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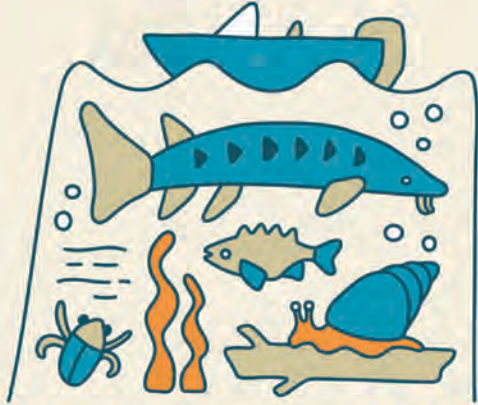
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STOP AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES



Alberta's lakes and rivers are home to incredible species, but they're at risk from aquatic invasive species like zebra mussels, whirling disease, and Eurasian watermilfoil. Protect our waters!

- **CLEAN**: Remove mud, plants, and debris from all gear, watercraft, and equipment.
- **DRAIN**: Pull the plug! It is illegal to transport a watercraft with a drain plug in. Empty all standing water from boats, livewells, and equipment before leaving.
- **DRY**: Ensure everything is completely dry before your next trip.

Know the rules: If it **floats**, it's a **boat**! When open, watercraft inspection stations are **mandatory** to stop at in Alberta, including for canoes, kayaks, and paddleboards. One contaminated boat or net can introduce invasive species.

If you spot anything suspicious, call the AIS Hotline at 1-855-336-BOAT.



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The official Statutes and Regulations should be consulted for all purposes of interpreting and applying the law. Clarification of the regulations may be obtained from your nearest Alberta Government office.

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Message from the Minister



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lakes and reservoirs, there's something for everyone here.

But with all our diverse fisheries, we also share a responsibility to take care of our landscapes, our bodies of water, and of the fish that call it home, so that our future generations can have the same opportunities to enjoy them that we do. Whether you're a fan of dry-fly fishing or love ice fishing with your family, we all play an important part in keeping Alberta's waters healthy for the future.

That's why Alberta's government wants to hear new ideas on how we manage our fisheries. We've heard from the Albertans asking for more opportunities to catch northern pike and walleye, and I'm proud to say we've worked hard to make that happen.

We're investing in fish hatcheries and stocking programs across the province, so that anglers can find plenty of stocked trout and walleye in lakes across the province.

Our fisheries management focuses on maintaining healthy fish populations,

keeping ecosystems in balance, and supporting recreational fishing. Moving forward, we'll keep working to continue meeting your needs, all while making sure our waters stay healthy and full of life. Our goal is to make fishing accessible for everyone, no matter how much experience you have.

Fishing is an important part of Alberta's history, and I'm proud to work with people as dedicated as I am to keeping this tradition alive.

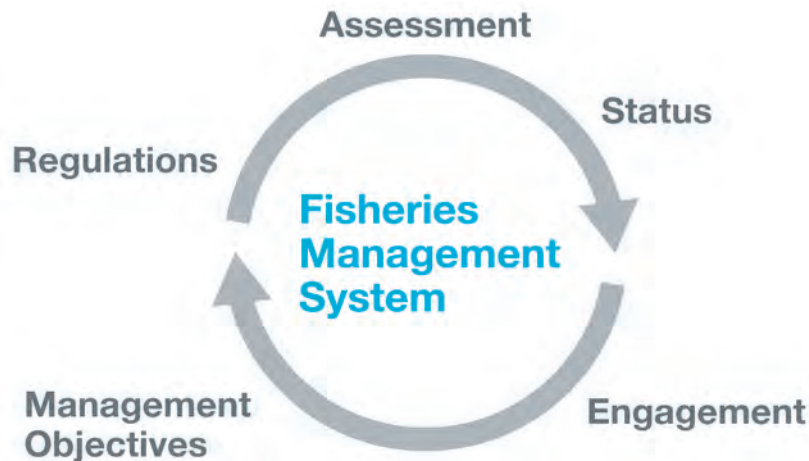
Whether you're just starting to fish, or you've been at it for years, Alberta's stunning lakes, rivers, and streams will create memories that last a lifetime. Don't forget to enjoy our free fishing weekends with family and friends, and always fish safely and responsibly.

Todd Loewen

Minister of Forestry and Parks



ALBERTA'S FISHERIES MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



The Fisheries Management System outlines the integrated approach to fisheries management in Alberta. Each step of the process is an important component to managing fish populations and fisheries in accordance with Alberta's Fish Conservation and Management Strategy. Fisheries management is a shared responsibility between two Ministries - Environment and Protected Areas (EPA) and Forestry and Parks (FP).

For more information on Alberta's Fish Conservation and Management Strategy, please go to Alberta's Fisheries Management website and click the link.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

1. The Table of Contents on page 9 tells you where to find key information.
2. Be sure to read the **Important Information** section (page 12) for information about management and new opportunities.
3. Definitions start on page 15 and Regulations on page 20. These sections of the Guide cover definitions and regulations that apply to Alberta.
4. Default and site specific regulations for lakes and rivers in each Watershed Unit (example, ES1, NB4) begin on page 30.
5. A map showing the Management Zones is on page 29.
6. Each Management Zone is divided into Watershed Units.
7. Each Watershed Unit features a map, default regulations and site specific regulations for lakes and streams which include waterbody detail, seasons, bait restrictions and catch limits on fish species.
8. Lake and Stream Regulations:
 - Alberta uses both **default** and **site specific** regulations.
 - Default and site specific regulations 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 site specific regulation tables
 - **Site specific regulations** include waterbody details, seasons, bait restrictions and limits on fish species and apply to lakes and streams that are listed in the site specific regulation tables
 - Please become familiar with the default regulations for lakes and streams you want to fish in each watershed unit.
 - Please become familiar with the site-specific regulations for lakes and streams that you want to fish in each watershed unit.

If you require further information, contact the Fish and Wildlife Office near to the waterbody you wish to fish (see Further Inquiries, page 27).

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Important Information

This section provides general information. Regulations are listed in each Watershed Unit in the Management Zones starting on page 30.

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- To help conserve fish during drought conditions, Alberta Government will be monitoring water flows, levels, and temperatures in rivers, lakes, and reservoirs.
- In response to low flows and warmer water temperatures, time of day angling restrictions may be implemented.
- Please see My Wild Alberta web page for up to date information on Time of Day angling restrictions.

Know before you go!

- Know the sportfishing regulations before you go! Either download the PDF of the Guide, take a printed copy of the Guide with you, or use the Sportfishing Regulations App.
- The Sportfishing Regulations App is web- and map-based; designed to be easily used; you can search for a waterbody, search an area, or use your location.
- See <https://mywildalberta.ca/fishing/regulations/default.aspx>

Stocking and Transfers

Over 2.2 million trout were stocked at 244 lakes. See page 16-17 for more information on Alberta's trout stocking.

The walleye stocking program collected eggs from 3 wild populations, stocked 10 lakes and reservoirs with 14 million fry. The goal of this program is to create angling and harvest opportunities in 4 to 5 years time.

In 2024, yellow perch were transferred into Frenchman Lake (NB1) with the help of volunteers.

Visit MyWildAlberta Stocking web page for more information.

Measures are always taken to prevent disease transfer.

Sportfishing Guide

The 2024 Alberta Guide to Sportfishing Regulations were amended in-season with 27 regulations changes. These changes will remain highlighted blue in the 2025 Alberta Guide to Sportfishing Regulations.

Waterbodies,

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

Download and Save the Guide

This sportfishing guide can be downloaded from albertaregulations.ca website. Touch the PDF symbol below the cover of the sportfishing regulations to open, then download and save the sportfishing regulations for your favourite watersheds (examples ES1, NB3, PP2) OR download and save the complete document.

Licensing

- Alberta resident Canadian Armed Forces Veterans are eligible for a free sportfishing licence. See Licencing page for more information.
- For convenience, download the AlbertaRELM App and keep your sportfishing licences and WiN handy.

- Remember you are required to produce your licence (paper or electronic via the AlbertaRELM App) when requested by an officer.
- Sign up to auto-renew your sportfishing licence.
- See albertarelm.com or AlbertaRELM App for additional details.

Special Harvest Licence Updates

- **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. See page 19 for 2025 draw dates.**
- If successfully drawn, an SHL licensee is eligible for 2 walleye tags for either Class A (>50 cm) or Class B (43-50 cm).
- Purchase up to 5 Class C walleye licences (2 walleye <43 cm per licence) on a first-come first-served basis.
- If you were drawn for a Class A or B or purchased an undersubscribed or Class C licence you are able to purchase additional licences (started May 13).
- The electronic tag option (e-tag) will remain paused for the 2025 sportfishing season. Legislation specific to the inspection and use of personal electronic devices is under review.
- See AlbertaRELM or MyWildAlberta.ca Fishing Licences for more information.

Ice Fishing

Anglers must identify all ice fishing shelters left unattended on the ice for more than 24 hours. Label the outside of the shelter with your WiN number OR name and phone number using 2.5 cm or taller letters.

Owners of ice fishing shelters must remove their ice fishing shelters before March 15 in PP1 and before March 31 everywhere else, or when directed to do so by an officer.

Angling through ice is not permitted into beaver ponds or flowing waters in ES1 to ES4 management zones except the portion of the Lobstick River lying in 53, 54-9, 10-W5.

Aquatic Health

The impacts posed by aquatic invasive species, including fish disease, continue to threaten Alberta's fisheries and can extend beyond reducing recreational fishing opportunities. We all play an important role in keeping Alberta's fish healthy.

Everyone can help stop the spread of aquatic invasive species through prevention, by following,

- **CATCH IT, KILL IT** If you catch Prussian carp do not release them. Kill, dispose of them, or eat them.
- **CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY YOUR GEAR** Ensure no water, mud, fish or fish parts are moved from one waterbody to the next. This applies within Alberta as well as beyond our borders.
- **PULL THE PLUG!** All watercraft must have the drain plug pulled while being transported. It's the Law!
- **DON'T LET IT LOOSE** Never release water, plants, dead or live fish or any other animals into waterbodies they didn't originate from.

Call **1-855-336-BOAT** 24/7 hotline for more information.

INFORMATION ABOUT FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

Alberta Government conducts public engagement opportunities throughout the year. Open engagements related to fisheries management can be found by visiting www.alberta.ca/fisheries-engagements.aspx

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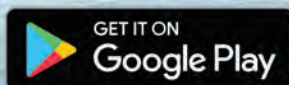


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CLEAN + DRAIN + DRY YOUR GEAR

Alberta's aquatic habitats are home to hundreds of species of native plants and animals. Help protect our waters by taking three easy steps to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species and whirling disease.



CLEAN

Clean off all mud, sand and plant material and dispose in the garbage or on dry land before leaving the shore.



DRAIN

Drain standing water from buckets, boats, bilges and fishing gear before leaving the shore.



DRY

Dry everything completely before entering another waterbody.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REPORT AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES, CALL:

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For up-to-date distribution of aquatic invasive species and whirling disease in Alberta, please visit alberta.ca

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Bait – An attractant or organism (alive or dead) with scent or flavour to attract fish when attached to a hook or line used in angling. (See “Fishing with Bait” on page 22).

Bait Fish – See “Fishing with Bait Fish” on page 22.

Fizzing – Artificial swim bladder deflation. Involves puncturing the swim bladder through the musculature of the fish using a sharp object such as a hypodermic needle. As it causes undue harm to released fish and can increase the mortality of released fish, fizzing is illegal. The best practice is to not fish in deep water.

Gaff (gaff hook) – A device for landing or lifting fish, consisting of one or more sharpened hooks intended to stab the fish and attached to a handle. A gaff is illegal to possess while angling.

Hook – A single-, double- or triple-pointed hook on a common shaft, and includes hooks attached to a lure. (Note: some legal lures appear to have a hook with four points, but actually have two shafts each with two points, meaning that this lure has two hooks).

Legal Land Descriptions

Some waterbodies and landmarks are identified in this Guide using the Alberta Survey System. Legal land descriptions are written as follows: (1-87-18-W4 for Section-Township-Range-West of the 4th Meridian)

Limit – Refers to the maximum number of fish you are allowed to keep or have in your possession (see **Catch Limits on page 20**).

Lure – A spoon, plug, jig, fly or other such device made of feathers, fibre, rubber, wood, metal, plastic or similar materials that does not attract fish by scent or flavour.

Maggots – The larval stage of flies (terrestrial dipterous insects). Does not include earthworms (angleworms, nightcrawlers, dew-worms), mealworms or the larvae, pupae or adults of aquatic insects.

Mainstem – The mainstem of a river includes the mainstem river channel as well as any side channels, oxbows as well as riparian channels and plunge pools below spillways downstream of reservoirs unless otherwise specified.

Mealworms – The larval stage of beetles (terrestrial coleopterous insects). Does not include earthworms (angleworms, nightcrawlers, dew-worms), maggots, wax worms or the larvae, pupae or adults of aquatic insects.

Minimum-size limits – All fish caught that are shorter than the stated length must be immediately released.

Maximum-size limits – All fish caught that are longer than the stated length must be immediately released.

Harvest slot limits – All fish caught that are shorter or longer than the harvest slot limit must be immediately released.

Quality Stocked Fisheries – Stocked trout fisheries which are managed to provide anglers with the opportunity to catch and occasionally keep a memorable fish.

Regulation Dates – In this Guide, where dates are given with a regulation, the fishing season starts and ends on the dates listed. For example May 15 to Mar. 31.

Snagging – Attempting to catch a fish using a hook:

- other than to induce the fish to voluntarily take the hook in its mouth; or
- by intentionally piercing and hooking a fish in any part of the body other than the mouth.

Snagging Device

- an instrument that is designed for the purpose of snagging fish; or
- hooks or lures that are altered to facilitate the snagging of fish.

Sportfishing – Angling (using hook and line), bowfishing or spearfishing, but also includes using a minnow trap, seine net or dip net to collect bait for personal use.

Sportfishing Seasons

- OPEN** – sportfishing is allowed during the time period stated. During open seasons, sportfishing is permitted 24 hours a day unless stated differently for a specific waterbody.
- CLOSED** – means all forms of sportfishing are prohibited.

Stream – Flowing water, and includes creeks, rivers and canals.

Tributary – Any stream that flows into a larger stream, or into a lake or reservoir. This includes a tributary to a tributary. Tributaries to a lake are considered to be tributaries to the outlet stream from the lake unless stated differently for a specific waterbody.

Watershed – An area drained by a stream or a series of streams and tributaries and includes any lakes and reservoirs whether or not they are directly connected to the stream.

Watershed Unit – Is a part of the larger Fish Management Zone and is the drained by the watershed described in text and illustrated on the map in the Guide. For example, NB1 is a subdivision of Northern Boreal

Watershed Boundaries – The boundaries between Watershed Units are illustrated on the maps in the Guide. These boundaries are differentiated by heights of land and the direction of flowing water.

RECOVERY OF TAGGED FISH

- Fisheries biologists occasionally tag fish for research.
- Tagging is non-lethal to fish.
- There are different kinds and sizes of tags ranging from the size of a grain of rice to the size of a D-cell battery (0.5 to 4 inches).
- Tags are usually placed under the skin near the dorsal fin (in the flesh) or inside the body cavity.
- Anglers should inspect their catches thoroughly for tags and remove them prior to consuming.

If you catch a tagged fish, please report it to the nearest Fish and Wildlife Office (see page 27 for contact details).



Put and Take Trout Stocking Program

The following list of lakes, reservoirs and ponds are managed as put and take trout fisheries. These are stocked frequently with catchable-sized trout. The regulations follow Maximum Possession limits and are listed in the table below.

Stocking can vary from year to year. Please check MyWildAlberta Fish Stocking Lists for up to date information.

Provincial Regulations for Put and Take Stocked Lakes

- OPEN all year
- Bait is allowed
- 5 trout of any size
- 3 Northern Pike of any size
- 15 Yellow Perch of any size
- For other species, see Maximum Possession limits on page 22.

Some stocked waterbodies are managed as Quality Stocked Fisheries and have specific regulations. These waterbodies are listed in the Watershed Units' regulation tables starting on page 30.

EASTERN SLOPES ZONE

Watershed Unit ES1

Allison Lake (SW 27-8-5-W5)
Bathing Lake (SE 11-4-1-W5)
Beauvais Lake (SW 29-5-1-W5)
Beaver Mines Lake (NE 11-5-3-W5)
Burmis Lake (SE 14-7-3-W5)
Burn's Reservoir (NE 23-6-30-W4)
Butcher's Lake (NW 15-4-1-W5)
Chain Lakes Reservoir (NE 4-15-2-W5)
Coleman Fish And Game Pond (SW 24-8-5-W5)
Cottonwood Lake (SE 16-7-29-W4)
Crossfield Trout Pond (SE 27-28-1-W5)
Dewitt's Pond (SE 31-26-1-W5)
Granum Pond (NW 31-10-26-W4)
Grotto Mountain Pond (NW 21-24-9-W5)
Island Lake (SE 12-8-6-W5)
Lees Lake (SW 8-7-2-W5)
Margaret Lake (NW 15-28-9-W5)
Mclean Pond (NW 20-22-5-W5)
Mitford Ponds (SE 4-26-4-W5)
Nose Creek Pond (NE 1-27-1-W5)
Payne Lake (NE 10-2-28-W4)
Sibbald Lake (NE 14-24-7-W5)
Sibbald Meadows Pond (SW 20-24-7-W5)
Tim Horton Children's Pond (NW14-24-8-W5)

Watershed Unit ES2

Alford Lake (SW 4-36-8-W5)
Brazeau Borrow Pit #1 (SE 32-45-10-W5)
Brazeau Borrow Pit #2 (SW 2-46-11-W5)
Camp 9 Trout Pond (NE 32-44-8-W5)

Dickson Trout Pond (NW 13-35-3-W5)
Elk Creek Pond (NW 33-35-12-W5)
Goldeye Lake (NE 14-40-16-W5)
Harleck Pond (SE 5-41-14-W5)
Mitchell Lake (NE 25-37-8-W5)
Nordegg Borrow Pit (East) (SE 32-40-15-W5)
Nordegg Borrow Pit (West) (SW 32-40-15-W5)
Peppers Lake (NW 30-35-12-W5)
Phyllis Lake (NW 17-36-7-W5)
Rat Lake (SW 11-38-9-W5)
Rocky Children's Pond (SW 33-39-7-W5)
Shunda (Fish) Lake (SW 19-40-15-W5)
Strubel Lake (SW 30-37-7-W5)
Tay Lake (SW 5-36-8-W5)
Twin Lakes (SW 6-40-7-W5)
Winchell Lake (NW 2-29-5-W5)
Yellowhead Lake (SW 33-34-6-W5)

Watershed Unit ES3

Dandurand Lake (NE 9-53-19-W5)
Dunn Lake (NW 7-54-25-W5)
Emerald Lake (SW 5-62-11-W5)
Emerson Lakes (NW 6-55-21-W5)
Fairfax Lake (NW 17-46-18-W5)
Hinton F & G Pond (SW 28-50-25-W5)
Jarvis Creek Pond (NE 19-52-26-W5)
Kinky Lake (SE 6-50-26-W5)
Lambert Pond (NW 8-53-17-W5)
Lower Wildhorse Lake (SW 31-49-26-W5)
Mary Gregg Lake (NW 4-48-24-W5)
Mayan Lake (NW 5-57-23-W5)

McLeod Lake (SE 25-61-12-W5)
Niton Lake (SE 32-53-12-W5)
Obed Lake (NE 11-53-22-W5)
Petite Lake (NW 12-54-26-W5)
South Sundance Lake (SE 1-55-21-W5)
Trapper Lake (SE 19-58-16-W5)
Upper Wildhorse Lake (SW 31-49-26-W5)
Whitcourt Town Pond (NE 35-59-12-W5)
Wildwood Pond (SW 30-53-9-W5)
Wolf Creek Pond (SW 13-53-16-W5)

Watershed Unit ES4

East Dollar Lake (NW 8-73-21-W5)
Fox Creek Trout Pond (NW 13-63-20-W5)
Grande Cache Lake (NE 1-57-8-W6)
Highway 40 Pond (SW 12-69-6-W6)
Kakut Pond (NE27-76-04-W6)
Muskoseepi Pond (SE 26-71-6-W6)
Spring Lake (NE 23-75-11-W6)
Swan Lake (SW 18-70-25-W5)
Two Lakes (NE 20-62-12-W6)
Two Lakes (NE7-62-12-W6)
Valleyview Children's Pond (NE 21-70-22-W6)
Victor Lake (SE 35-56-8-W5)
West Dollar Lake (SE 18-73-21-W5)

