

Licensing: Things you should know

For Frequently Asked Questions

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For Assistance

Please contact the RELM help desk at 1-888-944-5494.

7 days a week, 6:00 AM to Midnight (MST)



DISCLAIMER

If you are drawn for a Special Licence, the authorization to purchase that licence cannot be cancelled. All licences and applications are Non-Refundable and Non-Transferable.



310-LAND (5263)

Call for information or to report public safety incidents, illegal activity and enforcement concerns on public land, provincial parks or protected areas. Available 24/7 to ensure help is there when you need it most.

You can also call toll free from outside Alberta: 1-833-310-5869

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All recreational anglers must have an active Wildlife Identification Number (WiN) before purchasing a recreational sportfishing licence or applying on a draw. WiN activation requires a one-time \$8.00 fee (plus GST). Current WiN card holders will be required to pay the one-time fee when their current WiN expires. Create or renew a WiN online and receive \$2.00 off the activation fee.

If you are under 16 years of age or an Alberta resident aged 65 or older you are not required to have a sportfishing licence to fish with a rod and reel; however, you must follow Alberta's sportfishing regulations.

For information regarding Indigenous Rights and Responsibilities in regards to fishing, please visit Alberta's website at <https://www.alberta.ca/indigenous-hunting-and-fishing-in-alberta.aspx>

Sportfishing licences, Special Harvest Licences including undersubscribed Special Harvest Licences and draw applications for walleye are available at albertarelm.com or from more than 300 private licence issuers.

ALBERTA SPORTFISHING LICENCE FEES

Licence	Alberta Residents ²	Non-resident Canadians ³	Non-residents Outside Canada ⁴
CAF Veterans Sportfishing Licence¹	No Charge	Not Available	Not Available
Annual Sportfishing Licence (16-64 years)	\$28.00	\$60.00	\$85.00
Annual Sportfishing Licence (under 16 years)	No Licence Required	No Licence Required	No Licence Required
Annual Sportfishing Licence (65 years and over)	No Licence Required	\$60.00	\$85.00
1-Day Sportfishing Licence	Not Available	\$25.00	\$27.00
7-Day Sportfishing Licence	Not Available	\$41.00	\$55.00
Special Walleye Licence Applications	\$5.00	Not Available	Not Available
Special Walleye Harvest Licence	\$11.00	Not Available	Not Available

- 1 A resident Canadian Armed Forces Veteran is an Alberta resident who is a former member of the Canadian Armed Forces, has successfully undergone basic training and has been honourably discharged.
- 2 Alberta Resident is an individual who has their only or primary residence in Alberta and is a Canadian citizen or is admitted to **permanent** residence in Canada.
- 3 Non-resident (Canadian) is an individual who is not a Resident, but who makes their home and is ordinarily present in Canada, and who has lived in Canada for the 12-month period immediately preceding the relevant date.
- 4 Non-resident Outside of Canada is an individual who is neither a Resident nor a Non-resident.

Licences must be carried when sportfishing and transporting the fish harvested with the sportfishing licence.

To obtain the free CAF Veteran Sportfishing Licence, Canadian Armed Forces veterans must update and confirm their WiN profile status by providing approved identification (VSC, CAF 74, NDI 75, CFOne "V") on the AlbertaRELM website or a licence issuer. The CAF Veteran Sportfishing Licence and approved veteran identification must be carried when sportfishing.

The AlbertaRELM App is the only method for which anglers can easily store and access licences electronically. **Please remember that the onus is on the angler to produce the electronic or paper licence when requested by an officer during field compliance checks.**

If a person is convicted of a provincial fishing or hunting offence and fails to pay their fine, they will be suspended from purchasing or using a sportfishing licence, a hunting licence or applying on draws until that outstanding fine has been paid.

How are the Sportfishing Licensing fees used? For each \$1 of revenue collected:

- \$0.61 is distributed to the Alberta Conservation Association. For more information on how funds are used to support Fisheries programs, please visit www.ab-conservation.com
- \$0.34 is used for licensing allocation and administration providing compensation to the Service Provider and the network of private Licence Issuers as well as provides funds for programs to monitor fish populations. For more information, visit mywildalberta.ca.
- \$0.05 goes to Government of Alberta General Revenue.

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 – Tags that are lost or stolen can now be replaced at a licence issuer for a \$11.00 replacement fee.

