

2018 Special Walleye Licence Draws

Draw Application Period is
**Tuesday, April 3 to
 Thursday, April 26, 2018**

To avoid problems we encourage you to apply as early as possible. Need help?
 Call the Help Desk 1-888-944-5494

ONLINE LICENSING

Apply online for your special walleye licence.
albertarelm.com

Important Changes for 2018

We are pleased to announce the addition of six new draw choices for the 2018 Walleye draws! These include the addition of Ethel, Gregoire, Minnow, Moose, and Seibert lakes, and the return of Amisk Lake after a brief hiatus.

Please note that Smoke Lake has been removed from the 2018 Walleye draws.



This information is also available online at mywildalberta.com or albertaregulations.ca



HOW TO PURCHASE YOUR DRAW APPLICATION ONLINE

You will need your WiN, password and a valid credit card.

Go online to albertarelm.com.

Select "Purchase Applications"; you will be prompted to register or complete the required information after which you can proceed and "Enter Draw".

If you need assistance please contact the Help Desk 1-888-944-5494.

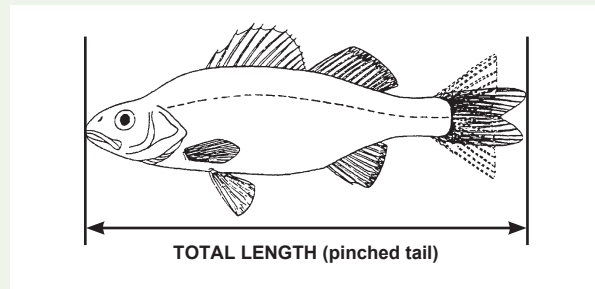
Draw application(s) purchase complete: The online draw application is entered immediately into the draw database. You should review each of your draw applications and ensure all the information is accurate.

If you have any questions contact the Help Desk 1-888-944-5494.

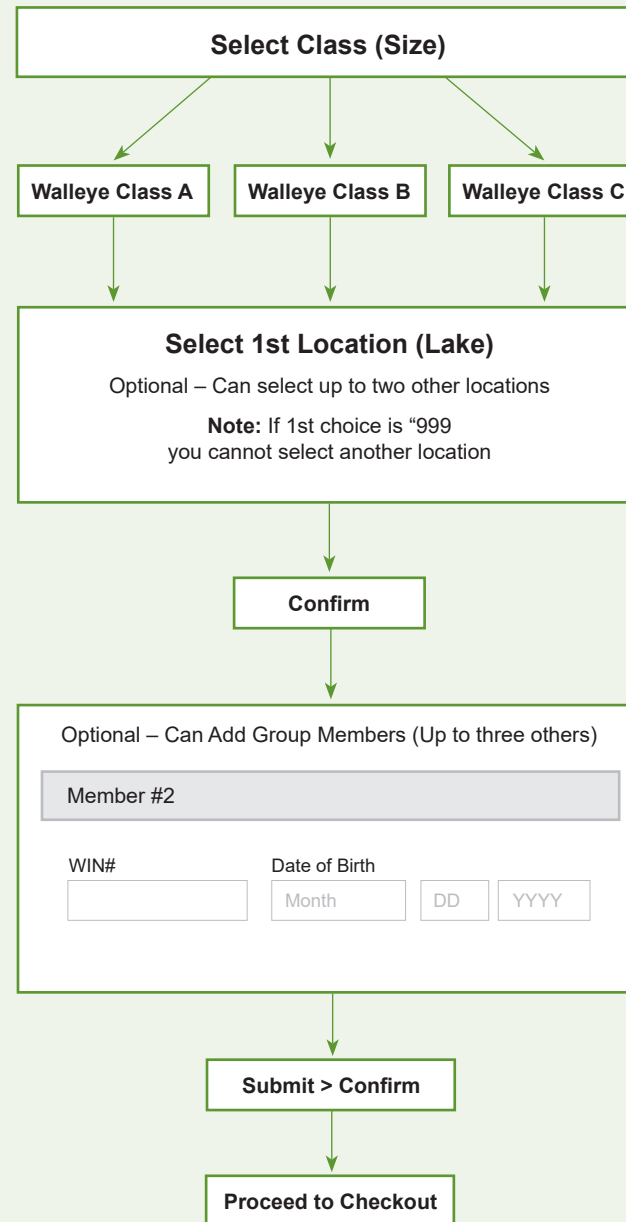
MEASURING FISH LENGTH

It is best to immediately release fish that are close to legal length rather than subjecting the fish to extra handling for the taking of a more accurate measurement. Flexible tape measures may be used provided only the straight-line length of the fish is measured without including the curvature of the body in the length of the fish. It's a good idea to have a fish measuring stick with you and to place it beside the fish before lifting the fish from the water.