PARKLAND-PRAIRIE ZONE

Watershed Unit PP1

Bow City East Ponds (NE 15-17-17-W4)
Brooks Aquaduct Pond (NE 15-18-14-W4)
Cavan Lake (SW 30-11-3-W4)
Echo Dale Regional Park Pond (SE 5-13-6-W4)
Emerson Lake (SW 5-19-28-W4)
Enchant Pond (NW 8-14-18-W4)
Foremost Reservoir (NW 17-6-11-W4)
Goldspring Park Pond (NE 6-2-15-W4)
Magrath Childrens Pond (SW 26-5-22-W4)
Mcquillan Reservoir (SW 13-8-19-W4)

Nicholas Sheran Park Pond (SE 26-8-22-W4)
Riverstone Pond (SW 24-8-22-W4)
Spring Coulee Park Pond (NE 12-5-24-W4)
Stirling Children's Pond (SW 29-6-19-W4)
Strathmore Children's Pond (SW 14-24-25-W4)
Taber Trout Pond (NW 1-10-17-W4)

Watershed Unit PP2

Acadia Valley Reservoir (SW 5-25-2-W4)
Anderson Dam (SW 25-28-21-W4)
Ashland Reservoir (NW 17-48-3-W5)

Bashaw Pond (SE 4-42-21-W4)
Beaumont Pond (NW 27-50-24-W4)
Black Nugget Mine Pit (NW 11-49-18-W4)
Boulder Lake (NE 18-39-27-W4)
Bud Miller Park Pond (NE 26-49-1-W4)
By The Lake Park (SW 22-46-24-W4)
Captain Eyre Lake (NW 30-38-5-W4)
Cardiff Park Pond (SW 24-55-25-W4)
Castaway Trout Pond (NE 35-47-13-W4)
Castor Eastside Trout Pond (SE 34-37-14-W4)
Chickakoo Lake (SW 34-53-1-W5)

PARKLAND-PRAIRIE ZONE

Cipperley's Reservoir (SW 8-32-1-W5)
 Claude N. Brennan Memorial Pond (NE 36-50-7-W4)
 Coronation Reservoir (SW 24-36-11-W4)
 Daysland Pond (NE 9-45-16-W4)
 Dillberry Lake (NE 36-41-1-W4)
 Diplomat Mine Pond (NW 1-41-16-W4)
 East Pit Lake (SE 23-53-4-W5)
 East Stormwater Pond (SE 29-40-26-W4)
 Genesee Trout Pond (NW 1-51-3-W5)
 Gibbons Pond (NE 10-56-23-W4)
 Gooseberry Park Pond (NE 22-36-6-W4)
 Hansen's Reservoir (SW 29-38-3-W5)
 Hasse Lake (SW 13-52-2-W5)
 Helmer Reservoir (SW 18-31-14-W4)
 Heritage Lake (NW 33-55-25-W4)
 Hermitage Park Pond (NE 18-53-23-W4)
 Hiller's Reservoir (SE 13-32-29-W4)
 Huber Reservoir (SW 36-37-13-W4)
 Innisfree Trout Pond (SE 13-51-12-W4)
 Irma Fish And Game Pond (SW 34-45-9-W4)
 Jack Fish Lake (NW 20-53-9-W4)

Kraft Wimborne Pond (SE 28-33-26-W4)
 Kramer Pond (SW 25-45-6-W5)
 Lacombe Park Pond (NW 5-54-25-W4)
 Lamont Pond (SW 27-55-19-W4)
 Leduc Reservoir (NE 27-49-25-W4)
 Len Thompson Pond (NW 29-40-26-W4)
 Lougheed Trout Pond (NE 33-43-11-W4)
 McLaren's Reservoir (SW 23-33-18-W4)
 Michichi Reservoir (SW 19-30-18-W4)
 Midway Reservoir (SE 16-30-27-W4)
 Mirror Reservoir (SW 29-40-22-W4)
 Mitchell Pond (NW 18-38-27-W4)
 Morinville Fish And Game Pond (NW 4-56-25-W4)
 Mound Red Reservoir (NW 11-45-28-W4)
 Nuggent Pond (SE 14-44-3-W5)
 Open Ck Reservoir (25-42-6-W5)
 Oyen (Concrete Plant) Pond (NW 34-27-4-W4)
 Oyen Reservoir (NE 33-30-4-W4)
 Parlby Reservoir (NE 25-40-24-W4)
 Pleasure Island Reservoir (SW 20-46-19-W4)

Ponoka Centennial Park Pond (NE 5-43-25-W4)
 Ray's Pond (Niemela Res.; SE 1-39-3-W5)
 Salter's Lake (SW 26-54-2-W5)
 Sardine Lake (SW 5-49-4-W5)
 Sauer Lake (NE 28-53-1-W5)
 Severn Creek Reservoir (NW 12-26-22-W4)
 Shuster Lake (NE 26-43-5-W4)
 Spring Lake (SW 30-52-1-W5)
 Star Lake (NE 19-52-2-W5)
 Telegraph Park Pond (NW 32-48-21-W4)
 Two Hills Pond (SW 32-54-12-W4)
 Vegreville Children's Pond (NW 17-52-14-W4)
 Vegreville Trout Pond (SW 7-52-14-W4)
 Wallace Park Pond (NE 31-44-6-W4)
 West Rivers Edge Pond (NE 23-54-23-W4)
 Wetaskiwin Pond (NE 24-46-24-W4)
 Windsor Lake (SW 10-42-22-W4)

NORTHERN BOREAL ZONE

Watershed Unit NB1

Ardmore Community Pond (NW 1-62-4-W4)
 Bellis Beach Lake (SE 15-59-15-W4)
 Bonnyville Town Pond (NW 7-61-5-W4)
 Boyle Pond (NE 16-64-19-W4)
 Chatwin Lake (NE 4-61-6-W4)
 Elk Point Pond (NW 36-56-7-W4)
 Lac Delorme (SE 5-57-8-W4)
 Lara Fish Pond (NE 25-61-5-W4)
 Little Bear Lake (NW 19-64-2-W4)
 Mile 07 Lake (NE 35-69-14-W4)
 Radway Fish Pond (SE 31-58-20-W4)
 Rainbow Park Pond (NE 31-59-25-W4)
 Shemeluk Lake (SW 25-60-17-W4)
 St. Paul Fish Pond (SE 9-58-9-W4)

Watershed Unit NB2

Atlantic Richfield Reservoir (NE 29-67-9-W5)
 Chrystina Lake (NW 8-67-8-W5)
 Edith Lake (NE 13-67-10-W5)
 Horseshoe Lake (SW 31-63-25-W4)
 Jane Lake (NW 11-68-8-W5)
 Jessie Lake (SW 23-68-7-W5)
 Marigold Lake (NW 32-65-11-W5)
 McClennan Reservoir (SW 32-77-19-W5)
 Parker Lake (SE 25-70-5-W5)
 Peanut Lake (NE 15-58-3-W5)
 Tamarack Lake (NE 10-66-12-W5)
 Tea Lakes (SW 16-67-7-W5)

Watershed Unit NB3

Cecil Thompson Pond (SW 23-83-21-W5)
 Fairview College Pond (SW 34-81-3-W6)
 Figure Eight Lake (NE 20-84-25-W5)
 Footner Pond (SE 5-111-19-W5)
 High Level Community Park Pond (SE 6-110-19-W5)
 High Level Pond (SE 8-110-20-W5)

Highway 686 Pond (NE 17-85-19-W5)
 La Crete Pond (SW 15-106-12-W5)
 Machesis Lake (NW 27-107-16-W5)
 MD Peace Pond #1 (SW 27-83-23-W5)
 MD Peace Pond #2 (SW 27-83-23-W5)
 Montaganeusse Lake (NE 31-86-3-W6)
 Moonshine Lake (SE 31-79-8-W6)
 Nardam Lake (NE 17-78-5-W6)
 Ole Lake (NW 30-84-12-W6)
 Rainbow Lake Pond (NE 25-109-9-W6)
 Running Lake (SW 34-88-7-W6)

Shell True North Pond (SW 10-79-8-W6)
 Sulphur Lake (NW 7-89-2-W6)
 Weberville Pond (NW 7-85-21-W5)
 Zama Community Pond (SW 18-117-4-W6)

Watershed Unit NB4

Engstrom Lake (NW 17-83-6-W4)
 Highway 63 Pond (NE 35-87-9-W4)
 Texaco East Pond (NW 15-88-8-W4)
 Texaco Pond (SW 20-88-8-W4)

**REPORT A
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1-800-642-3800



The **REPORT A POACHER** program provides Albertans with the opportunity to report suspected violations using a toll-free number: **1-800-642-3800** or **#3800 on the TELUS Mobility network** (courtesy TELUS Mobility).

The line is in operation 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Fishing or hunting out of season, night hunting, exceeding bag limits, illegal sale of fish and wildlife and deposit of harmful substances in lakes and rivers

are violations that seriously affect fish and wildlife in Alberta. If you see or know of a violation, you should record all information, including

- date
- time
- location
- vehicle licence number
- vehicle description
- description of person(s) involved
- details of violation, and any other details, no matter how insignificant they may seem. You should then contact the nearest Fish and Wildlife office or call **1-800-642-3800** as soon as possible.

If the information provided concerns a resource violation and results in the laying of a charge, the reporter may be eligible for a reward. If you have any questions about this program, please contact the nearest Fish and Wildlife office (page 27).

Licensing: Things you should know

For Frequently Asked Questions

Visit albertarelm.com or mywildalberta.ca

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

Alberta.ca/310land



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.

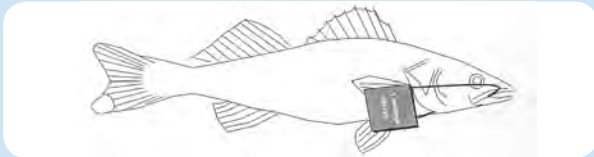
Notice to Anglers

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
<p>Class A (2 walleye over 50)</p> <p>Class B (2 walleye 43-50 cm)</p>	<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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Illegal Stocking of Fish

Alberta regulations prohibit the transfer of live game fish or live bait fish or crayfish from one waterbody to another. The placing of any live fish or fish eggs into any waters of the province other than those from which they were taken is prohibited.

Report anyone you observe relocating live fish or using live fish for bait to the nearest Fish and Wildlife Office, or call Report A Poacher toll-free, 1-800-642-3800. The fishery resource that you are protecting is your own.

General Sportfishing Restrictions

It Is Unlawful To:

- Possess or use a gaff or gaff hook.
- Use more than one line when angling into open water.
- Use more than two lines when angling into ice-covered water.
- While angling, be further than 30 m from any line in the water.
- Use a line in angling equipped with more than three hooks (e.g., three hooks, or three single-hook lures, or one three-hook lure).
- Use a lure in angling with more than three hooks as part of it.
- Use a hook with more than three points on a common shaft (see Important Definitions, Page 15).
- Release live fish or live fish eggs into any waters except back to the waters from which they were caught.
- Possess live crayfish. (See also Page 23)
- Possess live fish – unless the fish have been lawfully caught and are within 5 metres of the waters from which they were caught.

- Fizz fish – it is undue harm and reduces survival of released fish.
- Use live fish for bait.
- Use amphibians, such as frogs and salamanders, as bait.
- Dispose of unused bait within 50 metres of waterbodies except in a regularly serviced waste disposal receptacle.
- Set out or use bait to attract fish unless it is attached to a hook used in angling (that is chumming).
- Fish by snagging.
- Possess fish taken by snagging.
- Possess a snagging device (such as a gaff or gaff hook) while angling.
- Use gaffs, gaff hooks or spring-loaded hooks (spring-loaded hooks incorporate a device that snags/traps/holds the fish).
- Use snares, firearms, or any device to attract, stun or kill fish by causing an explosion or electrical current in the water.
- Use lights to sportfish unless the light is attached to a hook or line used in angling. This includes visible lights that are emitted by underwater cameras.
- Clean fish for transport home in a manner that is not authorized (see Cleaning and Transporting Fish, Page 25).

Additional Restrictions:

- The edible flesh of legally kept game fish must not be wasted, destroyed, spoiled or abandoned.
- Fish must not be removed from, or disturbed in, any facility or structure designed to capture, hold or facilitate the passage of fish.
- Fishing is prohibited by any method within 23 metres downstream of the lower entrance of any fishway, canal, obstacle or leap. Weirs and dams are considered obstacles.
- NOTE: Fishways, fish ladders, impoundment nets, fish traps and other similar structures may be set up to assist in the management or the study of fisheries, or to allow the passage of fish.

Catch Limits

In this guide the word limit refers to the number of fish you are allowed to keep or have in your possession. As outlined below, you may not exceed the Daily Catch Limit at any waterbody fished, nor possess more fish than the Maximum Possession.

Releasing Live Fish – If the fish you catch is of a legal species and legal size, immediately decide to keep it as part of your Daily Catch Limit or release it. Fish kept on a stringer or a live well are considered retained and are part of your limit. See Pages 22 and 25 for details on releasing fish.

Possession – While a person is angling, a fish is considered retained (in possession) when it is not immediately released to the waters from which it was taken.

Daily Catch Limit – The number of fish you are allowed to keep while fishing in one day is equal to the limit listed for each species or group of species at the lake or stream being fished, including any fish eaten or given away that day. When you are fishing at any lake or stream, you may not have in your possession more fish than the limit, or fish other than those of legal size, listed for the lake or stream being fished.

Catch Limits continued on page 22

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The Eastern Irrigation District (EID) manages its land with a multi-use concept. Public recreational access is generally permitted on EID owned community pastures but individuals wishing to access these lands must follow the conditions below:

- If fishing, individuals must do so during the legal recreational season and be in possession of the appropriate recreational fishing license
- Automobiles must stay on designated routes or established trails
- All watercraft must be registered with EID's Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program and follow approved prevention procedures
- Ice fishing shelters must be removed from EID land by May 1st of every year
- No off-highway vehicles, camping, or fires
- Do not disturb livestock
- Leave gates as found
- **Obey all signs**, certain areas have added restrictions

Access to these private lands is a privilege not a right, please use respect.

The EID has 13 reservoirs and over 4,000 km of canals, pipelines and drainage ditches which could be severely impacted by the introduction of invasive mussels. Please clean, drain and dry your watercraft.



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Regulations and Information

Provincewide Maximum Possession – All fish kept from any lake or stream, from any Watershed Unit, count as part of the Maximum Possession that must not be exceeded. An angler may never possess more fish from a specific lake or stream than the Daily Catch Limit, but may possess a cumulative total of Daily Catch Limits of fish from different lakes or streams up to the allowed Maximum Possession limit for each species.

The Maximum Possession of fish you may have, including fish at your permanent residence, for each game fish species or group of species, including fish caught under a Special Harvest Licence, is listed below:

- **Trout – 5 in total, combined of:**
 - 0 bull trout (native to Alberta)
 - 2 Northern Dolly Varden (historically released into Chester Lake);
 - 1 golden trout; 3 lake trout; 5 cutthroat trout; 5 rainbow trout;
 - 5 brown trout; 5 brook trout. 5 tiger trout.
- **Arctic Grayling – 0**
- **Mountain Whitefish – 5 in total.**
- **Walleye and Sauger in combination – 3 in total.**
- **Walleye – 3** or no more than 12 when harvested under the authority of Special Fish Harvest Licences when combined with any other licences.
- **Northern Pike – 3 in total.**
- **Yellow Perch – 15 in total.**
- **Lake Whitefish and Cisco (Tullibee) – 10 in combined total.**
- **Goldeye and Mooneye – 10 in combined total.**
- **Burbot (Ling) – 10 in total.**
- **Lake Sturgeon – 0**
- **Non-game fish** – Includes sucker species. There is no limit on the number of non-game fish.

NOTE: Limits and size restrictions at specific lakes and streams are listed in regulation tables for each Watershed Unit starting on page 30.

Sportfishing Seasons

Check for dates of open and closed seasons under each Watershed Unit of the Fish Management Zones starting on Page 30.

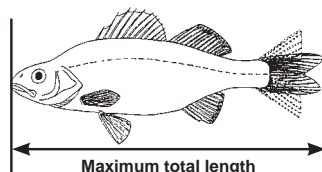
Tributaries and Beaver Ponds

- Tributaries to a lake have the same regulations as the outlet stream from the lake, unless stated differently in site-specific regulations.
- Stream regulations do not apply to a lake or reservoir unless stated differently in site-specific regulations.
- The same regulations apply to beaver ponds as apply to the streams in which the ponds are found.
- **Ice fishing: Angling is not permitted through the ice; a) into beaver ponds or b) into flowing waters in ES1 to ES4 management zones except the portion of the Lobstick River lying in 53, 54-9, 10-W5.**

Measuring Fish Length

Maximum Total Length – the maximum total length of a fish is measured from the tip of the nose or jaw to the tip of the tail or caudal fin with the tail pinched.

NOTE: Anglers should only measure fish to determine if



the fish is of legal-size. It is best to immediately release fish that are close to legal length rather than subjecting the fish to extra handling time. The length of the fish is measured without including the curvature of the body. Lay the fish on a flat surface on top of the measuring device. If you lay the measuring device overtop of the curvature of the body, you will get an inaccurate measurement. It's a good idea to have a fish measuring board.

Never Cull Fish

“Culling” is staying within the catch limit for a species by releasing fish from a stringer, live well or other holding device when another more desirable (for example, larger) fish is caught. Fish that have been held on a stringer, live well or other holding device usually die if released because of stress and damage to their gills, fins and scales. Culling is unlawful if the practice occurs beyond a person's legal possession limit.

Tips on Releasing Fish

If a fish is handled carefully and gently, it will have an excellent chance of survival. The most important factors related to post-release mortality rates are warm water, depth of water, air exposure, and swallowed hooks penetrating gills, throat and stomach regions. Fish hooked on the outside of the mouth or in the lip have a better chance of survival. Fishing during cooler times of the day, in shallower water, releasing fish quickly, and using methods that result in being hooked around the mouth are the best ways to reduce post-release hooking mortality. Still fishing with bait or slowly drifting flies will result in more deeply hooked fish. Keeping tight lines and setting the hook immediately after the strike may reduce the occurrence of deeply hooked fish. Walleye and Yellow Perch have a reduced chance of survival if they are caught from deep water (>6 m or 20 feet).

- Retrieve your catch quickly.
- Release fish immediately (with care).
- Avoid squeezing the fish.
- Keep your fingers out of the gills and eyes.
- Keep the fish in the water.
- Remove the hook carefully.
- Leave deeply swallowed hooks in the fish (Side-cutters can be used to cut the hook instead of the line).
- Help revive the fish by holding it in the water.
- Do not fizz – it reduces survival of released fish.
- Fish for walleye and perch in relatively shallow water.

For more information, search for fish handling on mywildalberta.ca.

Fishing with Bait

Bait includes, but is not restricted to: corn, cheese, marshmallows, meat, maggots, meal worms, earthworms, wax worms, gammarus shrimp, leeches, terrestrial insects, the larvae, pupae or adults of aquatic insects (e.g., stonefly, mayfly, caddis fly), bait fish, parts of fish, fish eggs, scented baits, power baits and all additives that scent or flavour artificial baits and lures.

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Bait Ban means only unscented lures may be used. In specific streams, only maggots may be used as bait during certain times of the year to allow anglers to fish for mountain whitefish with less impact on trout populations. In specific lakes, only maggots and mealworms may be used as bait to allow anglers to fish for perch and lake whitefish with less impact on pike populations.

A **Lure** is a spoon, plug, jig, fly or other such device made only of feathers, fibre, rubber, wood, metal, plastic or similar materials, and that does not attract fish by scent or flavour.

Bait Fish may be used in waters that do not have bait bans or bait fish restrictions. Where fishing with bait fish is not allowed other baits including smelts, herring, gammarus shrimp and dead fish eggs (e.g., preserved "salmon eggs") may be used.

Bait Fish means any of the following: suckers (family Catostomidae), sticklebacks (family Gasterosteidae), trout-perch (*Percopsis omiscomaycus*), Iowa darter (*Etheostoma exile*), minnows (family Cyprinidae), and the exceptions are that NO carp, goldfish and the western silvery minnow can be used as bait.

No person shall angle using any fish as bait, other than dead bait fish listed above, dead smelt, dead herring, dead shrimp, dead fish eggs or the skin, fins or eyes of game fish caught by angling.