Special Harvest Licence for Walleye

For more information about Special Walleye Draws, go to albertarelm.com and mywildalberta.ca

Draws For Special Harvest Licences

Alberta uses an innovative approach to allow a sustainable level of harvest of walleye from lakes that have recovered from major declines. Several fisheries have recovered to the point where a limited harvest of specific sizes of walleye can be allocated. Recognizing the need to conserve fisheries, where fishing pressure is substantial, a limited harvest option has been developed. A Special Harvest Licence is available for walleye to Albertans selected through a draw at specified lakes. These lakes are selected based on current stock assessment and sport fishery information.

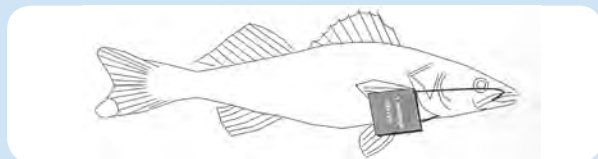
Notice to Anglers

Alberta Government reserves the right to close any lake if it is deemed that a fish stock cannot sustain itself or sustain a harvest. For example, if a lake has experienced serious winterkill, a zero harvest regulation may be implemented. If you have any questions regarding this, contact EPA.Outreach-Services@gov.ab.ca.

Tagging Instructions

The electronic tagging pilot is paused for the 2025 sportfishing season.

Walleye retained with a Special Harvest Licence must be immediately tagged as per conditions of licence with a paper tag and wire through the gill cavity and mouth.



Special Harvest Licences are to be used only by the licence holder, with the exception of anglers under 16 years of age.

Anglers under 16 years old are permitted to use a supervising adult's Special Harvest Licence tags for walleye.

2025 DRAWS

April 1 - 24, 2025	Draw applications may be purchased for \$5.00 (plus GST) online at AlbertaRELM or at licence issuers.
May 13, 2025	Draw results available online at AlbertaRELM.
May 13, 2025	Awarded Walleye Special Harvest licences may be purchased for \$11.00 (plus GST) online at AlbertaRELM or at licence issuers.
May 13, 2025	If not drawn, Walleye Class A & B Undersubscribed licences may be purchased for \$11.00 (plus GST) online at AlbertaRELM or at licence issuers.
May 13, 2025	Walleye Class C licences (first come first served), maximum 5 licences, can be purchased for \$11.00 each (plus GST) online at AlbertaRELM or at licence issuers.
May 20, 2025	Additional Walleye licences can be purchased for \$11.00 each (plus GST) on-line at AlbertaRELM or at licence issuers.

See MyWildAlberta Fishing Licences for more information.

DRAW RULES including types of Special Harvest Licences for walleye

Type of Special Harvest Licence Draws Available	Restrictions on Applying for these Draws	Application
Class A (2 walleye over 50) Class B (2 walleye 43-50 cm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Alberta resident may apply for both draws but will only be drawn in one. • Draws will be conducted in the following order: Class A, Class B. • Applicants drawn will be eliminated from subsequent draws. • Applicants NOT drawn will be issued a priority point. This increases the chance of being drawn in future draws. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your application for either Class A or Class B can include your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice of lake. • Up to 4 applicants can apply as a group. • The priority of a group application is based on the individual with the lowest priority. • Please visit albertaRELM.com for more detailed information on what opportunities are available including statistics on previous draws.

New! Effective in 2026, Class A and Class B licences will be removed from the Special Harvest Licence application and draw process. Anglers should use their priority points during the 2025 season to avoid losing priority points when the draw application process is removed in 2026.

If you previously purchased a Class A or B (drawn or undersubscribed) or first come first served Class C licence(s) you will be able to purchase additional licences in a different class (size) starting **May 20**. See MyWildAlberta Fishing Licences or AlbertaRELM for more information.

All applicants require a Wildlife Identification Number (WiN). A WiN can be purchased online at albertarelm.com and at any licence issuer.

You can view last year's Special Licence Draw Summary Report. This provides statistics on the number of applications, licences available, and your chances of being drawn. Visit albertarelm.com.

If there are not enough draw applicants to fill the Class A and Class B Special Walleye Licence quotas, the undersubscribed licences are made available to eligible Alberta resident anglers to purchase on a first-come first-served basis.

Undersubscribed licences become available for purchase May 13, 2025.

Draw priorities are not affected by purchasing an undersubscribed licence.

Harvest tags and wires can be ordered online at albertarelm.com or picked up at your local Fish and Wildlife office or Licence Issuer.

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