Length – The total length (maximum) of a fish is measured from the tip of the nose or jaw to the tip of the tail fin, with the tail pinched.



DRAW APPLICATION PROCESS



SPECIAL WALLEYE LICENCE DRAWS

An Alberta resident may apply for each different-sized class of Special Walleye Licence, but may possess only 1 of these licences. The Walleye (Class A) draw will be conducted first, then the Walleye (Class B) draw followed by the Walleye (Class C) draw. Applicants drawn in a walleye draw will be eliminated from the subsequent draws.

Walleye (Class A)

This licence authorizes the holder to retain **2 walleye over 50 cm in total length** in one of these lakes as specified during the open season indicated in the current Alberta Guide to Sportfishing Regulations. Price \$11.00 (GST not included)

Lake	Select one of these choices
Pigeon	701
Wolf (66-7-W4)	702
Newell	703
Long (63-19-W4)	709
Pinehurst	710

Lake	Select one of these choices
Lac Ste Anne	713
Fawcett	720
Gull	721
Bourque	723
Lac La Biche	725

Lake	Select one of these choices
Ethel	726
Gregoire	727
Minnow	728
Moose	729

Walleye (Class B)

This licence authorizes the holder to retain **3 walleye 43-50 cm in total length** in one of these lakes as specified during the open season indicated in the current Alberta Guide to Sportfishing Regulations. Price \$11.00 (GST not included)

Lake	Select one of these choices
Pigeon	701
Wolf (66-7-W4)	702
Garner	708
Pinehurst	710
Baptiste	711

Lake	Select one of these choices
Lac Ste Anne	713
Elinor	716
Whitefish	717
Iosegun	718
Fawcett	720

Lake	Select one of these choices
Gull	721
Lac Bellevue	722
Bourque	723
Hilda	724
Seibert	730

Walleye (Class C)

This licence authorizes the holder to retain **3 walleye under 43 cm in total length** in one of these lakes as specified during the open season indicated in the current Alberta Guide to Sportfishing Regulations. Price \$11.00 (GST not included)

Lake	Select one of these choices
Pigeon	701
Wolf (66-7-W4)	702
Amisk	707
Long (63-19-W4)	709
Baptiste	711

Lake	Select one of these choices
Lac Ste Anne	713
Iosegun	718
Fawcett	720
Gull	721
Lac Bellevue	722

Lake	Select one of these choices
Bourque	723
Hilda	724
Gregoire	727
Seibert	730

Timelines:

April 3 - April 26	Draw applications may be purchased online for \$3.35 (plus GST) at albertarelm.com or at licence issuers.
Commencing May 7	Draw results may be viewed online at albertarelm.com .
May 10	Undersubscribed Walleye information available online at albertarelm.com .
May 11	Special Walleye licences available for purchase for \$11.00 (plus tax) online at albertarelm.com or at licence issuers.
May 11, 9:00 a.m.	Undersubscribed licences available for reservation online at albertarelm.com or at licence issuers (\$3.35 plus tax).

DRAW RULES

The following table lists the fish draws available.

Type of Special Walleye Licence Draws Available	Restrictions on Applying for These Draws	Maximum Applications Allowed
Walleye (Class A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An Alberta Resident may apply for all 3 draws but may only be drawn in one. 	1 application for each from this list of 3.
Walleye (Class B)	Draws will be conducted in this order:	
Walleye (Class C)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walleye (Class A) first, Walleye (Class B) second, and Walleye (Class C) third. Applicants drawn in a walleye draw will be eliminated from the subsequent draws. 	

WiN: All applicants must have a 10-digit **Wildlife Identification Number (WiN)**, including those under 16 years of age, over 65 years of age, and Métis people. A WiN can be purchased online or at any licence issuer for \$8.00 plus GST and is valid for 5 years.

Age: There is no age restriction.

Residency: The draws are available to residents of Alberta only.

Eligibility: A resident of Alberta is not eligible to apply if their fishing privileges are under suspension or cancellation. An applicant must be eligible to hold an Alberta Sportfishing Licence at time of application.

Application Cost: A price of \$3.35 (plus GST) is charged for each application and is non-refundable.

Group Applications: A maximum of 4 applicants may apply together. A group making a joint application for a draw is only charged for one application. To make a group application, you only need to apply once for the entire group, listing the WiN of each applicant. If drawn, those who applied as a group will be drawn as a group, and each angler will then be authorized to purchase a Special Walleye Licence.

Draw Priority: The WiN is used to identify a draw applicant's priority. In the first year (2006), all draw applicants entered the draws with a 0 priority. A draw applicant's priority increases when the draw application is not drawn and will be reset to 0 once their application has been drawn. Priority will be accumulated, tracked and used in the draw selection from the initial draw (2006). The priority for a group application will be based on the individual applicant whose priority is lowest.