Note: Smelts and herring are of the saltwater families Osmeridae and Clupeidae. Cisco also called tullibee or lake herring are of the family Coregonidae and use of the whole fish as bait is prohibited. As Cisco are classified as a game fish the skin, fins, or eyes of cisco legally caught by angling may be used as bait similar to other game fish. Fish (other than dead smelts, herring, gammarus shrimp and fish eggs) or crayfish purchased from pet stores cannot be used as bait.

Parts of Game Fish: Only the skin, fins, eyes and dead eggs of game fish may be used as bait, provided these fish were lawfully caught by angling. Skin, fins, eyes and dead eggs of game fish may be used where the use of bait fish is prohibited, but cannot be used where bait bans are in effect. All game fish kept must be counted in the daily catch limit, including any fish from which parts are used for bait.

Collecting Bait Fish

Catching bait fish (such as suckers) by angling, bowfishing or spearfishing is allowed from all waters open to fishing with these methods, even at waters where the collection of bait fish by other means is prohibited.

Anglers may collect their own bait fish by minnow trap, dip net and seine net, but these fish must not be sold or released live to waters other than waters from which they were taken. The commercial collection of bait fish requires a Commercial Bait Fishing Licence. The following regulations apply to the collection of bait fish for personal use as bait:

- **The collection of bait fish is not permitted in waters having a bait ban or restriction on the use of bait fish, and in some other specified waters** (see Fish Management Zone regulations Pages 30 to 88).
- The possession of live bait fish is prohibited. All bait fish kept must be killed immediately. Please do not kill more than needed because bait fish are important food for many sport fish.
- Fish other than bait fish must be immediately released unharmed; game fish such as yellow perch must not be kept.

- Seine net means a net the ends of which are brought together or hauled ashore. Examples include beach seine or a throwing net.
- Seine nets may not be larger than 3 m in length and 2 m in depth.
- Minnow traps may not have dimensions greater than 60 cm in length by 30 cm in width, depth or diameter.
- No more than 2 minnow traps may be used at one time.
- Minnow traps must be labeled with the operator's name, address and sportfishing licence number.
- **Crayfish cannot be used as bait. It is unlawful to possess live crayfish.**

REMEMBER

- It is illegal to use live bait fish or crayfish (live or dead) as bait.
- It is illegal to set out or use bait to attract fish unless the bait is attached to a hook used in angling.
- It is illegal to use scented lures or scented weights where bait bans are in effect.
- Discard live unused bait in its original packaging in a garbage receptacle.

Crayfish

When fishing for crayfish with a rod and reel (angling) a sportfishing licence is required and sportfishing regulations apply (for example no angling for crayfish when waters are closed to angling).

When fishing for crayfish using a dip net, seine net, trap or by hand, a sportfishing licence is not required and is permitted at any time of year.

The retention and transport of live crayfish is illegal. All retained crayfish must be immediately killed.

Hooking Mortality

Restrictions on the use of bait are required to increase the survival of released fish. Anglers are generally encouraged to fish with unbaited lures because fish may be hooked in the lip or mouth more often. Hooking mortality is generally higher for fish caught on baited hooks as they tend to take the baited hook deeper into the gills and stomach area and they take longer to release.



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Releasing Fish

You must immediately release every fish that cannot be legally kept because of species, catch limit, size limit or other regulation, without exception, even if the fish is injured or dead. When the fish is alive, you must release it in a manner that causes the least harm to the fish. Examples of fish that must be released:

- A species for which the limit is 0.
- A fish smaller than the minimum-size limit.
- A fish larger than the maximum-size limit.
- A fish the size of which is protected by a slot-size limit.
- A fish caught after you have already kept your limit.

Use Caution on Ice

The following guidelines do not override your obligation to use caution and common sense when travelling on ice:

- Careful measurement of ice thickness is important – always test ice conditions. Never walk on ice that is less than 10 cm (4 in.) thick and do not drive on ice that is less than 30 cm (12 in.) thick.
- Beware of ice near the inlets or outlets of streams. Always be extra cautious of ice on rivers and streams. Ice can vary in thickness and in strength from area to area because of temperature, water current, springs, snow cover and time of year.
- Do not drive fast, or follow closely behind or park near another vehicle on the ice.
- Ask someone who knows the area about ice conditions and places to avoid.
- Use caution and stay away from aeration sites. Anglers are encouraged not to fish near aerators for their safety and to prevent fishing lines from tangling in the units and damaging them.

REMEMBER

- **ALL ICE FISHING SHELTERS THAT ARE ON THE ICE FOR MORE THAN 24 HOURS MUST BE LABELLED ON THE OUTSIDE WITH 2.5 cm BLOCK LETTERS OR LARGER WITH WiN NUMBER OR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER.**
- **ICE FISHING SHELTERS MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE ICE BY MARCH 15 IN PP1 AND MARCH 31 EVERYWHERE ELSE.**
- **ANGLING IS NOT PERMITTED THROUGH THE ICE; A) INTO BEAVER PONDS OR B) INTO FLOWING WATERS IN ES1 TO ES4 MANAGEMENT ZONES EXCEPT THE PORTION OF THE LOBSTICK RIVER LYING IN 53, 54-9, 10-W5.**

Fish Consumption Advisory

Sportfishing is an important part of Canadian culture and can be a fun and healthy outdoor experience for people of all ages. Fish is an excellent source of lean protein, and provides essential nutrients like omega-3 fatty acids, zinc, iron, selenium and vitamins A, C and D. Despite the health benefits that are associated with eating fish, in some locations in Alberta, various species of fish may be exposed to mercury and other contaminants that when consumed in high levels can impact human health.

Methylmercury is the most toxic form of mercury. It is formed through natural biological processes in the water and sediment from other forms of mercury that are found in the environment. Contaminants accumulate in fat tissues and are persistent in fish, particularly in large predatory fish.

The Government of Alberta has been issuing and reviewing fish consumption advisories for fish caught from local waterbodies in Alberta since the 1990s. The Chief Medical Officer of Health in Alberta

Health and Wellness is responsible for issuing food consumption advisories. Fish consumption advisories apply to local subsistence consumers, recreational anglers and residents who eat fish caught from these waterbodies. These advisories inform the public about any potential health hazards they may encounter when eating specific types of fish. The advisory helps local fish consumers make informed decisions about what is a safe amount of fish to eat. Search “Fish Consumption Advisory” on mywildalberta.ca for more information, or download the “Should I eat this fish” App to your cell phone.

Cleaning and Transporting Fish

Fish caught in Alberta:

- Fish cleaned for storage at other than your permanent residence, or for transport to your permanent residence must not be skinned, cut or packed in a manner that the species cannot be identified, the number of fish cannot be determined, and the total length of every fish subject to a size limit cannot be determined.
- Two pieces of fish that are of the same species are considered to be one fish.

Tips:

- Carry a cooler and ice for storing whole fish for transport to your permanent residence.
- Leave the head, tail and skin attached to fish subject to size limits for accurate length measurements. Internal organs and gills can be removed to preserve quality.
- Fish that are not subject to size limits may be filleted, but enough skin must be left on each fillet for species identification purposes.
- Never transport fish in a solid frozen block.

REMEMBER

When cleaning fish away from your permanent residence, DO NOT REMOVE evidence of species and, if size limits apply, evidence of length as described above, unless the fish are to be consumed immediately.

Fish caught by someone else:

If you are transporting fish caught by someone else, you must have a bill of lading signed by the angler who harvested the fish. This letter must provide the following information:

- The sportfishing licence number, name and signature of the individual who harvested the fish,
- The number and species of the fish,
- The location from which you started and the location to which you are traveling, and
- The date on which the fish are being transported.

Fish caught outside of Alberta:

When traveling within Alberta and transporting fish that were taken elsewhere, you must be able to support your claim that those fish were caught outside of Alberta.

Gill Nets

Anglers should be aware that while angling you may encounter gill nets in some Alberta lakes.

Gill nets can be lawfully set by licenced users (e.g. First Nations people, Métis harvesters and researchers). All nets must be visibly marked at each end with a one (1) metre stake or spar buoy bearing the applicable licence number. Anglers should respect these nets and keep a safe distance to prevent entanglement with the boat or angling gear.

Gill Nets continued on next page.

Regulations and Information

If the nets are not marked, or the presence of a net seems suspicious, please call your local Fish and Wildlife Office (see Page 27) or the Report A Poacher line at 1-800-642-3800.

Buying and Selling Fish

The illegal trafficking of fish threatens our fish populations and is a serious offence. Report illegal activities (see Report A Poacher on Page 10).

Unless authorized by licence; fish caught by any means cannot be sold, bought, traded or bartered.

Spearfishing / Bowfishing

A special licence for spearfishing or bowfishing is not required. Spearfishing and bowfishing is allowed under the Alberta Sportfishing Licence.

- Only spears propelled by spring, elastic, compressed gas or muscular power are permitted.
- Only persons who are swimming may spearfish.
- Spears or bows cannot be used to harvest trout, mountain whitefish, Arctic grayling, lake sturgeon, walleye or northern pike.
- Spearfishing or bowfishing are not permitted in Gods, May, Seibert, Winefred, Andrew, Gardiner and Namur lakes.

Sportfishing in Provincial and National Parks

Alberta Sportfishing Regulations apply in Alberta Provincial Parks but not in Canada's National Parks. Separate regulations apply to those waters or the portion of waters within National Parks. To fish in a National Park, you need a National Park Fishing Permit which is valid only within the National Park. National Park fishing permits are available at most park facilities and some commercial outlets. General Inquiries for Parks Canada National office call 1-888-773-8888.

Fishing in a Wilderness Area or Ecological Reserve is prohibited by the Wilderness Areas, Ecological Reserves, Natural Areas and Heritage Rangelands Act.

Sportfishing in Cold Lake

Sportfishing in Cold Lake requires either an Alberta Sportfishing Licence (see licence exemptions under "Requirements"), or a Saskatchewan Angling Licence. The Alberta Fishery Regulations, 1998 apply to the Alberta portion of Cold Lake; while the Saskatchewan Regulations apply to the Saskatchewan portion of Cold Lake (Saskatchewan regulations are consistent with Alberta regulations for Cold Lake).



Competitive Fishing Events

Go to MyWildAlberta website and search for Competitive Fishing Events for more information or contact your nearest Fish and Wildlife Office and speak to a fisheries biologist (see Page 27).

Be Bear Smart While Fishing

Bear encounters can happen any time, anglers should be extra alert.

Streams, rivers and lakeshores make convenient travel corridors for wildlife, and the sound of moving water can mask the noise that normally warns animals of your approach.

To learn more about Alberta bears and how to be BearSmart, visit www.bearsmart.alberta.ca.

Gaff and Gaff Hooks

Gaff or a gaff hook are illegal to possess while angling in Alberta.

Access to Fishing Waters

Anglers are reminded that healthy fish populations, and our ability to access fishing areas, are contingent upon courtesy and responsible conduct on the lands around them. It is the angler's responsibility to know, understand, and abide by access conditions that apply when using and enjoying Alberta's lands.

Permission is always required before entering or crossing:

- Private land (from landowner)
- Indian reserves (from appropriate band council)
- Métis settlements (from appropriate Métis settlement association)
- Public land under agricultural or grazing lease (from leaseholder)

The website (<https://www.alberta.ca/public-land-recreation>) provides links to information for recreation on public land along with contact information. You can also call toll free 1-833-310-5869 or email EPA.Outreach-Services@gov.ab.ca for more information. While recreational 'foot' access is generally acceptable on public land, anglers should be aware that:

- Fishing in the critical habitats offered by Alberta's Wilderness and Ecological Areas is prohibited under the Wilderness, Areas, Ecological Reserves, Natural Areas and Heritage Rangelands Act.
- Off-highway vehicle (OHV) access is prohibited in most provincial parks and provincial recreation areas.
- Off-highway vehicle access may be limited or prohibited within counties, municipal districts or within special public land management areas such as Public Land Use Zones (PLUZ).
- Special conditions, such as extreme fire hazard, may warrant additional temporary access conditions.

Access to Crown Agricultural Lease Land

If you are looking to recreate on an agricultural lease you must contact the leaseholder to discuss access prior to entering a lease. Leaseholders have a duty to allow reasonable recreational access to the land, as outlined in the Recreational Access regulation. As a steward, the leaseholder is held accountable for the land, including any damage caused by recreational activities so the leaseholder has the ability to deny access for certain activities. Grazing Allotments in the Rocky Mountain Forest Reserve, such as those found in the forested area of the foothills along the Eastern Slopes, are not affected by this legislation. Leaseholder's contact information can be found on the Recreational Access Mapping Tool (geospatial.alberta.ca/RecAccess).

Alberta Government / Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Services Offices

For further information about these regulations or other matters concerning fish or wildlife management, please contact the sources listed below. For toll-free access within Alberta to most Alberta Government offices, call 310-0000.

Alberta Government offices for these services	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hunting, trapping and sportfishing regulations ● Licences: RFMA/Trapping, Fish Stocking, Fish Research, Competitive Fishing, Fur Dealers, Taxidermy, Tannery, Damage Control ● Found Dead Wildlife or Export Permit applications ● Registrations for Compulsory Furbearer Species and Big Game, fish or wildlife disease inquiries including freezer locations ● Wildlife or Fisheries Management inquiries 	

East Slopes	Calgary	403-297-6674
	Drayton Valley	780-542-6616
	Edson	780-723-8527
	Grande Prairie	780-538-5260
	Hinton	780-865-8264
	Pincher Creek	403-627-1120
	Rocky Mountain House	403-845-8230
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	Fairview	780-835-7200
	Fort McMurray	780-743-7200
	Fort Vermilion	780-927-3712
	High Level	780-841-0132
	High Prairie	780-523-6521
	Lac La Biche	780-623-5247
	Manning	780-836-3065
	Peace River	780-624-6167
	Slave Lake	780-849-7123
	St Paul	780-645-6313
	Spruce Grove	780-960-8600

Parkland-Prairie	Edmonton	780-427-3574
	Lethbridge	403-381-5322
	Medicine Hat	403-529-3680
	Red Deer	403-340-7052
	Vermilion	780-853-8137

Report A Poacher: Report suspicious or illegal hunting and fishing activity, or dangerous wildlife encounters by phone or online 1-800-642-3800

310-LAND (5263): Report illegal activity, enforcement concerns and public safety issues on public land or in Provincial Parks.

Alberta Government Hunting and Fishing Branch:
Forestry Building,
9920 – 108 Street, Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2M4
310-0000 in Alberta
780-427-2711 outside of Alberta

Sportfishing regulations: www.mywildalberta.com

Outreach Services:
1-877-944-0313, EPA.Outreach-Services@gov.ab.ca

Licencing and WiN card: AlbertaRELM Helpdesk,
1-888-944-5494 (0600 to midnight, 7 days a week),
albertarelm.com, ab.webmaster@aspirasupport.com

Legislation is available at Alberta King's Printer:
Edmonton, 10611-98 Avenue, 780-427-4952,
www.qp.alberta.ca

National Parks-Parks Canada:
1-888-773-8888, www.pc.gc.ca

Environmental Hotline:
Environmental emergency or complaint,
1-800-222-6514

Respect Our Lakes program:
www.alberta.ca/respect-our-lakes.aspx



Public Safety and Emergency Services / Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Services Offices	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For non-urgent enforcement or problem wildlife matters see contact information below ● For hunting and fishing violations in progress or imminent public safety risk or significant property loss due to wildlife call Report A Poacher line 1-800-642-3800 ● Fish and Wildlife Enforcement media requests 780-644-3009 ● The first location listed is the designated Unit Hub office location responsible for the subsequent locations listed 	

Northwest Region	Grande Cache, Grande Prairie, Spirit River, Valleyview	780-538-5265
	Fox Creek, High Prairie, Slave Lake, Whitecourt	780-523-6526
	Fairview, Fort Vermilion, High Level, Manning, Peace River	780-624-6405
	Drayton Valley, Edson, Evansburg, Hinton, Nordegg, Rocky Mountain House, Sundre	403-845-8300
Northeast Region	Athabasca, Cold Lake, Fort McMurray, Lac La Biche	780-675-8169
	Edmonton	780-644-7089
	Barrhead, Spruce Grove	780-960-8190
	Red Deer, Wetaskiwin	403-755-6150
	Smoky Lake, St. Paul ¹	780-656-3556
	Camrose, Ponoka ¹ , Vegreville	780-632-5410
Provost, Stettler, Vermilion ¹	780-753-2433	

South Region	Calgary, Drumheller, Hanna, Strathmore	403-297-6423
	Cochrane, High River, Oyen	403-932-2388
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	Blairmore, Claresholm, Pincher Creek	403-562-3289

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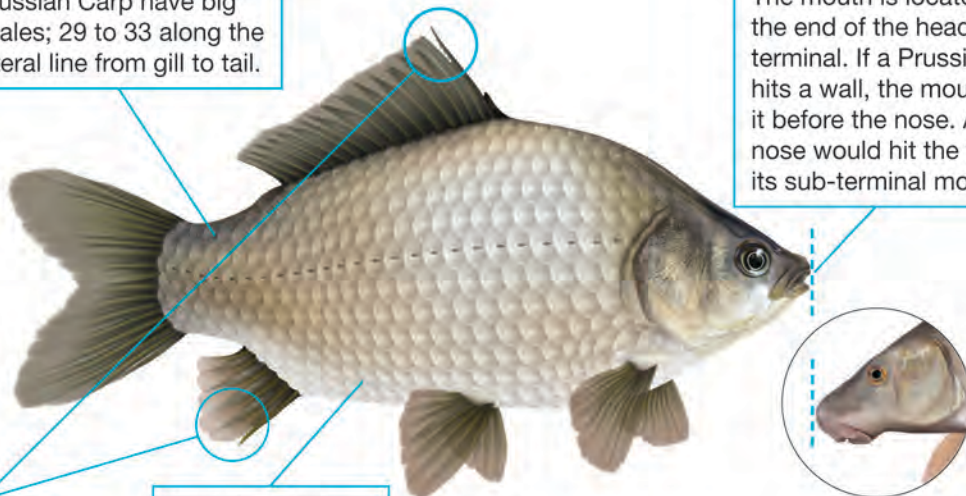
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Prussian Carp

Carassius gibelio

Prussian Carp have big scales; 29 to 33 along the lateral line from gill to tail.

The mouth is located at the end of the head, or is terminal. If a Prussian carp hits a wall, the mouth touches it before the nose. A sucker's nose would hit the wall before its sub-terminal mouth.



Longnose Sucker

When felt with your hand, the first dorsal ray and the first anal fin are serrated.

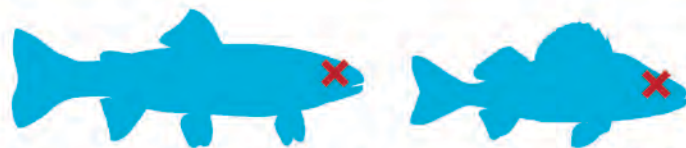
Prussian Carp are silvery-brown.

CATCH IT, KILL IT

If you catch a Prussian carp, kill it and dispose of it or eat it. Do not put it back in the water.



Alberta was the first jurisdiction in North America to have invasive Prussian carp and can be found in the main stem and tributaries of the **North Saskatchewan, Bow, Red Deer, Oldman and South Saskatchewan Rivers.**



Prussian carp are bad news for native fish populations as they out-compete them for food and habitat.



Likely introduced by intentional releases. Response and eradication are challenged by the spread through connected waterbodies.

Intentional release of invasive species is illegal.

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Females can spawn up to three times in one year, making them prolific invaders.



Releasing Prussian Carp into any waterbody can start an invasion; but you can stop it!

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Fish Management Zones

Fish management boundaries are based on three ecosystem zones as follows: the Eastern Slopes, the Parkland-Prairie and the Northern Boreal. Each zone is divided into Watershed Units to expand on specific regulations established to meet waterbody and fish population needs.

- ZONE 1 Eastern Slopes Zone on pages 30 to 53.**
- ZONE 2 Parkland-Prairie Zone on pages 54 to 67.**
- ZONE 3 Northern Boreal Zone on pages 68 to 92.**



Maps

The maps in this Guide are designed as references to help you identify the location of Fish Management Zones and Watershed Units. The boundaries shown are in a small scale and cannot be considered legally exact. Because of the size of the guide, it is not possible to show complete detail for all lakes and streams. Greater detail can be obtained from access and topographic maps that are available from various map dealers throughout the province.

