




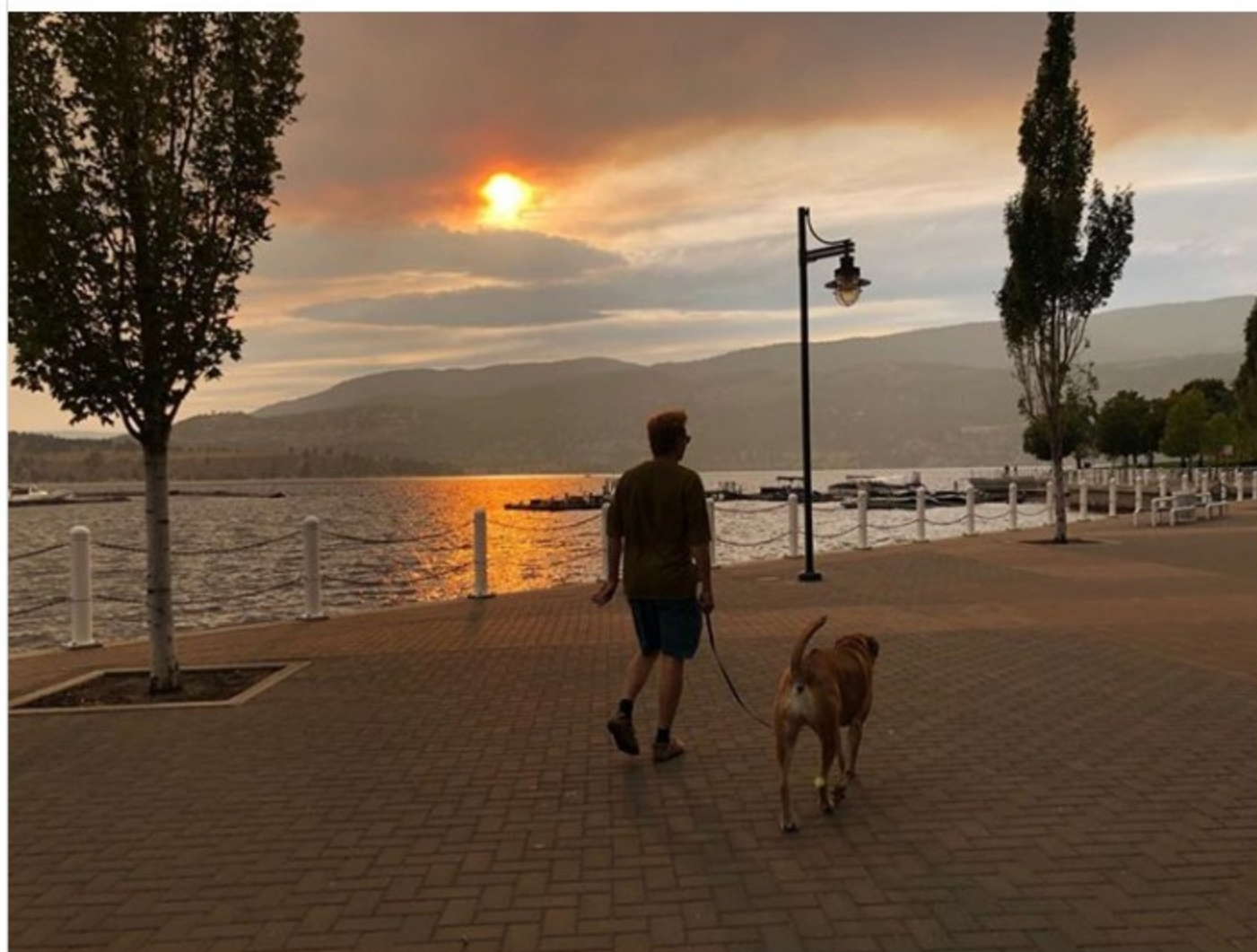
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Okanagan now on a level 2 drought rating

The Okanagan's drought rating has increased.

Weeks of hot, dry conditions have pushed the Okanagan to drought level two, according to the Okanagan Basin Water Board (OBWB).

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This has fisheries scientists concerned about flows in several Okanagan streams as kokanee spawning season kicks into high gear.

As a result, the provincial government is sending letters to water users on those streams and water purveyors will be asked to take a close look at current reservoir levels and downstream flows.

These water purveyors will be asked to consider ramping up communications with customers, increasing watering restrictions or implementing other conservation measures as needed.

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Independent licensees on streams are encouraged to monitor their withdrawals and ensure they're using water efficiently.


Environment Canada calls for a 60-70% chance that the Okanagan will experience above normal temperatures into the fall, but is less sure about precipitation.

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