Choices: An applicant can indicate up to three lake choices for each draw. The exception is if you choose "999". If you do not want to be drawn but want to increase your draw priority, use "999" as your first and only draw choice on your draw application. Normal draw application restrictions apply regarding eligibility.

You can view last year's Special Licence Draws Summary Report online at albertarelm.com. This report provides statistics on the number of applications, number of licences available and your chances (%) of being drawn.

Did you know that in 2017, more than 31,000 Walleye Special Licence Draw applications were received from Alberta anglers by Alberta Environment and Parks? This represents a 27% increase in draw applications over 2016.

LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

Anglers who wish to retain a walleye in one of the specified lakes is required to hold a Special Walleye Licence (including seniors, youths, and Métis people). An Alberta Resident Sportfishing Licence is also required unless you are under 16 years of age, an Alberta resident aged 65 or older, or a first Nations' person who is defined as an Indian under the federal Indian Act. An angler may hold only one Special Walleye Licence for walleye per year. This licence allows an angler to retain a walleye of a specified total length, in a specified lake, during the specified season. The licence cost is \$11.00 plus GST and it is available for purchase at licence issuers or online at albertarelm.com. To buy a licence online, you must have a prenumbered Government of Alberta paper tag and wire before you begin your purchase. A tag must be affixed to the fish as instructed. The licence must be retained along with the tagged fish. **Do not** remove this tag until the fish is prepared for taxidermy or consumption.

The angler must carry both the Resident Sportfishing Licence and the Special Walleye Licence and tag(s) on his/her person while angling. A Sportfishing Licence is required to purchase a Special Walleye Licence even during a free fishing weekend.

Lost Special Walleye Licence and/or Tag
Lost/destroyed licences – All purchased licences can be reprinted either at a licence issuer for a \$2.00 fee, or online at no charge.

Lost/destroyed tags – You are required to bring your licence and complete a statutory declaration to authorize the replacement at a Fish and Wildlife office.

Notice to Anglers

At the time of printing this document, the lakes identified are open for the current season under a Special Licence Draw. Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) reserves the right to close any of these lakes if it is deemed that a lake will not be able to sustain a harvest ie. if a lake is at risk for winterkill, AEP will implement a zero draw quota. If you have any questions regarding this statement, contact Fish and Wildlife Policy Branch.

email: aep.info-centre@gov.ab.ca

UNDERSUBSCRIBED LICENCES

Alberta Residents Only
Available Online Starting May 11, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

If there are not enough draw applicants to fill the quota set for the licences through the draw process, the undersubscribed licences will be made available for sale to eligible Alberta resident anglers on a first-come first-served basis.

- Reserve an undersubscribed licence.
Online: albertarelm.com or at a licence issuer.
Cost \$3.35 (plus GST) per application.
- Need your 10 digit WiN (Wildlife Identification Number). You may reserve a licence of the same kind for the same lake for up to 3 other anglers provided you have their WiNs and dates of birth.

Undersubscribed Licences (once reserved) can also be purchased online or at licence issuers.

- Normal licence restrictions apply regarding licence combinations and eligibility. For example, if you were drawn in one of the Special Walleye Licence draws, you cannot obtain another licence through the undersubscribed process.
- An angler does not have to apply in the draw in order to be eligible to obtain an undersubscribed licence. Draw priorities are not affected by the acquisition of an undersubscribed licence.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Once a licence has been reserved, it will **not** be cancelled. It will be considered sold and may affect your ability to purchase other licences for walleye. It is important that the licence is purchased in order to achieve annual harvest goals.

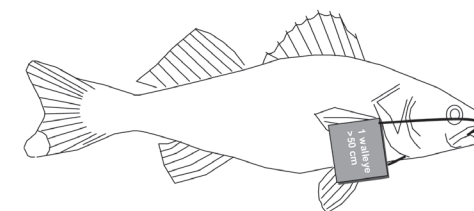
Online tags are available at your local Fish and Wildlife office and licence issuers.

TAGGING INSTRUCTIONS

A walleye that is retained must be tagged immediately through the gill cavity and mouth with the paper tag and wire provided with the Special Walleye Licence.

To tag your walleye:

- Spread the ends of the wire loop slightly apart and insert an end into one side of the mouth, pushing it back toward the gill opening on the same side until it protrudes out from the gill cover.
Note: you may have to squeeze the wire ends close together again.
- Remove the backing from the adhesive paper tag.
- Place the open end of the wire loop flat against one half of the adhesive side of the tag and fold the other half over, so that the adhesive sides are pressed together evenly and firmly, with the wire secured between.
Note: the open portion of the wire loop must be completely covered by the tag.



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