Watershed Boundaries

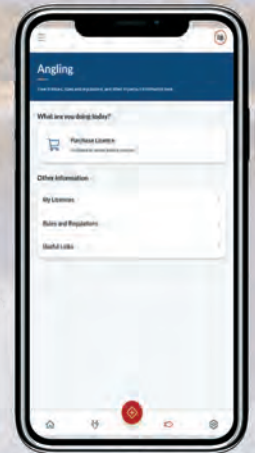
The boundary between Watershed Units is the height of land that divides the two watersheds, so that water on one side flows one direction and water on the other side flows a different direction. "Watershed Unit" means the area drained by a stream system, including tributaries, described and illustrated on maps in the following sections of this Guide. All lakes, reservoirs and ponds within each unit are included, whether or not they are directly connected to the stream system.



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ZONE 1 *Eastern Slopes*

■ The Eastern Slopes consists of the mountains and foothills that form the “Eastern Slopes” along the Rocky Mountains from Montana to the Grande Prairie region. Throughout this zone, tributary creeks flow into larger streams and into major rivers. These watersheds support numerous trout and mountain whitefish populations, as well as Arctic grayling populations in the north.

The Eastern Slopes four Watershed Units are the Oldman and Bow rivers (ES1), the Red Deer and North Saskatchewan rivers (ES2), the Athabasca and Pembina rivers (ES3) and the Smoky River (ES4).

ES1 WATERSHED UNIT REGULATIONS

■ the Oldman River watershed upstream of Secondary Road 509 near Coalhurst and the Bow River watershed upstream of Highway 24 near Carseland.

BAIT FISHING

- Fishing with Bait in ES1 streams is **NOT** allowed.
- Fishing with Bait is allowed at lakes without bait bans. Check the ES1 regulation tables for site specific regulations.
- Fishing with Bait Fish is **NOT** allowed in ES1 except at the following waters: Payne (Mami) Lake, Lees Lake, and Ghost Reservoir.

Alberta Government may implement time of day angling restrictions in this watershed unit in response to low stream flows and warmer water temperatures. Please see the Important Information page and My Wild Alberta webpage for more information.

Ice fishing: Angling is not permitted through the ice; a) into beaver ponds or b) into flowing waters in ES1

Mainstem of a river: includes the mainstem channel and any side channel, oxbows, riparian flow channels, and plunge pools below spillways.

ES1 Default Sportfishing Regulations

- The names of most ES1 lakes and streams are listed alphabetically in the site specific regulation tables on the following pages.
- Smaller streams may not be listed, but may be included as tributaries to a listed larger stream.
- If a listed waterbody does not have a season listed, it is **CLOSED** to fishing during that period.
- If a ES1 lake, reservoir, river, stream or species is not listed, follow the default regulations below.
- General regulation stocked trout lakes are listed on page 16.

LAKES	STREAMS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPEN all year • Bull Trout limit 0 • Arctic Grayling limit 0 • Trout limit 5 • Mountain Whitefish limit 5 over 30 cm • Walleye limit 3 over 50 cm • Pike limit 3 • Perch limit 15 • Lake Whitefish limit 10 • Burbot limit 10 • Bait except Bait Fish allowed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPEN June 16 to Aug. 31 • Bull Trout limit 0 • Arctic Grayling limit 0 • Trout limit 2 • Cutthroat and Rainbow over 35 cm • Mountain Whitefish limit 5 over 30 cm • Walleye limit 3 over 50 cm • Northern Pike limit 3 • Yellow Perch limit 15 • Lake Whitefish limit 10 • Burbot limit 10 • Bait Ban 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPEN Sept. 1 to Oct. 31 • Bull Trout limit 0 • Arctic Grayling limit 0 • Trout and Mountain Whitefish limit 0 • Walleye limit 3 over 50 cm • Northern Pike limit 3 • Yellow Perch limit 15 • Lake Whitefish limit 10 • Burbot limit 10 • Bait Ban 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLOSED Nov. 1 to June 15

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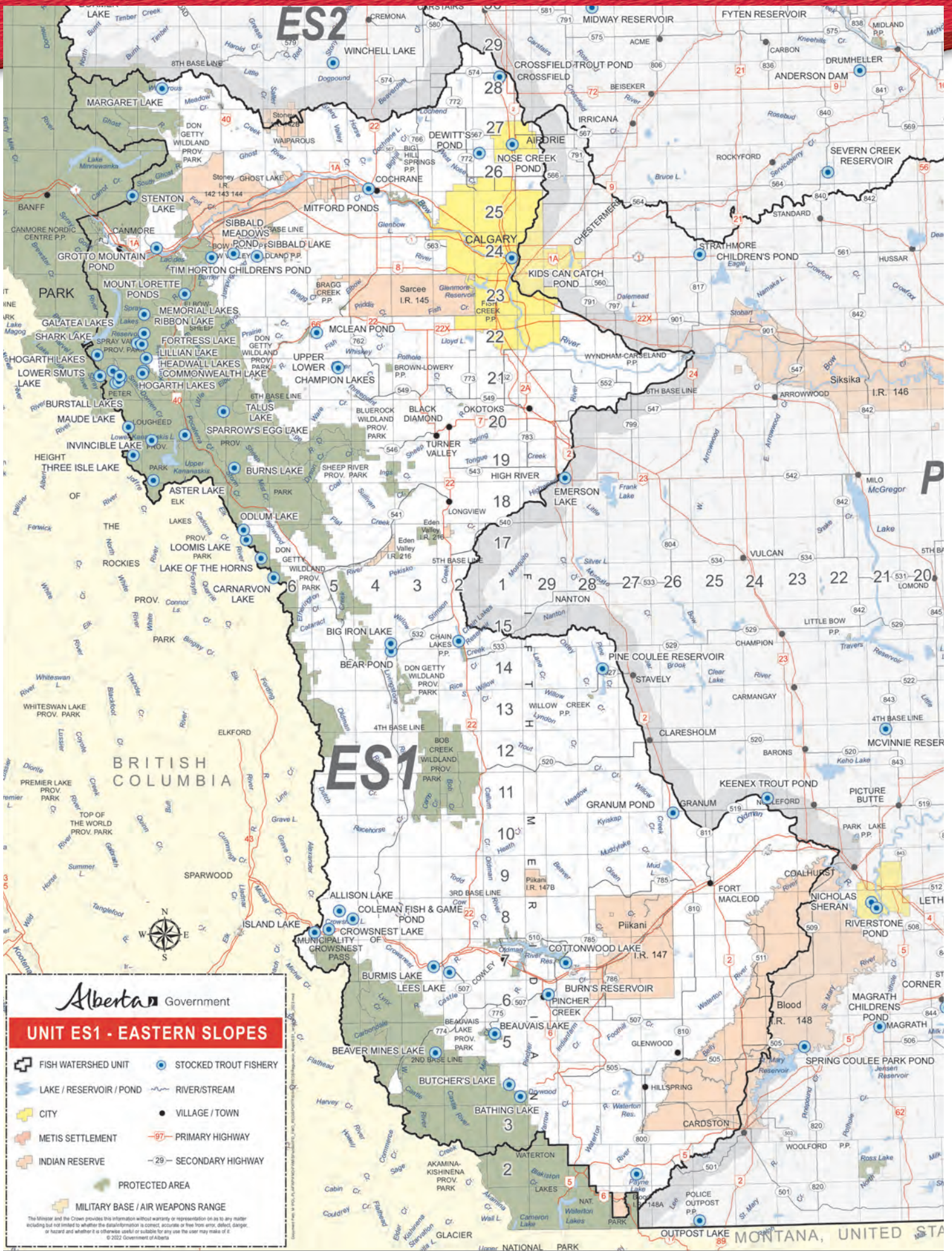
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ES1 - Lakes, Reservoirs and Ponds

Waterbody	Waterbody Detail	Season	Bait ● = Bait except Bait fish allowed	WALL	NRPK	YLPR	LKTR	MNWH	RNTR	CTTR	BKTR	DLVR	Trout Total
Aster Lake	5-19-9-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Barnaby Lake	32-4-3-W5	OPEN JULY 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban										1 trout over 40 cm
Bear Pond	Tributaries and outlet 36-14-4-W5	CLOSED ALL YEAR OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban										1 trout over 30 cm; 0 ARGR
Bearspaw Reservoir		OPEN ALL YEAR	●				3 fish	5 over 30 cm					Other trout limit 1 under 35 cm
Big Iron Lake	1-15-4-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban										1 trout over 30 cm; 0 ARGR
Blairmore Water Supply (Unnamed) Reservoir	34-7-4-W5	CLOSED ALL YEAR											
Burns Lake	17-19-7-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Burstall Lakes	All lakes; 16-21-10-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Carburn Park Pond	NE-23-23-1-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban										
Camarvon Lake	30-16-6-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Chester Lake	26-21-10-W5; includes tributaries and outlet	OPEN JULY 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban							2 fish under 30 cm		2 fish	
Commonwealth Lake	29-21-10-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Crowsnest Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●				3 fish	5 over 30 cm					5 trout
East Scarpe Lake	13-3-3-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										Other trout 0
Emerald (Hart) Lake	SE-8-8-5-W5	OPEN JUNE 16 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban					5 over 30 cm			2 fish		
Fortress Lake	6-22-9-W5	OPEN SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban					0 fish					0 trout
Galatea Lakes	Upper and lower; 13-22-10-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Gap Lake	SW 20-24-09-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Ghost Reservoir		OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban					5 over 30 cm			2 fish		Other trout 0
Glenmore Reservoir		OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait and bait fish allowed					5 over 30 cm					5 trout; 0 CTTR
Headwall Lakes	Upper and lower; 19,30-21-9-W5	OPEN MAY 1 TO OCT. 31	●					5 over 30 cm					5 trout
Hogarth Lakes	Upper, middle, lower; 21-21-10-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Invincible Lake	5-20-9-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban										1 trout over 40 cm
Kids Can Catch Pond	13-24-1-W5	OPEN MAY 1 TO SEPT. 30	●										2 trout
Lake Of The Horns	11-17-7-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban										0 trout
		OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout

ES1 - Lakes, Reservoirs and Ponds

Waterbody	Waterbody Detail	Season	Bait ● = Bait, ● = Bait, except bait fish allowed	WALL	NRPK	YLPR	LKTR	MNWH	RNTR	CTTR	BKTR	DLVR	Trout Total
Lillian Lake	13-22-10-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Loomis Lake	21-17-7-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Lower Kananaskis Lake	35-19-9-W5; northwest bay-the portion north of a line drawn from the southernmost tip of the peninsula in NE 11-20-9-W5 due west to the point where the line intersects the shoreline of the lake (the northwest bay)	CLOSED ALL YEAR											
Lys Lake	35-19-9-W5; the remainder of the lake	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban						over 50 cm				1 trout
Maude Lake	26-3-3-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Memorial Lakes	14-20-10-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Mount Lorette Ponds	South, East and West; 6-23-9-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Mud Lake	19-23-8-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Odium Lake	22-21-10-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Oldman Reservoir	33-17-7-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Phillips Lake	The Crownsnest River downstream of the Cowley Bridge, the Castle River downstream of Hwy. 3, and the Oldman River downstream of Sec. Rd. 510. The boundaries are fixed regardless of water level fluctuations.	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban					5 over 30 cm					5 trout
Picklejar Lakes	18-8-5-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Pine Coulee Reservoir	All lakes; 16, 17-18-6-W5; Includes tributaries and outlet	OPEN JULY 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban										0 trout
Quarry Lake	29-24-10-W5	APR. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban	3 fish	3 fish								1 trout over 50 cm
Rainy Ridge Lake	32-3-3-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban										1 trout over 50 cm; 0 ARG
Rawson Lake	Tributaries and outlet	OPEN JULY 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban										1 trout over 40 cm
Ribbon Lake	11-19-9-W5; Includes tributaries and outlet	CLOSED ALL YEAR											0 trout
Rummel Lake	19-22-9-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Running Rain Lake	3-22-10-W5; Includes tributaries and outlet	OPEN JULY 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban										1 trout over 40 cm
Shark Lake	7-18-7-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban										2 under 30 cm
Smuts Lakes	NW-1-22-11-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Southfork Lake	Upper and lower; 24-21-11-W5; Includes tributaries and outlet	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban										1 trout over 40 cm
Sparrow's Egg Lake	29-4-3-W5	OPEN JULY 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban										1 trout over 40 cm
	Tributaries and outlet	CLOSED ALL YEAR											
	6-20-8-W5; Includes tributaries and outlet	OPEN JULY 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban										1 trout over 50 cm

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Waterbody	Waterbody Detail	Season	Bait ● = Bait except bait fish allowed	WALL	NRPK	YLPR	LKTR	MNWH	RNTR	CTTR	BKTR	DLVR	Trout Total
Spray Lakes Reservoir		OPEN ALL YEAR	●				3 fish	5 over 30 cm					5 trout (includes 3 LKTR)
	Tributaries	OPEN JULY 1 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban					5 over 30 cm	over 35 cm				2 trout
	Tributaries	OPEN SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban					0 fish					0 trout
Stenton Lake	35-25-10-W5; Includes tributaries and outlet	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban										1 trout over 40 cm
Sunken Lakes	Champion Lakes; Upper and lower; 26-21-5-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban										1 trout over 40 cm
Talus Lake	25-20-8-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Three Isle Lake	23-19-10-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Tombstone Lakes	Upper and lower; 13-20-8-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Upper Kananaskis Lake	The portion of the lake within 100m of Rawson Creek inlet	OPEN JULY 16 TO MAY 31	Bait ban						over 50 cm	over 50 cm			1 trout
Watridge Lake	The remainder of the lake	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban						over 50 cm	over 50 cm			1 trout
Wedge Pond	11-22-11-W5; Includes tributaries and outlet	OPEN JULY 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban										0 trout
Window Mountain Lake	14-22-9-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban										1 trout over 50 cm; 0 ARGR
	29-9-5-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout

ES1 - Rivers, Creeks and Streams

Waterbody	Waterbody Detail	Season	Bait ● = Bait except Bait fish allowed	WALL	NRPK	BURB	MNWH	RNTR	CTTR	BKTR	BNTR	Trout Total
Beaver Creek		OPEN JUNE 16 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban				5 over 30 cm					0 trout
		OPEN SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban				0 fish					0 trout
Belly River	Mainstem upstream of Sec. Rd. 800 and tributaries	OPEN JUNE 16 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban				0 fish					0 trout
		CLOSED SEPT. 1 TO JUNE 15										
	Mainstem and tributaries; downstream of Sec. Rd. 800	OPEN JUNE 16 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban				5 over 30 cm	over 35 cm	over 35 cm			2 trout
		OPEN SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban				5 over 30 cm					0 trout
Boulton Creek	Includes tributaries	OPEN JULY 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban				0 fish					0 trout
Bow River	Banff National Park downstream to Bassano Dam including Reservoir	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban	0 fish	0 fish	0 fish	0 fish					0 trout

Canmore Creek	Includes tributaries	OPEN APR. 1 TO SEPT. 30	Bait ban																	2 fish		Other trout 0
Canyon Creek	Includes tributaries	OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban																			0 trout
Carbondale River	Includes tributaries	OPEN JUNE 16 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban																			0 trout
		OPEN SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban																			0 trout
Castle River	Mainstem from Hwy. 3 to West Castle River and includes tributaries except Mill, Beaver Mines, and Screwdriver creeks and Carbondale River	OPEN JUNE 16 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban																			2 trout
		OPEN SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban																			0 trout
Crowsnest River	Mainstem from outlet of Crowsnest Lake downstream to the Cowley Bridge	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban																			0 trout
	All tributaries of Crowsnest River except Gold Creek	OPEN JUNE 16 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban																			2 trout
	All tributaries of Crowsnest River except Gold Creek	OPEN SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban																			0 trout
Elbow River	Headwater downstream to Elbow Falls and tributaries except Quirk Creek	OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban																			Other trout 0
	Mainstem, Elbow Falls downstream to Canyon Creek	CLOSED ALL YEAR																				
	Mainstem, Canyon Creek downstream to Hwy. 22	OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban																			0 trout
	Mainstem, Hwy. 22 downstream to Glenmore Reservoir and tributaries	OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban																			2 trout
Ghost River	Mainstem, from Glenmore Reservoir downstream to Bow River	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban																			0 trout
	Mainstem including tributaries except Waiparous Creek	OPEN JUNE 16 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban																			0 trout
		OPEN SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban																			0 trout
Ghost River Wilderness Area	All water within the Wilderness Area	CLOSED ALL YEAR																				
Gold Creek	Includes tributaries	OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban																			Other trout 0
Gorge Creek	Includes tributaries	OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban																			0 trout
Hidden Creek	Tributary to Oldman River	CLOSED SEPT. 1 TO JUNE 15																				
Highwood River	Headwater originating at Storm Ck and Mist Ck confluence downstream to Kananaskis Country boundary; includes tributaries except Storm Creek	OPEN JUNE 16 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban																			Other trout 0
	Mainstem from K-Country boundary downstream to 500m above the mouth & tributaries except Sheep R	OPEN SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban																			Other trout 0
	Mainstem within 500m of Bow River (see Bow River)	OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban																			0 trout
Inglewood Bird Sanctuary	SE 12-24-1-W5; All water within sanctuary except the Bow River main channel	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban																			0 trout
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Waterbody	Waterbody Detail	Season	Bait	WALL	NRPK	BURB	MNWH	RNTR	CTTR	BKTR	BNTR	Trout Total	
Jumpingpound Creek	Includes tributaries	OPEN JUNE 16 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban				5 over 30 cm			2 fish		Other trout 0	
Kananaskis River	Headwater downstream to Hwy. 1 including tributaries except Smith-Dorrien Creek	OPEN SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban				0 fish			2 fish		Other trout 0	
		OPEN APR. 1 TO JUNE 15	Bait ban				0 fish			2 fish		Other trout 0	
Livingstone River	Mainstem from Hwy. 1 downstream to Bow River	OPEN JUNE 16 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban				5 over 30 cm	0 fish	0 fish			Other trout 2	
		OPEN SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban				0 fish			2 fish		Other trout 0	
Mill Creek	Including Gladstone and Whitney creeks	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban				5 over 30 cm			2 fish		Other trout 0	
		OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban				0 fish					0 trout	
Oldman River	Tributaries of Oldman River from headwater downstream to Sec. Rd. 510 excluding Livingstone River and Hidden Creek	CLOSED SEPT. 1 TO JUNE 15											
		OPEN JUNE 16 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban				0 fish			2 fish		Other trout 0	
		OPEN JUNE 16 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban				5 over 30 cm						0 trout
		OPEN SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban				0 fish						0 trout
		OPEN JUNE 16 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban				5 over 30 cm						0 trout
		OPEN SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban				0 fish						0 trout
		OPEN APR. 1 TO JUNE 15	Bait ban				0 fish						0 trout
		OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban				0 fish						0 trout
Pincher Creek	Includes tributaries	OPEN APR. 1 TO JUNE 15	Bait ban				0 fish					0 trout	
		OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban				5 over 30 cm	over 35 cm	over 35 cm			2 trout	
		OPEN NOV. 1 TO MAR. 31	Bait ban				0 fish					0 trout	
		OPEN JUNE 16 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban				5 over 30 cm					0 trout	

Policeman Creek	Includes tributaries	OPEN APR. 1 TO SEPT. 30	Bait ban																Other trout 0
Quirk Creek	Includes tributaries	OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban																0 trout
Sheep River	Includes tributaries; Headwater downstream to the bridge at Indian Oils Day-use Site	OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban																0 trout
	Bridge at Indian Oils Day-use Site downstream to Gorge Creek and tributaries (except Gorge Creek)	CLOSED ALL YEAR																	
	Mainstem - Gorge Creek downstream to Highwood River	OPEN JUNE 16 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban																2 trout
		OPEN SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban																0 trout
Silvester Creek	Includes tributaries	OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban																0 trout
Smith-Dorrien Creek	Includes tributaries	CLOSED ALL YEAR																	
South Castle River	Includes tributaries	OPEN JUNE 16 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban																0 trout
		OPEN SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban																0 trout
Storm Creek	Upstream of Mist Creek confluence; Includes tributaries (18-7-W5)	CLOSED ALL YEAR																	
Waiparous Creek	Includes tributaries	OPEN JUNE 16 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban																Other trout 0
		OPEN SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban																Other trout 0
Waterton River	Tributaries upstream of Waterton Reservoir including Drywood Creek	OPEN JUNE 16 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban																2 trout
		OPEN SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban																1 or 2 fish
	Mainstem - upstream of Waterton Reservoir	OPEN JUNE 16 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban																1 or 2 fish, over 40 cm
		OPEN SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban																0 trout
West Castle River	Includes tributaries	OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban																0 trout
Willow Creek	Mainstem and tributaries upstream of Pine Coulee Reservoir Diversion Headpond.	OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban																2 trout
	Mainstem only downstream of Pine Coulee Reservoir Diversion Headpond	OPEN MAY 8 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban																2 trout
		OPEN NOV. 1 TO MAR. 15	Bait ban																0 trout
	Tributaries downstream of Pine Coulee Reservoir Diversion Headpond	OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban																0 trout



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ES2 WATERSHED UNIT REGULATIONS

■ The Red Deer River watershed upstream of the Dickson Dam west of Innisfail and the North Saskatchewan River watershed upstream of Highway 22/39 near Drayton Valley.

