperature, dissolved oxygen and electrical conductance data.

The Duck Creek water quality station has been collecting data for many years. Due to some equipment repairs and software upgrades, the site has not provided real-time data for more than a year and can be viewed [online](#).

Although the results get posted instantly, the data stored on the probes continue to be manually downloaded weekly, corrected for accuracy and then uploaded to the online database. For this reason, the real-time data from the link are considered "provisional." It is anticipated that a second real-time station will go live downstream of Lake Las Vegas. It is anticipated that this data will be displayed directly on the front page of [LVWash.org](#).

The water quality monitoring program is one of the longest and most active programs associated with the Las Vegas Wash. Water quality data is gathered strategically at one location along the mainstem of the Las Vegas Wash, as well as two tributaries. Water quality protection in the Las Vegas Wash is crucial because any contaminants introduced into the watershed will eventually enter Lake Mead and could endanger our drinking water source.



The Duck Creek water quality station is delivering Real-Time data once again.