

How to Use Alberta's Guide to Sportfishing Regulations

WHEN FISHING IN ALBERTA, YOU MUST FOLLOW:

1. All **provincial regulations** starting on page 20 and **licencing requirements** on page 18.
2. **Default** or **site specific** waterbody regulations for each Watershed Unit starting on page 30.
3. **Provincial maximum possession limits** for each species (page 20).

OTHER INFORMATION:

- **Table of Contents** – Find topics quickly (page 9).
- **Important Information** – Management updates and new opportunities (page 12).
- **Definitions** – Important definitions begin on page 15.

- **Put-and-take stocked fisheries** – Locations and regulations listed on page 16-17. Stocked waterbodies with site specific regulations are listed in Watershed Unit tables and are identified with a fish symbol (🐟).
- **Advisories, Corrections and Closures** – may be implemented at any time. Check current information online at My Wild Alberta – Advisories, Corrections and Closures (mywildalberta.ca/fishing/advisories-corrections-closures/default.aspx).
- **Time of Day Angling Restriction** – may be implemented in July and August in select flowing waters of southern Alberta during periods of low flow and high temperatures. Updates will be online at My Wild Alberta – Fishing Advisories, through social media channels and AlbertaRELM email.

HOW TO READ THE SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

Alberta has three Fish Management Zones, that are further divided into Watershed Units: Zone 1 Eastern Slopes, Zone 2 Parkland-Prairie and Zone 3 Northern Boreal.

Alberta uses both default and site specific regulations that may vary between Watershed Units.

- **Default regulations** include seasons, bait restrictions and limits on fish species and apply to lakes and streams that are not listed in the Watershed Unit's site specific regulation table.
- **Site specific regulations** include waterbody details, seasons, bait restrictions and limits on fish species. These apply to lakes and streams that are listed in the Watershed Unit's site specific watershed table.

Please become familiar with the site specific and default regulations for lakes and streams you want to fish in each Watershed Unit.

Regulation tables are separated into two categories:

1. Lakes, Reservoirs and Ponds
2. Rivers, Creeks and Streams

Waterbodies with regulation changes, corrections and updates are **highlighted blue**. Waterbodies that are closed all year are **highlighted grey**.

Legend: As examples, '3 over 63 cm' indicates a possession and size limit of '3 fish each over 63 cm' or '10 fish' indicates a possession limit of 10 for that species of any size. An empty cell indicates the species is not likely present at that waterbody; however, if caught the default regulations for the Watershed Unit apply - unless the waterbody is stocked, in which case provincial put and take stocked lake regulations apply (see p. 16). SHL=Special Harvest Licence, BKTR = Brook Trout, BNTR=Brown Trout, BURB = Burbot, CISC = Cisco, CTRR = Cutthroat Trout, DLVR = Dolly Varden, GOLD = Goldeye, LKTR = Lake Trout, LKWH = Lake Whitefish, MNWH = Mountain Whitefish, NRPK = Northern Pike, RNTR = Rainbow Trout, SAUG = Sauger, TGTR = Tiger Trout, WALL = Walleye, YLPR = Yellow Perch. **Regulation changes are highlighted blue.** Waterbodies closed to angling are highlighted grey.

NB2 - Lakes, Reservoirs and Ponds

Waterbody	Waterbody Detail	Season	Bait ● = Bait allowed	WALL	NRPK	YLPR	LKWH	BURB	Trout Total
Baptiste Lake	66-24-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 or SHL tags	0 fish	15 fish		10 fish	
Blue Lake	13-69-17-W5	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●			15 fish			5 trout
Bolloque Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		2 fish	15 fish			
Chain (Lower) Lake 🐟	69-23-W4	OPEN ALL YEAR	●	3 fish	3 fish	15 fish			2 RNTR any size; 0 TGTR; 0 BNTR

Legend

Located at the top of each site specific regulation table, the legend explains size and possession limits and the acronyms used.

Waterbody

This column lists the waters where site specific regulations apply. A fish symbol (🐟) indicates a stocked waterbody with special trout regulations (e.g., catch and release, reduced bag limits, seasons, or minimum size limits). Unless otherwise noted in the site-specific table, regulations for other species follow provincial put-and-take stocked lake regulations (see page 16); although species limits are shown for clarity, not all species may be present in each stocked lake.

Waterbody Detail

Describes the area where the restriction applies. Provide ATS location, boundaries, and tributary information.

Season

Specifies the time period during which sportfishing is permitted for that waterbody.

Bait

A bullet symbol (●) means bait is allowed. Restrictions on bait are also provided in this column (e.g. bait bans, specific bait only). Additional information on fishing with bait is provided in the Regulations and Information section starting on page 22.

Listed Species

Lists size and possession limits by species. Blank cells indicate the species is not likely present; if caught, Watershed Unit default regulations apply—unless the waterbody is stocked, in which case provincial put and take stocked lake regulations apply (see page 16).