BAIT FISHING

- Fishing with bait in ES2 streams is **NOT** allowed.
- Fishing with Bait is allowed at lakes without Bait Bans. Check the ES2 regulation tables for site specific regulations.
- Fishing with Bait Fish is **NOT** allowed in ES2 except at the following waterbodies: Burnstick Lake, Brazeau Canal, Cow Lake, Jackfish Lake and Glennifer (Reservoir) Lake.

Alberta Fish and Wildlife may announce short-term emergency stream closures in response to low stream flows and warmer water temperatures. Sportfishing would be suspended and fishing not allowed for the duration of the emergency period.

Ice fishing: Angling is not permitted through the ice; a) into beaver ponds or b) into flowing waters in ES2

Mainstem of a river: includes the mainstem channel and any side channel, oxbows, riparian flow channels, and plunge pools below spillways.

ES2 Default Sportfishing Regulations

- The names of most ES2 lakes and streams are listed alphabetically in the site specific regulation tables on the following pages.
- Smaller streams may not be listed, but may be included as tributaries to a listed larger stream.
- If a listed waterbody does not have a season listed, it is CLOSED to fishing during that period.
- If a ES2 lake, reservoir, river, stream or species is not listed, follow the default regulations below.
- General regulation stocked trout lakes are listed on page 16.

LAKES	REGULATIONS	REGULATIONS	REGULATIONS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPEN all year • Bull Trout limit 0 • Arctic Grayling limit 0 • Trout limit 5 • Walleye limit 3 over 50 cm • Northern Pike limit 3 • Perch limit 15 • Mountain Whitefish limit 5 over 30 cm • Burbot limit 10 • Bait except bait fish allowed 		
STREAMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPEN Apr. 1 to Aug. 31 • Bull Trout limit 0 • Arctic Grayling limit 0 • Trout limit 2 • Cutthroat over 35 cm • Mountain Whitefish limit 5 over 30 cm • Walleye limit 3 over 50 cm • Northern Pike limit 3 • Yellow Perch limit 15 • Burbot limit 10 • Bait Ban 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPEN Sept. 1 to Oct. 31 • Bull Trout limit 0 • Arctic Grayling limit 0 • Trout and Mountain Whitefish limit 0 • Walleye limit 3 over 50 cm • Northern Pike limit 3 • Yellow Perch limit 15 • Burbot limit 10 • Bait Ban 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLOSED Nov. 1 to Mar. 31

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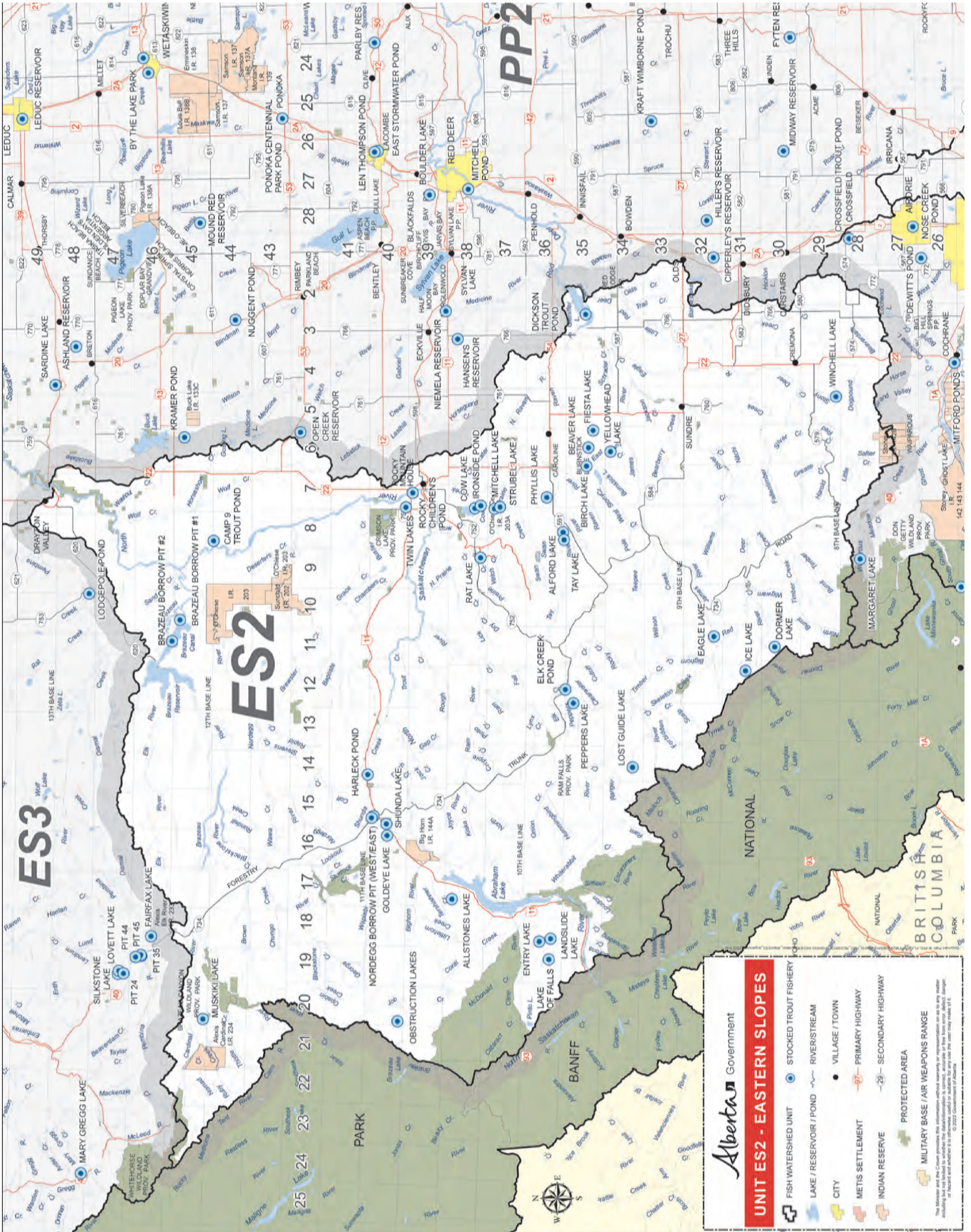
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ES2 - Lakes, Reservoirs and Ponds

Waterbody	Waterbody Detail	Season	Bait ● = Bait except Bait fish allowed	WALL	NRPK	YLPR	BURB	L.KTR	MNWH	RNTR	BNTR	CTTR	Trout Total
Abraham Lake	36-37-18-W5; all waters within the area of the lake's high water level; includes downstream of Highway 11 (Cline River) bridge and downstream of 2-18-36-17-W5 on the North Saskatchewan River	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban					3 fish	5 over 30 cm	over 30 cm		over 30 cm	5 trout
Allstones Lake	30-38-17-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Beaver Lake	16-35-6-W5	OPEN APR. 1 TO NOV. 30	Bait ban										0 trout
Birch Lake	18-35-6-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●							1 fish			3 trout
Brazeau Canal	3-46-11-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait and bait fish allowed	3 over 50 cm	3 fish								
Brazeau Reservoir	12-46-12-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 fish				5 over 30 cm				5 trout
Burnstick Lake	12-35-7-W5; Includes tributaries for 1 km upstream	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	Bait and bait fish allowed	0 fish	1 over 63 cm	5 fish							5 trout
Coral Lake	21-38-20-W5	OPEN AUG. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban										1 trout over 35 cm
Cow Lake	Tributaries and outlet for 1 km	CLOSED ALL YEAR											
Dormer Lake	12-38-8-W5	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	Bait and bait fish allowed		0 fish	15 fish				5 fish any size	0 fish		
Eagle Lake	28-30-11-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Entry Lake	11-32-11-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Fiesta Lake	18-36-18-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Gap Lake	15-12-35-6-W5	OPEN APR. 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban										0 trout
Gleniffer Lake	5-39-13-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Ice Lake	30-35-2-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait and bait fish allowed	1 fish	1 fish		10 fish		3 over 30 cm				2 trout
Inside Pond	13-31-12-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Jackfish Lake	7-38-7-W5	OPEN APR. 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban										0 trout
Job (Wilson or Blue) Lake	6-41-11-W5; Includes tributaries and outlet for 1 km downstream	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	Bait and bait fish allowed	0 fish	0 fish	5 fish							
Jumping Fish (Unnamed) Lake	20-39-20-W5; Includes tributaries and outlet for 1.5 km downstream	CLOSED ALL YEAR											
Kinglet Lake	And inlets, outlet and tributaries to outlet in NE 30 & SE 31-44-17-W5 (tributary to Brown Creek)	CLOSED ALL YEAR											
Lake Of Falls	35-35-18-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban										0 trout
	10-36-19-W5	OPEN JULY 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban										2 trout
	Tributaries and outlet for 1.5 km downstream	OPEN JULY 1 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban										2 trout

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Waterbody	Waterbody Detail	Season	Bait ● = Bait except bait fish allowed	WALL	NRPK	YLPR	BURB	LKTR	MNWH	RNTR	BNTR	CTTR	Trout Total
Landslide Lake	7-36-18-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Lost Guide Lake	9-34-14-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Michele (Upper And Lower) Lakes	2,11-36-20-W5	OPEN AUG. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban										1 trout over 35 cm
Muskiki Lake	Tributaries	CLOSED ALL YEAR											
	5-45-20-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban										5 trout over 40 cm
Obstruction Lakes	6-40-20-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Pinto Lake	25-36-21-W5; Includes tributaries and outlet for 1.5 km downstream	CLOSED ALL YEAR											
Resolute Lake	13-35-19-W5; Includes tributaries and outlet	OPEN APR. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban							0 fish			0 trout
Ruby Lake	22.27-44-22-W5	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban										2 trout
Siffleur Wilderness Area	All water within the Wilderness Area	CLOSED ALL YEAR											
Swan Lake	26-36-9-W5; for outlet regs see Swan Creek	OPEN JUNE 16 TO SEPT. 15	Bait ban	3 fish									1 trout
		OPEN NOV. 1 TO JAN. 15	Bait ban	3 fish									1 trout over 70 cm
White Goat Wilderness Area	All water within the Wilderness Area	CLOSED ALL YEAR											

ES2 - Rivers, Creeks and Streams

Waterbody	Waterbody Detail	Season	Bait	SAUG	WALL	NRPK	BURB	GOLD	MNWH	RNTR	CTTR	BNTR	Trout Total
Alford Creek	Mainstem and tributaries	OPEN APR. 1 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban						5 over 30 cm				2 trout
		OPEN SEPT. 1 TO MAR. 31	Bait ban						0 fish				0 trout
Baptiste River	Mainstem only	OPEN APR. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban		3 over 50 cm	3 fish			5 over 30 cm				2 trout
Bighorn River	Mainstem and tributaries upstream of Crescent Falls	OPEN JUNE 16 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban								over 30 cm		2 trout
		OPEN SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban										0 trout
	Mainstem and tributaries downstream of Crescent Falls	OPEN JUNE 16 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban						5 over 30 cm		over 35 cm		2 trout
		OPEN SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban						0 fish				0 trout
Blackstone River	Mainstem and tributaries upstream of Mons Creek including Mons Creek	CLOSED ALL YEAR											
	Mainstem downstream of Mons Creek and tributaries (except Rundell Creek)	OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban						0 fish		0 fish		0 trout

Brazeau River	Mainstem upstream of Forestry Trunk Road (bridge at 6-16-45-18-W5) and tributaries (except Cardinal River), outside of Jasper National Park	OPEN JUNE 16 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban							5 over 30 cm	over 30 cm	2 trout
	Mainstem downstream of the Forestry Trunk Road (bridge at 6-16-45-18-W5) to the Brazeau Reservoir	OPEN SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban							0 fish		0 trout
	Mainstem downstream of Brazeau Reservoir	OPEN APR. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban	0 fish	0 fish	0 fish	0 fish	0 fish	0 fish	0 fish		0 trout
Burnt Timber Creek	Mainstem and tributaries (except Pinto Creek)	OPEN APR. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban							3 over 30 cm		2 trout
Cardinal River	Mainstem and tributaries	OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban							0 fish		0 trout
Clear Creek	Mainstem and tributaries	OPEN APR. 1 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban							5 over 30 cm		2 trout
Clearwater River	Mainstem from the Banff National Park boundary downstream to Timber Creek	OPEN SEPT. 1 TO MAR. 31	Bait ban							0 fish		0 trout
	Tributaries from the Banff National Park boundary downstream to and including Timber Creek	CLOSED ALL YEAR										
	Mainstem from Timber Creek downstream to the Forestry Trunk Road (bridge at 5-35-09-W5) and tributaries (except Elk Creek)	OPEN APR. 1 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban							5 over 30 cm		2 trout
	Mainstem from Forestry Trunk Road (bridge at 5-35-09-W5) downstream to the North Saskatchewan River	OPEN SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban							0 fish		0 trout
Cline River	Mainstem and tributaries downstream to the Highway 11 (Cline River) bridge except tributaries to Coral Lake, Pinto Lake, all water within the White Goat Wilderness Area and the outlet of Pinto Lake for 1.5 km downstream.	OPEN APR. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban	3 over 50 cm					3 fish	10 fish		2 trout
Devil's Fork (Unnamed) Creek	4-45-16-W5; Tributary to Brazeau River	CLOSED ALL YEAR										
Dogpound Creek	Mainstem and tributaries	OPEN APR. 1 TO JUNE 15	Bait ban							0 fish		0 trout
		OPEN JUNE 16 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban							5 over 30 cm		2 trout
		OPEN SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban							0 fish		0 trout
Elk Creek	Mainstem and tributaries; 33-35-12-W5	OPEN APR. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban							0 fish		0 trout
Fall Creek	Mainstem and tributaries; Upstream of the falls at 11-31-37-11-W5	OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban									0 trout
Fallenlumber Creek	Mainstem and tributaries downstream of the falls at 11-31-37-11-W5	CLOSED ALL YEAR										
James River	Mainstem and tributaries	OPEN APR. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban							3 over 30 cm		2 trout
Little Red Deer River	Mainstem and tributaries	OPEN APR. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban	0 fish					3 fish	3 over 30 cm		2 trout
Lynx Creek	Headwater downstream to Twp. Rd. 352 (Cottonwood Road) and tributaries except Dogpound Creek. See PP2 for Little Red Deer River downstream of Twp. Rd. 352.	OPEN APR. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban						3 fish	0 fish		0 trout
Nordegg River	Mainstem and Tributaries	OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban									0 trout
North Ram River	Mainstem and tributaries	OPEN APR. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban	0 fish					0 fish	0 fish		0 trout
North Raven River	STAUFFER CREEK; Mainstem and tributaries	OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban									0 trout
		OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban						3 fish	0 fish		0 trout

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ES2 - Rivers, Creeks and Streams

Waterbody	Waterbody Detail	Season	Bait	SAUG	WALL	NRPK	BURB	GOLD	MNWH	RNTR	CTTR	BNTR	Trout Total	
North Saskatchewan River	Mainstem and tributaries from Banff National Park boundary downstream to Abraham Lake (2-18-36-17-W5) and tributaries including tributaries to Abraham Lake, except Cline River and Siffleur River	OPEN APR. 1 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban						5 over 30 cm	Over 30 cm	Over 30 cm		2 trout	
		OPEN SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban						0 fish					0 trout
		APR. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban	0 fish	3 over 50 cm	3 fish	10 fish	10 fish	5 over 30 cm	Over 35 cm	Over 35 cm			2 trout
		OPEN APR. 1 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban	0 fish	3 over 50 cm	3 fish	10 fish	10 fish	5 over 30 cm	Over 35 cm	Over 35 cm			2 trout
Pinto Creek	Mainstem from Bighorn Dam downstream to Hwy 22/39	OPEN SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban	0 fish	3 over 50 cm	3 fish	10 fish	10 fish	0 fish				0 trout	
		CLOSED ALL YEAR												
Prairie Creek	Tributaries from Bighorn Dam downstream to Hwy 22/39 (except Baptiste River, Bighorn River, Brazeau River, Clearwater River, Ram River, Wolf Creek and Washout Creek)	OPEN APR. 1 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban			3 fish			5 over 30 cm				2 trout	
		OPEN SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban			3 fish			0 fish				0 trout	
		OPEN APR. 1 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban			3 fish			0 fish					0 trout
		OPEN APR. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban	3 over 50 cm		3 fish			0 fish					0 trout
Ram River	Also known as South Ram River; Mainstem and tributaries (except Fall Creek)	OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban					0 fish					0 trout	
Raven Brood Trout Station	SW-5-36-5-W5; All water within	CLOSED ALL YEAR												
Raven River	Mainstem and tributaries except North Raven River (Stauffer Creek)	OPEN APR. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban		0 fish	3 fish			3 over 30 cm				0 trout	
Red Deer River	Mainstem and tributaries from Banff National Park boundary downstream to the Forestry Trunk Road (13-31-10-W5)	OPEN APR. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban			0 fish	0 fish		0 fish				0 trout	
Rundell Creek	Mainstem from Forestry Trunk Road downstream to Gleniffer (Reservoir) Lake and tributaries (except Fallentimber Creek, Raven River, North Raven River and Pinto Creek)	OPEN APR. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban		0 fish	3 fish	10 fish		3 over 30 cm				2 trout	
		CLOSED ALL YEAR												
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Siffleur River	Mainstem and tributaries downstream from Banff National Park boundary	CLOSED ALL YEAR												
Siffleur Wilderness Area	All water within the Wilderness Area	CLOSED ALL YEAR												
Swan Creek	Mainstem and tributaries; Downstream for 2 km below Swan Lake	OPEN APR. 1 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban						5 over 30 cm				2 trout	
		APR. 1 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban						5 over 30 cm				2 trout	
Tay River	The remainder including tributaries to Swan Lake	SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban						0 fish				0 trout	
		OPEN APR. 1 TO AUG. 31 CLOSED SEPT. 1 TO MAR. 31	Bait ban						5 over 30 cm					2 trout

Washout Creek	24-47-8-W5; Mainstem and tributaries	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban	3 fish	5 over 30 cm	2 trout
White Goat Wilderness Area	All water within the Wilderness Area	CLOSED ALL YEAR				
Wolf Creek	13-47-8-W5; Rose Creek; Mainstem and tributaries	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban	3 fish	5 over 30 cm	2 trout

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■ The Athabasca River watershed upstream of Secondary Road 658 near Whitecourt, and the Pembina River watershed upstream of Highway 43 near Sangudo.

BAIT FISHING

- Fishing with Bait in ES3 streams is restricted. Check the ES3 site specific regulations and default regulations for details.
- Fishing with Bait is allowed at lakes without Bait Bans. Check the ES3 regulation tables for site specific regulations.

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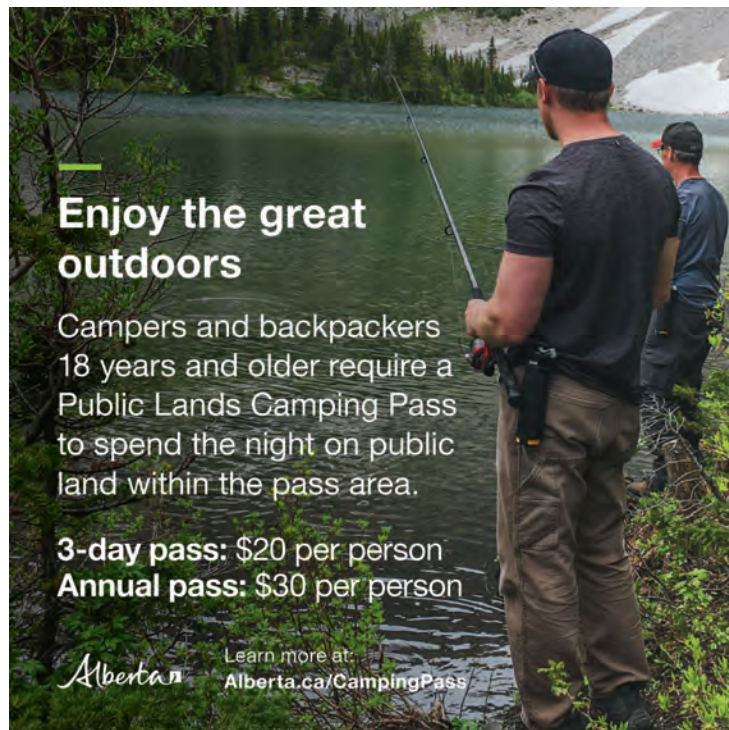
Ice fishing: Angling is not permitted through the ice; a) into beaver ponds or b) into flowing waters in ES3 except the portion of the Lobstick River lying in 53, 54-9, 10-W5 (Open June 16 to Oct. 31)

Mainstem of a river: includes the mainstem channel and any side channel, oxbows, riparian flow channels, and plunge pools below spillways.

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STREAMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPEN June 16 to Aug. 31 • Athabasca Rainbow and Bull Trout limit 0 • Arctic Grayling limit 0 • Other Trout limit 2 • Mountain Whitefish limit 5 over 30 cm • Walleye limit 3 over 50 cm • Northern Pike limit 3 over 63 cm • Yellow Perch limit 15 • Lake Whitefish limit 10 • Burbot limit 10 • Bait Ban 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPEN Sept. 1 to Oct. 31 • Athabasca Rainbow and Bull Trout limit 0 • Other Trout, Arctic Grayling and Mountain Whitefish limit 0 • Walleye limit 3 over 50 cm • Northern Pike limit 3 over 63 cm • Yellow Perch limit 15 • Lake Whitefish limit 10 • Burbot limit 10 • Bait Ban 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLOSED Nov. 1 to June 15



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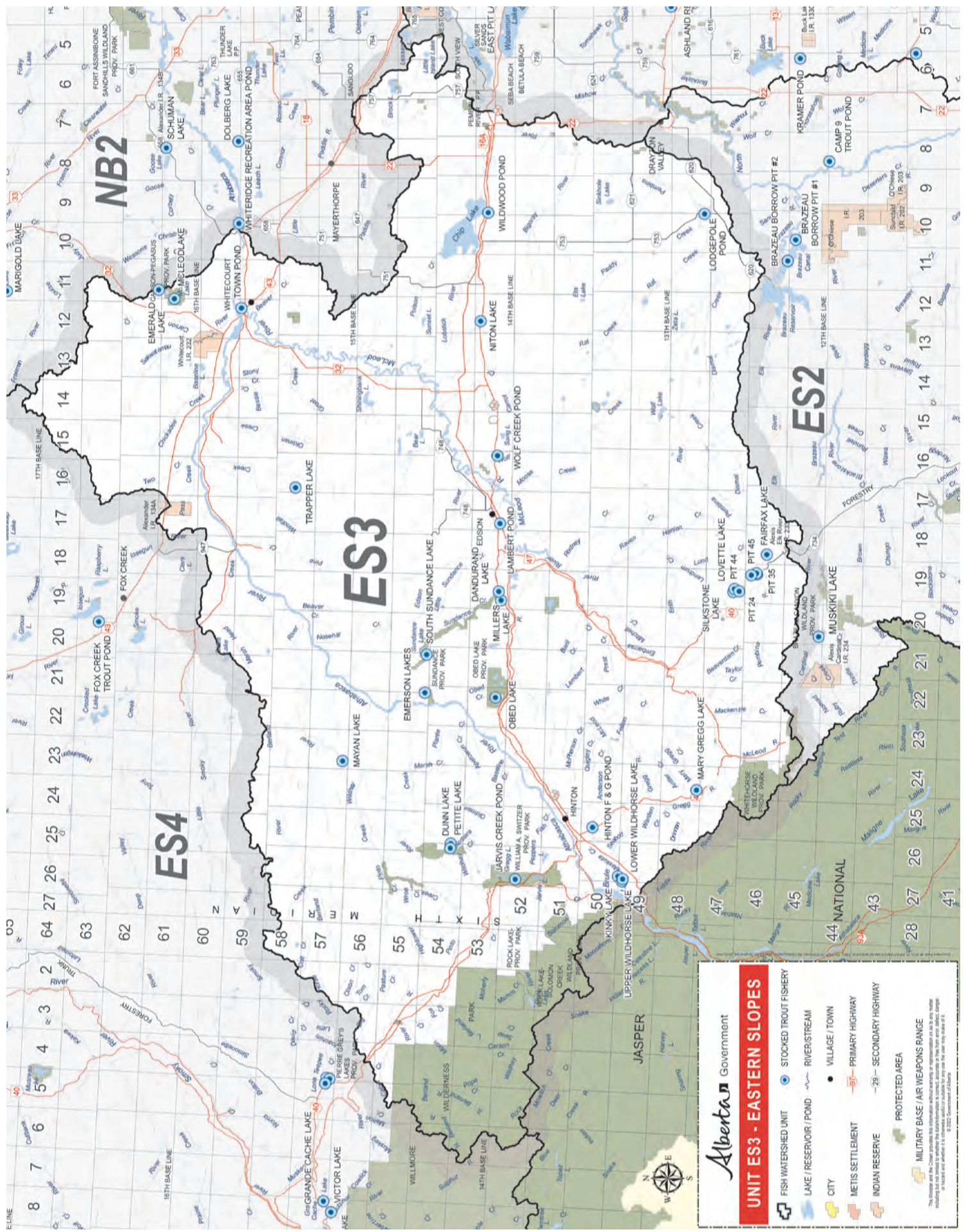
  



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Waterbody	Waterbody Detail	Season	Bait	WALL	NRPK	YLPR	LKWH	BURB	LKTR	RNTR	Trout Total
Bear Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	Bait allowed	0 fish	1 over 63 cm	15 fish					
Blue Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	Bait allowed		0 fish	15 fish	10 fish				
Busby Lake	6-51-1-W6	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban								0 trout
Cache Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	Bait allowed		0 fish	15 fish	10 fish				
Chip Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	Bait allowed		3 fish			2 fish			
Embarras Pit Lakes	NW-25-47-21-W5	CLOSED ALL YEAR									
Fickle Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	Bait allowed	0 fish	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish				
	Tributaries and outlet	OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait allowed	0 fish	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish				
Graveyard Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	Bait allowed		0 fish		10 fish				
Gregg Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	Bait allowed	1 fish	0 fish		10 fish				
Horseshoe Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	Bait allowed		3 fish	15 fish					
Jarvis Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	Bait allowed	1 fish	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish				
Lac Des Roches	13-47-24-W5	CLOSED ALL YEAR									
Lodgepole (Unnamed) Pond	NE-01-48-10-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait allowed								2 trout
Long Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	Bait allowed	1 fish	3 over 63 cm	15 fish					1 trout over 40 cm
Lovett Lake	10-47-19-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban								2 RNTR; 0 TGTR
Millers Lake	8-53-19-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait allowed								
Minnow Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	Bait allowed	1 over 50 cm	0 fish	15 fish					
	Tributaries and outlet	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait allowed	1 over 50 cm	0 fish	15 fish					
Mystery Lake	24-48-26-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban								0 trout
Pit 24 Lake	15,16, NE4-47-19-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban								1 trout over 40 cm
Pit 35 Lake	24-46-19-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban								1 trout over 40 cm
Pit 44 Lake	SW 35-46-19-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban								1 trout over 40 cm
Pit 45 Lake	24-46-19-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban								1 trout over 40 cm
Rock Lake	52-2-W6	OPEN MAY 15 TO SEPT. 15	Bait ban		0 fish				3 over 50 cm	0 fish	
Shiningbank Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	Bait allowed	0 or SHL tags	0 fish	5 fish	0 fish				
	Tributaries	OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait allowed	0 or SHL tags	0 fish	5 fish					0 fish
Silkstone Lake	9-47-19-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban								1 trout over 40 cm
Sphinx (Unnamed) Lake	NE-6-48-24-W5	CLOSED ALL YEAR									
Sundance Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait allowed		3 over 63 cm						
Wolf Lake	SE-12-49-15-W5	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	Bait allowed	1 fish	1 over 63 cm	15 fish					
	Tributaries to lake and outlet	OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait allowed	0 fish	1 over 63 cm	15 fish					

ES3 - Rivers, Creeks and Streams

Waterbody	Waterbody Detail	Season	Bait	WALL	NRPK	BURB	GOLD	MNWH	RNTR	BKTR
Athabasca River	Upstream of Sec. Rd. 658 (near Whitecourt) to Jasper National Park Boundary mainstem river only (including Brule Lake)	OPEN APR. 1 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban	0 fish	0 fish	0 fish	0 fish	5 over 30 cm	0 fish	2 fish
	Upstream of Sec. Rd. 658 (near Whitecourt) to Jasper National Park Boundary mainstem river only (including Brule Lake)	OPEN SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban	0 fish	0 fish	0 fish	0 fish	5 over 30 cm	0 fish	0 fish
Berland River	Mainstem only - downstream of Hwy 40	OPEN APR. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban	3 over 50 cm	3 over 63 cm	Bait ban		5 over 30 cm	0 fish	
Bigoray River	Mainstem including tributaries	OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban			Bait ban		0 fish		0 fish
Deerlick Creek	Mainstem including tributaries	CLOSED ALL YEAR								
Dismal Creek	Mainstem including tributaries; See Pembina River	CLOSED ALL YEAR								
Embarras River	Mainstem including tributaries except Erith River	OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban			Bait ban		0 fish	0 fish	0 fish
Eunice Creek	23-48-23-W5, includes tributaries	CLOSED ALL YEAR								
Gregg River	Mainstem including tributaries	OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban			Bait ban		0 fish	0 fish	0 fish
Lobstick River	Portion upstream of Chip Lake including tributaries to Chip Lake	OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban		3 fish	2 fish				
Lobstick River	Portion downstream from Chip Lake to the Pembina River	OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban	3 over 50 cm	3 over 63 cm	10 fish	10 fish	5 over 30 cm		
Luscar Creek	Mainstem including tributaries	CLOSED ALL YEAR								
Mackenzie Creek	Mainstem including tributaries	CLOSED ALL YEAR								
McLeod River	Mainstem only; Headwater downstream to Hwy 47	OPEN APR. 1 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban	3 over 50 cm	3 over 63 cm	10 fish		5 over 30 cm	0 fish	2 fish
	Mainstem only; Headwater downstream to Hwy 47	OPEN SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban	3 over 50 cm	3 over 63 cm	10 fish		5 over 30 cm	0 fish	0 fish
	Mainstem only; Hwy 47 downstream to the Athabasca River	OPEN APR. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban	3 over 50 cm	3 over 63 cm	10 fish		5 over 30 cm	0 fish	2 fish
Pembina River	Headwater downstream to Sec. Rd. 753 near Lodgepole, includes Dismal and Rat creeks and tributaries	CLOSED ALL YEAR								
	Mainstem only - downstream from Sec. Rd. 753 (near Lodgepole) to Hwy. 43 (near Sangudo)	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait allowed	3 over 50 cm	3 over 63 cm	10 fish	10 fish	5 over 30 cm		
Plante Creek	Mainstem including Apetowun Creek and tributaries	OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban					0 fish	0 fish	0 fish
Rat Creek	Mainstem including tributaries; see Pembina River	CLOSED ALL YEAR								
Wampus Creek	Mainstem including tributaries	CLOSED ALL YEAR								
Wildhay River	Mainstem including tributaries and Jarvis Creek	OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban		0 fish			0 fish	0 fish	0 fish
Windfall Creek	Mainstem including tributaries	OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban					0 fish	0 fish	0 fish

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ES4 WATERSHED UNIT REGULATIONS

■ The Smoky River watershed upstream of the 21st Base Line, and the Albright Creek watershed.

BAIT FISHING

- Fishing with Bait in ES4 streams is restricted. Check the ES4 regulation tables for site specific regulations.
- Fishing with Bait Fish in streams is **NOT** allowed except at portions of the Smoky and Little Smoky Rivers.
- Fishing with Bait including Bait Fish in lakes is allowed except at lakes listed with Bait Bans under the ES4 site specific regulations.

Alberta Fish and Wildlife may announce short-term emergency stream closures in response to low stream flows and warmer water temperatures. Sportfishing would be suspended and fishing not allowed for the duration of the emergency period.

Ice fishing: Angling is not permitted through the ice; a) into beaver ponds or b) into flowing waters in ES4

Mainstem of a river: includes the mainstem channel and any side channel, oxbows, riparian flow channels, and plunge pools below spillways.

ES4 Default Sportfishing Regulations

- The names of most ES4 lakes and streams are listed alphabetically in the site specific regulation tables on the following pages.
- Smaller streams may not be listed, but may be included as tributaries to a listed larger stream.
- If a listed waterbody does not have a season listed, it is CLOSED to fishing during that period.
- If a ES4 lake, reservoir, river, stream or species is not listed, follow the default regulations below.
- General regulation stocked trout lakes are listed on page 16.

LAKES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPEN all year • Bull Trout limit 0 • Arctic Grayling limit 0 • Trout limit 5 • Mountain Whitefish limit 5 over 30 cm • Walleye limit 3 over 50 cm • Northern Pike limit 3 • Yellow Perch limit 15 • Lake Whitefish limit 10 • Burbot limit 10 • Bait including Bait Fish allowed 		
STREAMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPEN June 1 to Aug. 31 • Bull Trout limit 0 • Trout and Arctic Grayling limit 0 • Mountain Whitefish limit 5 over 30 cm • Walleye limit 3 over 50 cm • Northern Pike limit 3 over 63 cm • Yellow Perch limit 15 • Lake Whitefish limit 10 • Burbot limit 10 • Bait Ban 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPEN Sept. 1 to Oct. 31 • Bull Trout limit 0 • Trout, Arctic Grayling and Mountain Whitefish limit 0 • Walleye limit 3 over 50 cm • Northern Pike limit 3 over 63 cm • Yellow Perch limit 15 • Lake Whitefish limit 10 • Burbot limit 10 • Bait Ban 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLOSED Nov. 1 to May 31

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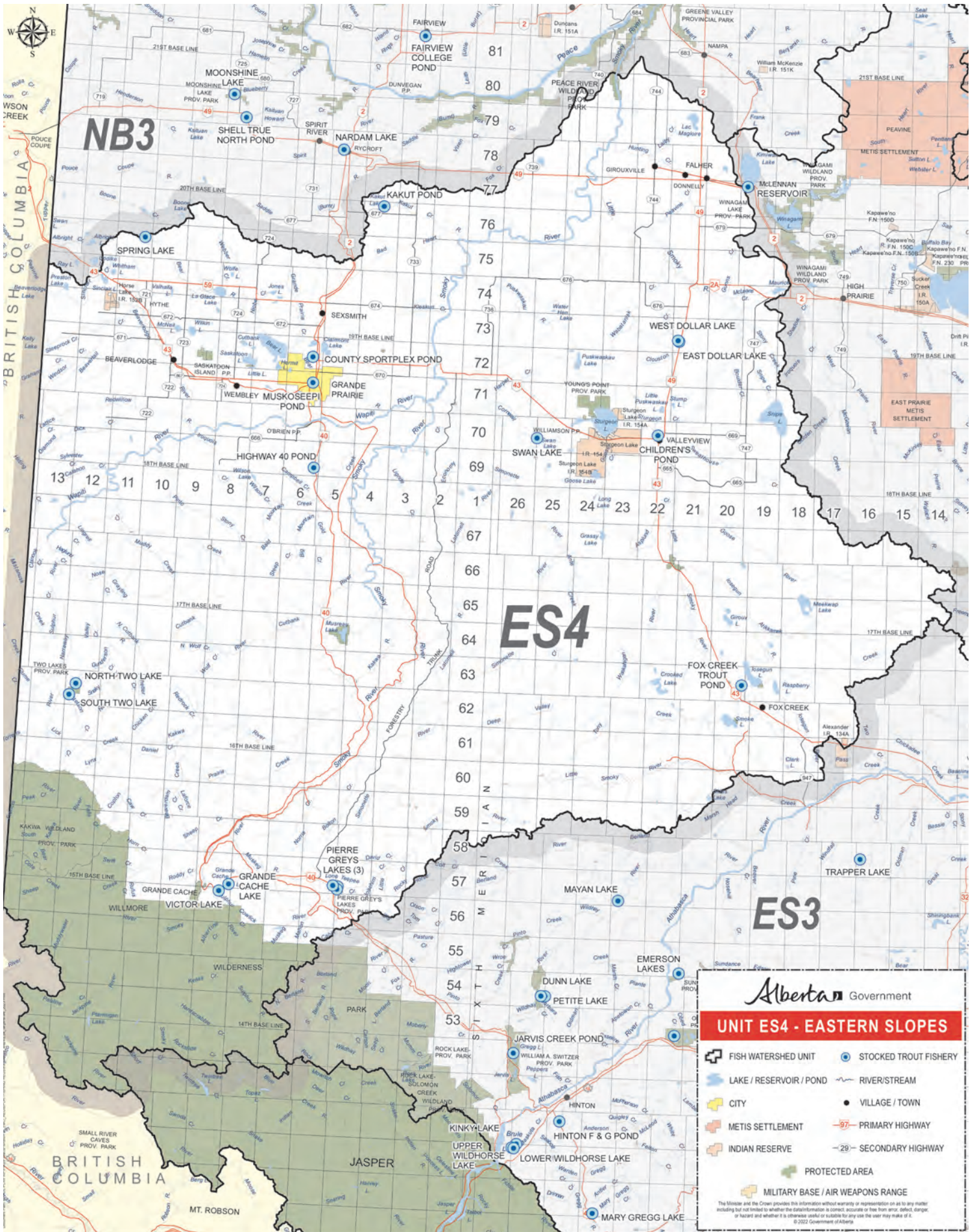
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Legend: As examples, '3 over 63 cm' indicates a possession and size limit of '3 fish each over 63 cm' or '10 fish' indicates a possession limit of 10 for that species of any size. An empty cell indicates the species is not likely present at that waterbody; however, if caught the default regulations for the Watershed Unit apply. SHL=Special Harvest Licence, BKTR = Brook Trout, BNTR=Brown Trout, BURB = Burbot, CISC = Cisco, CTR = 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.

ES4 - Lakes, Reservoirs and Ponds

Waterbody	Waterbody Detail	Season	Bait ● = Bait allowed	WALL	NRPK	YLPR	LKWH	BURB	RNTR	Trout Total
A La Peche Lake	55-6-W5	OPEN JUNE 1 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban							5 trout
Crooked Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 fish	10 fish				
County Sportplex Pond		OPEN APR. 1 TO OCT. 31	●							0 fish
Goose Lake	69-24-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 fish	15 fish				
Iosegun Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	1 fish 45-50 cm	0 fish	15 fish	0 fish	10 fish		
	Tributaries	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban	1 fish 45-50 cm	0 fish		0 fish			
Long Lake	68-24-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 fish	15 fish				
Meekwap Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 over 63 cm	10 fish				
Pierre Greys Lakes	Lower or MacDonald Lake; 7-57-4-W6	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban							1 trout over 40 cm
Raspberry Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 over 63 cm	10 fish				
Smoke Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	1 fish 50-55 cm	0 fish	15 fish	0 fish	10 fish		
	Tributaries	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban	1 fish 50-55 cm	0 fish		0 fish			
Snipe Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	1 over 50 cm	1 fish 63-70 cm	5 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
	Tributaries and outlet 1 km downstream	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban	1 over 50 cm	1 fish 63-70 cm	5 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Sturgeon Lake		OPEN APR. 1 TO SEPT. 30 AND JAN. 16 TO MAR. 31	●	1 fish 45-50 cm	0 fish	5 fish	0 fish	10 fish		
	Goose Creek tributary	OPEN OCT. 1 TO JAN. 15 BETWEEN SUNRISE AND SUNSET	●	1 fish 45-50 cm	0 fish	5 fish	0 fish	10 fish		
		OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	1 fish 45-50 cm	0 fish	5 fish	0 fish	10 fish		

ES4 - Rivers, Creeks and Streams

Waterbody	Waterbody Detail	Season	Bait	WALL	NRPK	BURB	MNWH	Trout Total
Cutbank River	Mainstem including tributaries	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban				5 over 30 cm	5 trout
Deep Valley Creek	Mainstem including tributaries	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban				0 fish	0 trout
Grizzly Creek	Tributary to Kakwa River	CLOSED ALL YEAR						
Kakwa River	Mainstem including tributaries except Lynx Creek	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban				0 fish	0 trout

Little Smoky River	Headwaters downstream to Hwy. 43	OPEN JUNE 1 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban			5 over 30 cm	0 fish	
		OPEN SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban			0 fish		
		OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait allowed	3 over 50 cm	3 over 63 cm	5 over 30 cm	0 trout	
Lynx Creek	Tributary to Kakwa River	CLOSED ALL YEAR						
		OPEN JUNE 1 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban			5 trout		
Muskeg River	Mainstem including tributaries	OPEN JUNE 1 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban	3 over 50 cm	3 over 63 cm	5 over 30 cm	0 trout	
Simonette River	Mainstem including tributaries except Deep Valley Creek	OPEN JUNE 1 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban	3 over 50 cm	3 over 63 cm	0 fish	0 trout	
Smoky River	Headwater downstream to Hwy. 43 and tributaries except Kakwa, Muskeg, Simonette rivers	OPEN SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban	3 over 50 cm	3 over 63 cm	0 fish	0 trout	
		OPEN JUNE 1 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban	3 over 50 cm	3 over 63 cm	5 over 30 cm	2 trout	
Torrens River	Mainstem - downstream of Hwy. 43 to 21st Base Line	OPEN SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait allowed	3 over 50 cm	3 over 63 cm	0 fish	0 trout	
		OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban			0 fish	0 trout	
Wapiti River	Mainstem including tributaries	OPEN JUNE 1 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban	3 over 50 cm	3 over 63 cm	5 over 30 cm	0 trout	
		OPEN SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban	3 over 50 cm	3 over 63 cm	0 fish	0 trout	

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The Parkland-Prairie two Watershed Units are the Milk and South Saskatchewan rivers, including portions of the Oldman and Bow rivers (PP1), and the Red Deer, Battle and North Saskatchewan rivers (PP2).

PP1 WATERSHED UNIT REGULATIONS

■ The Milk River watershed, and the South Saskatchewan River watershed upstream to Secondary Road 509 on the Oldman River near Coalhurst, including the St. Mary River watershed, and upstream to Highway 24 on the Bow River near Carseland.

BAIT FISHING

- Fishing with Bait, including Bait Fish in PP1 lakes and streams is allowed except at locations listed with Bait Bans under site specific regulations.

Alberta Government may implement time of day angling restrictions in this watershed unit in response to low stream flows and warmer water temperatures. Please see the Important Information page and My Wild Alberta webpage for more information.

Mainstem of a river: includes the mainstem channel and any side channel, oxbows, riparian flow channels, and plunge pools below spillways.

PP1 Default Sportfishing Regulations

- The names of most PP1 lakes and streams are listed alphabetically in the site specific regulation tables on the following pages.
- Smaller streams may not be listed, but may be included as tributaries to a listed larger stream.
- If a listed waterbody does not have a season listed, it is CLOSED to fishing during that period.
- If a PP1 lake, reservoir, river, stream or species is not listed, follow the default regulations below.
- General regulation stocked trout lakes are listed on page 16.

**See pages 60-62
for PP1 waterbody
specific regulations.**

LAKES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPEN all year • Walleye limit 3 over 50 cm • Northern Pike limit 3 over 63 cm • Yellow Perch limit 15 • Lake Whitefish limit 10 • Burbot limit 10 • Trout limit 5 • Mountain Whitefish limit 5 over 30 cm • Bait allowed 	
STREAMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPEN May 8 to Mar. 15 • Lake Sturgeon limit 0 • Trout limit 2 • Mountain Whitefish limit 5 over 30 cm • Walleye and Sauger limit 3 • Walleye over 50 cm • Northern Pike limit 3 over 63 cm • Yellow Perch limit 15 • Lake Whitefish limit 10 • Burbot limit 10 • Goldeye limit 10 • Bait allowed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLOSED Mar. 16 to May 7

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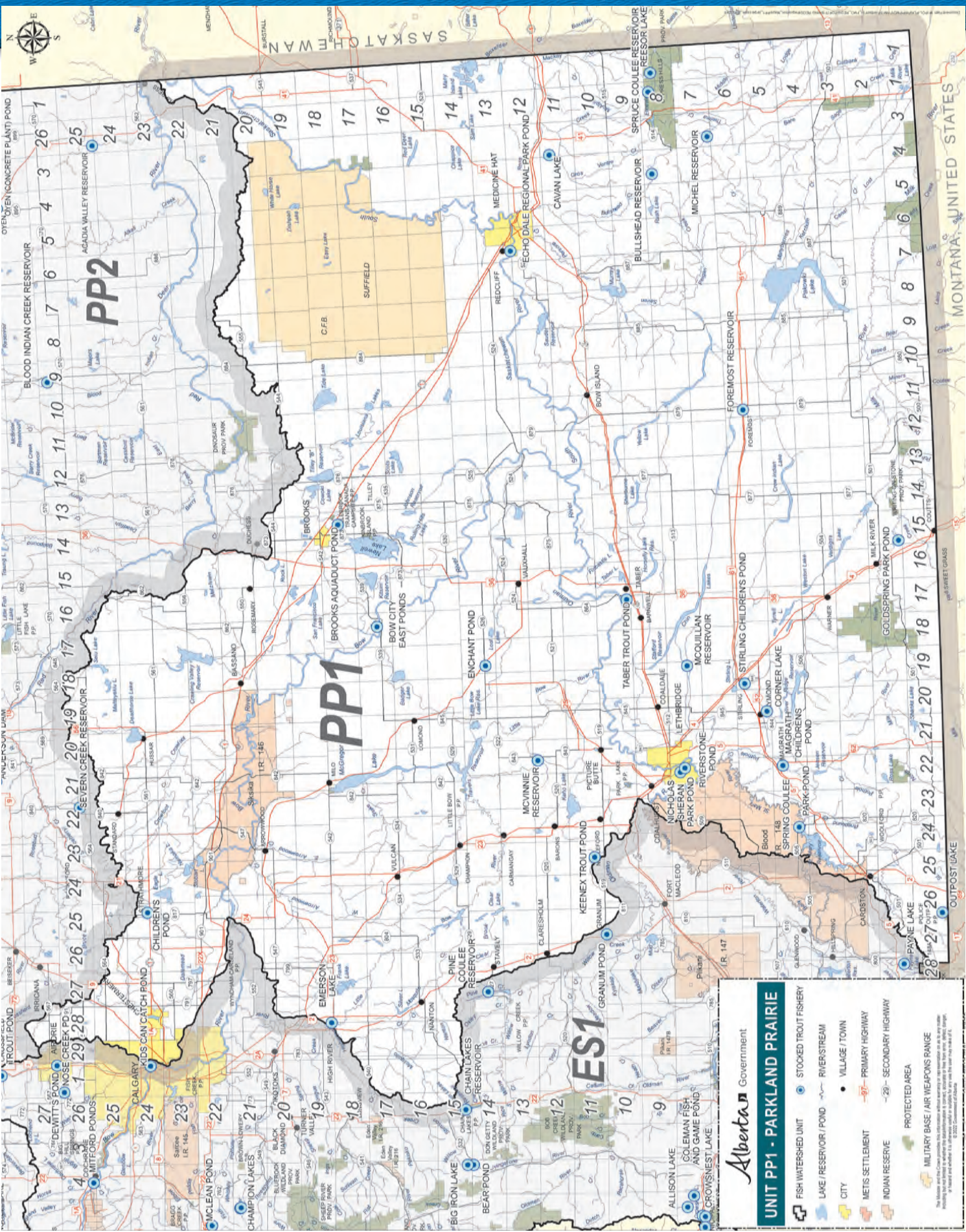
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<p>BROWN TROUT</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – pale haloes around large black spots on back and body – red spots on sides 	<p>CUTTHROAT TROUT</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – no halos around black spots – red-orange slash under the jaw
CHAR – NO BLACK SPOTS	
<p>BULL TROUT</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – no spots or markings on dorsal fin or tail – pale yellow to red spots on the body 	<p>LAKE TROUT</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – pale spots on body and dorsal fin – tail deeply forked – lower fins have a pale leading edge

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IDENTIFICATION

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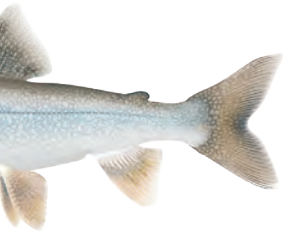
spots
the jaw

RAINBOW TROUT



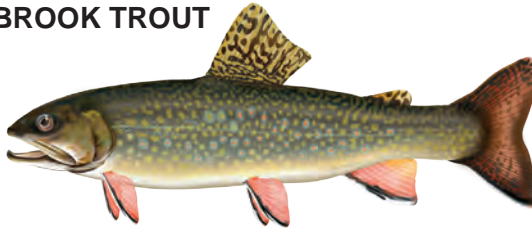
- no halos around black spots
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BLACK SPOTS ON SIDES



dorsal fin
leading edge

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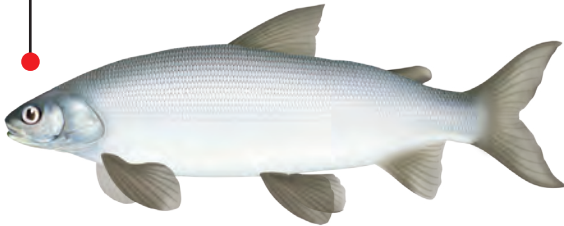
Lake Sturgeon are a **Threatened Species** due to population size and concerns with viability. They have a zero possession limit across the province - **IF YOU CATCH THIS FISH YOU MUST RELEASE IT.**

Lake Sturgeon have a large brown or grey body covered with tough, leather-like tissue and five rows of bony plates. They have a shark-like, upturned tail and a pointed snout with four barbels.



Lake Whitefish

Lake Whitefish are olive-green to blue on the back, with silvery sides. They have a small mouth below a rounded snout, and a deeply forked tail.



Mountain Whitefish

Mountain Whitefish have large scales, no spots and small mouths with no teeth. Their general body colour is a bronze-white or greenish white.



Northern Pike

Northern Pike are a long, slender fish with duck-like jaws and a long, flat head. The back and sides are predominantly dark green to olive green, with yellow to white spots.



Yellow Perch

Yellow Perch are golden yellow or green, with broad, dark vertical bands on their sides. They also have needle-like spines on the dorsal fin.



Walleye

Walleye have two distinct fins on their back, the first with large spines. They have a yellow-olive back, brassy, silvery sides with yellow spots, a white underside, and white on the lower lobe of the tail. Dusky vertical bars are often found on the body as well.



Sauger

Sauger are **Sensitive in Alberta** due to few occurrences, habitat degradation and being misidentified as walleye.

Sauger are golden olive on the back with silver-yellow sides and a white underside. They also have a large spiny dorsal fin, distinct rows of spots on the dorsal fins and three or four dusky vertical bars on the body.



Burbot

Burbot have a slim, brownish black body with smooth skin, a flattened head, and a fin that stretches along the back half of the body. Distinctive barbels hang from the lower jaw and nostrils.



Goldeye

Goldeye have prominent eyes with bright yellow pupils, a blunt head, and a deep, compressed body. Their colour ranges from dark blue to blue-green on its back, with silvery or white sides.



Mooneye

Mooneye and Goldeye have very similar appearance. Mooneye have prominent eyes with the top being golden, a blunt head, and a deep, compressed body with a longer keel. Their colour ranges from grey-blue to silver back with silvery or white sides.



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Arctic Grayling

Arctic Grayling are a Species of Special Concern due to overharvest and passage barriers. They have a zero possession limit across the province - IF YOU CATCH THIS FISH YOU MUST RELEASE IT.

Arctic grayling can be identified by their colourful and very large dorsal fin and by their large scales with brown or black spots on the body behind the head.



Brook Trout

Brook trout are among the most colourful trout. The back is dark green with pale wavy lines, while the sides have a purple sheen with blue-haloed red spots.



Rainbow Trout

Athabasca rainbow trout are the only strain native to Alberta and are found in the Upper Athabasca watershed. They are a Threatened Species due to habitat degradation and overharvest and have a zero possession limit.

Rainbow Trout are olive-green in color with heavy black spotting over the body. Adult fish have a red-coloured stripe along the lateral line, from the gills to the tail.



Bull Trout

Bull Trout are a Threatened Species due to small population and concerns of viability. They have a zero possession limit across the province - IF YOU CATCH THIS FISH YOU MUST RELEASE IT.

Bull trout are slim fish with a large head. Their back is olive-green to grey while their sides are silvery and marked with pale yellow to red spots. There are no black spots on the dorsal fin.



Brown Trout

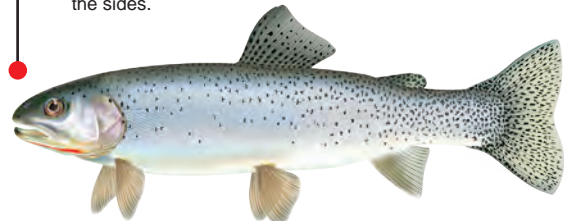
Brown trout are golden brown in colour with large black spots on the back, and red spots (some with pale haloes) on the sides. They are the only trout with both red and black spotting.



Westslope Cutthroat Trout

Westslope Cutthroat Trout are a Threatened Species due to hybridization, a reduced native range (within the S. Saskatchewan R basin) and concerns of viability. Stocked populations outside of their native range are not threatened.

Cutthroat trout are named for the bright red-orange streak in the fold under the mouth. They also have small scales and black spots without halos on the sides.



Golden Trout

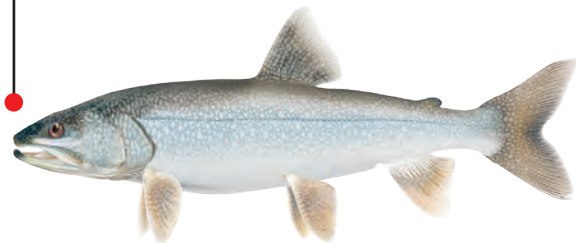
Golden trout are the most colourful of trout, with an olive-green back and bright red-to-gold sides and belly.



Lake Trout

Lake Trout are a Sensitive Species due to being limited to a few lakes.

Lake Trout are a grey fish with irregular white spots and a forked caudal fin.



Tiger Trout

The tiger trout is a sterile hybrid from crossing brown trout eggs and brook trout milt. Tiger trout can be light to dark in colour and have pronounced vermiculations like the stripes of a tiger.



Remember, If you don't know, let it go!

Learn more about fish identification on mywildalberta.ca, or visit albertanativetrout.com for tips on identifying native trout.

For more information, please see Alberta's Species at Risk and Fisheries Management status websites: <https://www.alberta.ca/species-at-risk.aspx> or <https://www.alberta.ca/fish-wildlife.aspx>

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Waterbody	Waterbody Detail	Season	Bait allowed ● = Bait allowed	WALL	NRPK	YLPR	LKWH	BURB	MNWH	Trout Total
Badger Lake		OPEN MAY 8 TO MAR. 15	●	1 fish 50-55 cm	1 fish 63-70 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Bassano Reservoir	See Bow River from Hwy. 24 downstream to Bassano Dam									
Burdett (Unnamed) Lake	10-12-W4	OPEN ALL YEAR	●	3 over 50 cm	3 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Chestermere Lake		OPEN MAY 8 TO MAR. 15	●	3 over 63 cm		15 fish				
Chin Lakes		OPEN MAY 8 TO MAR. 15	●	1 fish 50-55 cm	0 fish		10 fish	10 fish		
Clear Lake	14-25-W4	OPEN MAY 8 TO MAR. 15	●		1 fish 63-70 cm					
Comer Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 fish	15 fish				5 trout
Cowoki Lake		OPEN MAY 8 TO MAR. 15	●		1 fish 63-70 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
CPR Reservoir		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 fish	15 fish				
Crawling Valley Reservoir	3-21-18-W4; Includes inlet canal downstream of canal headworks	OPEN MAY 8 TO NOV. 30 between sunrise and sunset	●	0 or SHL tags	1 fish 63-70 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
	3-21-18-W4; Includes inlet canal downstream of canal headworks	OPEN ALL DAY DEC. 1 TO MAR. 15	●	0 or SHL tags	1 fish 63-70 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Cross Coulee Reservoir	5-20-W4	OPEN ALL YEAR	●	0 fish	0 fish		10 fish	10 fish		
Eagle Lake		OPEN MAY 8 TO MAR. 15	●	0 fish	0 fish	15 fish		10 fish		
Elkwater Lake		OPEN MAY 8 TO MAR. 15	●		3 fish	15 fish				
Fincastle Lake		OPEN MAY 8 TO MAR. 15	●	1 over 55 cm	3 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Forty Mile Coulee Reservoir		OPEN MAY 8 TO MAR. 15	●	1 fish 50-55 cm	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Gun Club (Cann) Reservoir	17-19-14-W4	OPEN MAY 8 TO MAR. 15	●		3 over 63 cm	15 fish				
Hays (Grantham Reservoir) Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●	2 fish	2 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Henderson Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●	3 fish	3 fish	15 fish				
Horsefly Lake Reservoir		OPEN ALL YEAR	●	2 fish	2 fish	15 fish				
Jamieson Lake	16-19-14-W4	OPEN MAY 8 TO MAR. 15	●		3 over 63 cm					
Jensen Reservoir	4-22-W4	OPEN MAY 8 TO MAR. 15	●	0 fish	0 fish		10 fish	10 fish		
Johnson Lake	Interlakes Reservoir; 9-19-14-W4	OPEN ALL YEAR	●		1 fish	15 fish				
Keho Lake	Includes inlet canal to the first drop structure	OPEN MAY 8 TO MAR. 15	●	1 fish 50-55 cm	1 fish 63-70 cm		10 fish	10 fish		
Kitisim Reservoir	17-16-W4	OPEN MAY 8 TO MAR. 15	●	3 over 63 cm	3 over 63 cm	15 fish				
Lake Newell	NE-32-16-15-W4; inlet canal downstream of the Bow Slope turnout structure	OPEN MAY 8 TO MAR. 15	●	0 or SHL tags	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Lethbridge University Pond		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 fish					
Little Bow Lake Reservoir	Includes inlet canal	OPEN MAY 8 TO MAR. 15	●	1 fish 50-55 cm	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Lost Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 fish					
Marsh Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 fish					

Mcgregor Reservoir		OPEN MAY 8 TO NOV. 30 between sunrise and sunset	●	1 fish 50-55 cm	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	10 fish	
		OPEN ALL DAY DEC.1 TO MAR. 15	●	1 fish 50-55 cm	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	10 fish	
McVinnie Reservoir		OPEN ALL YEAR	●	3 fish	3 fish					5 trout
Michele Creek Reservoir	5-7-3-W4	OPEN ALL YEAR	●							Trout limit 5; BNTR over 35 cm; RNTR no size limit; only one trout may be BNTR
Milk River Ridge Reservoir	Includes upstream to the inlet canal to the first drop structure	OPEN MAY 8 TO MAR. 15	●	1 fish 50-55 cm	0 fish		10 fish	10 fish	10 fish	
Murray Lake	10-7-8-W4	OPEN MAY 8 TO MAR. 15	●	3 over 50 cm	3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	10 fish	
Outpost (Police) Lake	8-1-26-W4	OPEN APR. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban		3 fish					1 trout over 50 cm
Park Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●	1 fish	1 fish	15 fish				
Picture Butte Reservoir		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 fish					
Rattlesnake (Sauder) Reservoir		OPEN MAY 8 TO MAR. 15	●	1 fish 50-55 cm	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	10 fish	
Raymond Reservoir		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 fish					
Raymond Sugar Factory Reservoir		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 fish					
Reesor Lake	20-8-1-W4	OPEN ALL YEAR	●							Trout limit 5; TGTR over 50 cm; RNTR no size limit; only one trout may be TGTR
Rock Lake	20-15-W4	OPEN ALL YEAR	●		1 fish	15 fish				
Rolling Hills Lake		OPEN MAY 8 TO MAR. 15	●	1 fish 50-55 cm	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	10 fish	
Scope (Unnamed) Lake	Scope Reservoir ; 13-14-W4	OPEN MAY 8 TO MAR. 15	●	3 over 50 cm	3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	10 fish	
Shays Reservoir		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 fish					
Sherburne Lake	Sherburne Reservoir	OPEN MAY 8 TO MAR. 15	●	1 over 50 cm	1 fish 63-70 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	10 fish	
Snake Reservoir	19-17-W4	OPEN MAY 8 TO MAR. 15	●		3 over 63 cm	15 fish				
Spruce Coulee Reservoir	26-8-2-W4	OPEN ALL YEAR	●	3 fish						5 trout
St. Mary Reservoir		OPEN MAY 8 TO MAR. 15	●	3 over 50 cm	3 over 63 cm		10 fish	10 fish	10 fish	
Stafford Reservoir		OPEN MAY 8 TO MAR. 15	●	1 fish 50-55 cm	1 fish 63-70 cm		10 fish	10 fish	10 fish	
Stonehill Lake		OPEN MAY 8 TO MAR. 15	●		3 over 63 cm					
Taber Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 fish					
Tilley B Reservoir		OPEN MAY 8 TO MAR. 15	●		1 fish 63-70 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	10 fish	
Timko Lake (J Or Bantry Reservoir)	33-17-13-W4	OPEN MAY 8 TO MAR. 15	●		3 over 63 cm	15 fish				
Travers Reservoir	Portion west of SW 2-15-22-W4 (North of a line from the farm building to Little Bow Provincial Park pumphouse on the east); no fishing within 100 m of the Canal inlet structure	OPEN JUNE 1 TO MAR. 15	●	1 fish 50-55 cm	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	10 fish	
	The remainder of the Reservoir including the canal between Travers and McGregor reservoirs; no fishing within 100m of the canal inlet structure	OPEN MAY 8 TO MAR. 15	●	1 fish 50-55 cm	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	10 fish	

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Twelve Mile Coulee Reservoir		OPEN MAY 8 TO MAR. 15	●	3 over 50 cm	3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish			
Twin Valley Reservoir		OPEN MAY 8 TO MAR. 15	●	0 fish	1 over 63 cm						
Yellow Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●	3 over 50 cm	3 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish			

PP1 - Rivers, Creeks and Streams

Waterbody	Waterbody Detail	Season	Bait ● = Bait allowed	WALL + SAUG	NRPK	YLPR	LKWH	BURB	GOLD	MNWH	RNTR	CTR	Trout Total
Battle Creek	8-1-W4; Includes tributaries	OPEN JUNE 1 TO MAR. 31	Bait ban										0 trout
Bow River	Banff National Park downstream to Bassano Dam including Reservoir	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban	0 fish	0 fish				0 fish	0 fish			0 trout
Carseland-Bow River Headwater Canal	Bassano Dam downstream to South Saskatchewan River	OPEN MAY 8 TO MAR. 15	●	3 in combination, WALL over 50 cm	3 over 63 cm			10 fish	10 fish	5 over 30 cm			2 trout
Cowoki Irrigation Canal	Between McGregor Lk and the drop structure 1 km upstream of Sec. Rd. 542	OPEN MAY 8 TO NOV. 30 between sunrise and sunset, and OPEN DEC. 1 TO MAR. 15 all day	●	1 fish 50- 55 cm	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish					
Graburn Creek	Between Cowoki Lake and Tilley B Reservoir	OPEN MAY 8 TO SEPT. 30 and DEC. 15 TO MAR. 15	Bait ban		1 fish 63-70 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish					
Lee Creek	8-1-W4; Includes tributaries	OPEN JUNE 1 TO MAR. 31	Bait ban										0 trout
Little Bow River	Mainstem including tributaries	OPEN JUNE 16 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban		3 fish				10 fish	5 over 30 cm	over 30 cm		2 trout
	Travers Reservoir upstream to Township Rd. 144A	OPEN SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban							0 fish			0 trout
	Township Rd. 144A upstream to Carmangay	CLOSED ALL YEAR											
	Twin Valley Reservoir Dam downstream to Rge. Rd. 252	OPEN JUNE 1 TO MAR. 15	●	3 in combination, WALL over 50 cm	3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish					
Oldman River	Mainstem from Sec. Rd. 509 downstream to South Saskatchewan River and tributaries	OPEN MAY 8 TO MAR. 15	Bait ban		0 fish								
South Saskatchewan River	Mainstem from Sec. Rd. 509 downstream to South Saskatchewan River and tributaries	OPEN MAY 8 TO MAR. 15	●	3 in combination, WALL over 50 cm	3 over 63 cm			10 fish	10 fish	5 over 30 cm			
St. Mary River	Mainstem upstream of St Mary Reservoir; Includes tributaries except Lee Creek	OPEN JUNE 16 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban		3 fish								2 trout
	Mainstem downstream of St Mary Reservoir; Includes tributaries	OPEN SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban		3 fish								0 trout
		OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban	3 in combination, WALL over 50 cm	3 over 63 cm					5 over 30 cm	0 fish		0 trout

PP2 WATERSHED UNIT REGULATIONS

■ The Red Deer River watershed downstream of the Dickson Dam west of Innisfail, the Battle River watershed, and the North Saskatchewan River watershed downstream of Highway 22/39 near Drayton Valley, excluding tributary watersheds entering on the left (north) bank downstream of Highway 38 near Redwater (NOTE: The boundary between the Parkland-Prairie and Northern Boreal zones follows the north terrace and river break along the North Saskatchewan River valley).

BAIT FISHING

- Fishing with Bait, including Bait Fish, in PP2 lakes and streams is allowed except at locations listed with Bait Bans under site specific regulations.

Mainstem of a river: includes the mainstem channel and any side channel, oxbows, riparian flow channels, and plunge pools below spillways.

PP2 Default Sportfishing Regulations

- The names of most PP2 lakes and streams are listed alphabetically in the site specific regulation tables on the following pages.
- Smaller streams may not be listed, but may be included as tributaries to a listed larger stream.
- If a listed waterbody does not have a season listed, it is CLOSED to fishing during that period.
- If a PP2 lake, reservoir, river, stream or species is not listed, follow the default regulations below.
- General regulation stocked trout lakes are listed on page 16.

LAKES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPEN all year • Walleye limit 3 over 50 cm • Northern Pike limit 3 over 63 cm • Yellow Perch limit 15 • Lake Whitefish limit 10 • Burbot limit 2 (Burbot limit 0 Feb. 1 to Mar. 31) • Trout limit 5 • Mountain Whitefish limit 5 over 30 cm • Bait allowed 	
STREAMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPEN May 15 to Mar. 31 • Lake Sturgeon limit 0 • Walleye and Sauger limit 3 • Walleye over 50 cm • Northern Pike limit 3 over 63 cm • Trout limit 2 • Mountain Whitefish limit 5 over 30 cm • Yellow Perch limit 15 • Lake Whitefish limit 10 • Burbot limit 2 (Burbot limit 0 Feb. 1 to Mar. 31) • Goldeye limit 10 • Bait allowed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLOSED Apr. 1 to May 14



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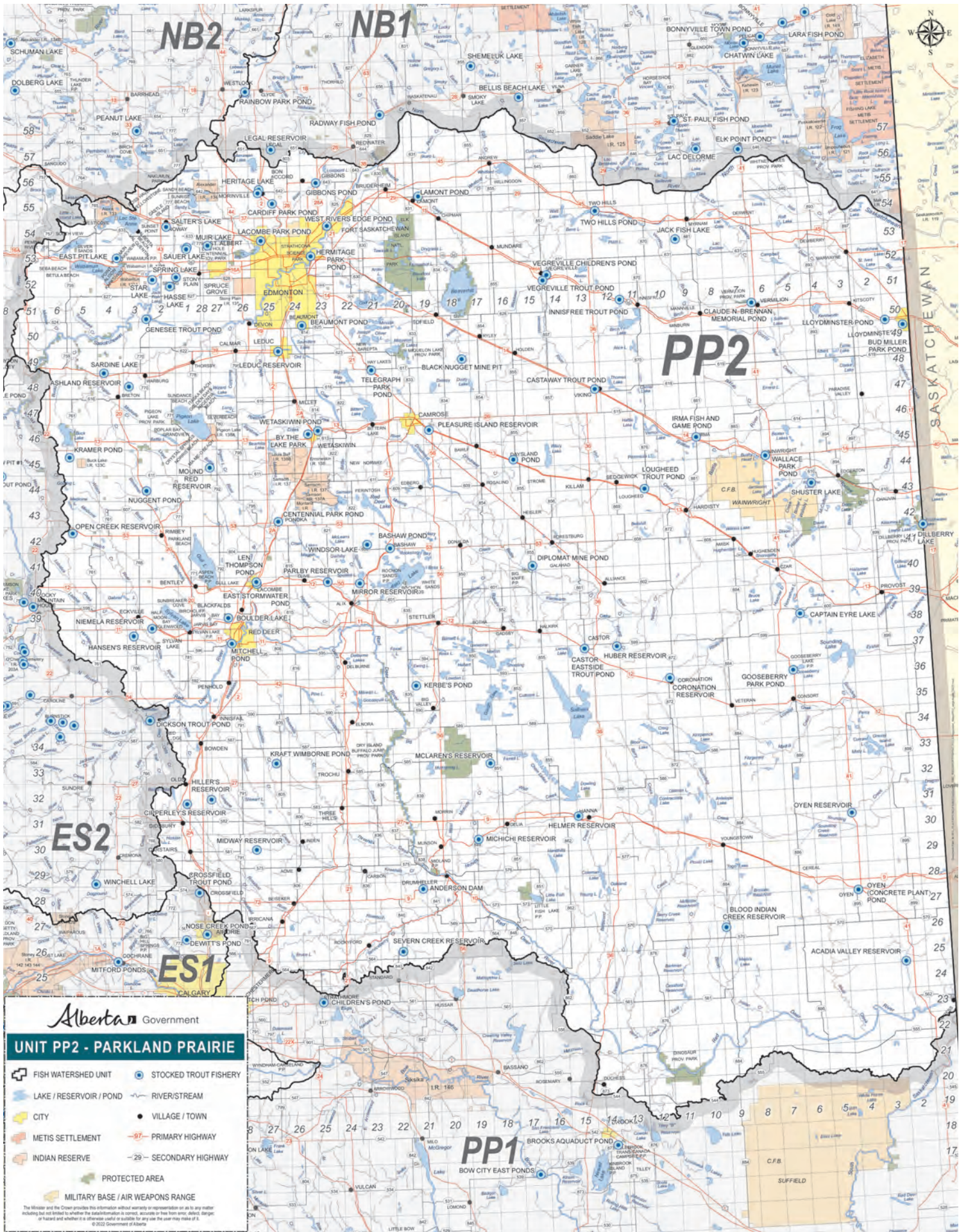
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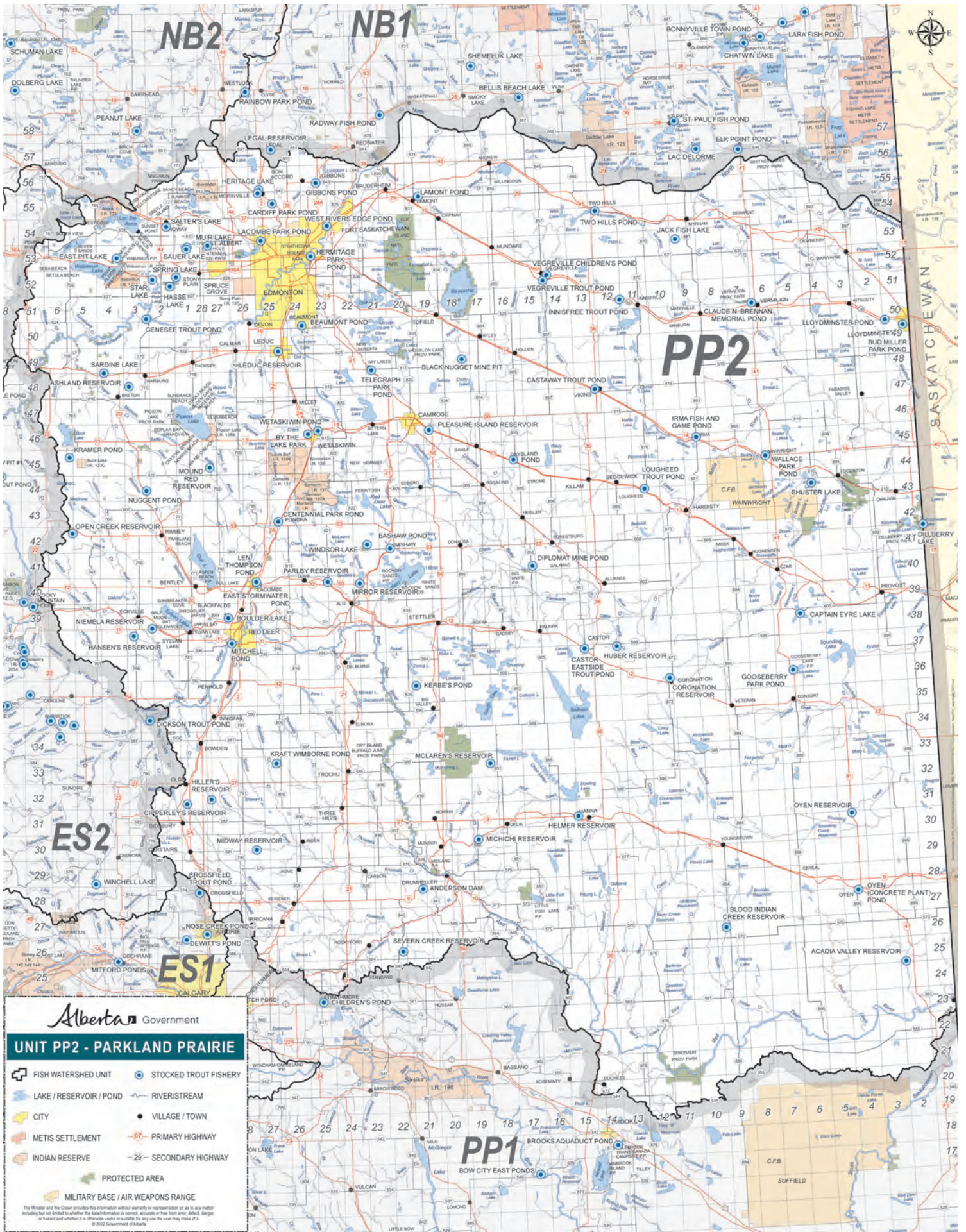
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Waterbody	Waterbody Detail	Season	Bait ● = Bait allowed	WALL	NRPK	YLPR	LKWH	BURB	Trout Total
Arm Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		3 over 63 cm	15 fish			
Battle Lake	Portion west of the west boundary of section 22-46-2-W5; Includes tributaries and outlet downstream to Sec. Rd. 771	OPEN JUNE 1 TO MAR. 31	●	1 fish 50-55 cm	0 fish	5 fish	10 fish	2 fish; but limit is 0 from Feb. 1 to Mar. 31	
Berry Creek (Carolside) Reservoir	Remainder of the lake 27-12-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	1 fish 50-55 cm	0 fish	5 fish	10 fish	2 fish; but limit is 0 from Feb. 1 to Mar. 31	
Big Lake	Includes tributaries	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	1 fish 45-50 cm	1 fish 63-70 cm	15 fish			
Blood Indian Creek Reservoir	Includes tributaries 21-26-9-W4; Includes tributaries	OPEN ALL YEAR	●	1 fish	3 fish	15 fish			Trout limit 3; BNTR, BKTR, TGTR over 35 cm; RNTR no size limit; only 1 trout of that total may be a BNTR, BKTR, or TGTR
Buck Lake	Includes tributaries and the portion of the outlet located in 3-47-6-W5	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	1 fish 45-50 cm	0 fish	5 fish	0 fish	2 fish; but limit is 0 from Feb. 1 to Mar. 31	
Buffalo Lake	Portion located in 40-22-W4 (the Narrows)	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		0 fish			2 fish; but limit is 0 from Feb. 1 to Mar. 31	
Chain Lakes (Upper and Middle)	Remainder of the lake 42-24,25-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 over 63 cm			2 fish; but limit is 0 from Feb. 1 to Mar. 31	
Clear (Barnes) Lake	Includes tributaries upstream 1 km and outlet downstream 1 km; 44-5-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	1 fish 50-55 cm	0 fish	15 fish			
Coal Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 fish	5 fish			
Driedmeat Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		3 over 63 cm	15 fish			
East Twin Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		3 over 63 cm	15 fish			
Forestburg Reservoir	Includes the Battle River upstream to Sec. Rd. 855	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 fish	1 fish 63-70 cm			2 fish; but limit is 0 from Feb. 1 to Mar. 31	
Gull Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO OCT. 31 AND DEC. 11 TO MAR. 31	●	1 fish 45-50 cm	0 fish	5 fish	3 fish	2 fish; but limit is 0 from Feb. 1 to Mar. 31	
Hubbles Lake	Diversion Canal located in 34,35,36-40-1-W5	CLOSED ALL YEAR							
		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		3 over 63 cm	15 fish			

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Isle Lake	Includes tributaries and outlet (Sturgeon River)	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	1 fish any size	1 over 63 cm	10 fish		0 fish	
Jack Fish Lake	52-2-W5	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	1 fish 50-55 cm	0 fish	0 fish	0 fish	0 fish	
Kerbe's Pond	NE-19-36-20-W4	OPEN APR. 1 TO NOV. 30	Bait ban						1 trout over 50 cm
Lac Ste. Anne	Includes tributaries & outlet (Sturgeon River)	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 or SHL tags	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	2 fish; but limit is 0 from Feb. 1 to Mar. 31	
Lessard Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		3 over 63 cm	15 fish			
Little Fish Lake	Includes tributaries & outlet	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		0 fish	0 fish			
Lloydminster Pond	SE-6-50-1-W4	OPEN ALL YEAR	●		1 fish				2 trout
Magee Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●						
Matchyaw (Devil's) Lake	Includes tributaries and outlet (Sturgeon River)	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 fish	3 over 63 cm	15 fish		2 fish; but limit is 0 from Feb. 1 to Mar. 31	
Mayatan Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		3 fish	15 fish			
Medicine Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		3 over 63 cm	5 fish			
Mere Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		3 over 63 cm	15 fish			
Mink Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		3 over 63 cm	15 fish			
Muir Lake	31-53-27-W4	OPEN MAY 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban						1 trout over 50 cm
Pigeon Lake	Includes tributaries and outlet	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 or SHL tags	0 fish	5 over 25 cm	10 fish	1 fish; but limit is 0 from Feb. 1 to Mar. 31	
Pine Lake	Includes tributaries and outlet	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	1 fish	1 over 63 cm	5 fish			
Raft Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		3 over 63 cm	15 fish			
Rat Lake	10-46-6-W5	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	1 fish 45-50 cm	0 fish				
Spotted Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		0 fish			2 fish; but limit is 0 from Feb. 1 to Mar. 31	
Sylvan Lake	Includes tributaries	OPEN MAY 15 TO OCT. 31 AND DEC. 11 TO MAR. 31	●	1 fish	0 fish	5 fish	5 fish	2 fish; but limit is 0 from Feb. 1 to Mar. 31	
Wabamun Lake	Includes tributaries, outlet and canals	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	SHL tags or 1 fish 50-55 cm	0 fish	0 fish	5 fish	2 fish; but limit is 0 from Feb. 1 to Mar. 31	
West Twin Lake	Includes Tributaries and outlet; 9,10-46-3-W5	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		3 over 63 cm	15 fish			
Wizard Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		3 over 63 cm	15 fish			

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PP2 - Rivers, Creeks and Streams

Waterbody	Waterbody Detail	Season	Bait ● = Bait ● = Bait allowed	WALL + SAUG	NRPK	YLPR	BURB	GOLD	MNWH	Trout Total
Battle River	Mainstem from Battle Lake downstream to Hwy. 771 - See Battle Lake									
	Mainstem from Hwy. 771 downstream to Hwy. 855	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	3 in combination; WALL over 50 cm	3 over 63 cm					
Berry Creek	Mainstem from Hwy. 855 downstream to the Forestburg Reservoir - See Forestburg Reservoir									
	Mainstem from downstream of the Forestburg Reservoir and tributaries	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	3 in combination; WALL over 50 cm	3 over 63 cm		2 fish	10 fish		
Blindman River	Mainstem including ALL tributaries	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 SAUG; 1 wall 45-50 cm	1 fish 63-70 cm	15 fish				
	Mainstem including ALL tributaries	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 1	●	0 WALL	3 over 63 cm		2 fish, but limit is zero from Feb. 1 to Mar. 1	10 fish	3 over 30 cm	0 trout
Little Red Deer River	Mainstem from Cottonwood Road (Twp. Rd. 352) downstream to Red Deer River; Includes ALL tributaries	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 1	Only maggots allowed	0 WALL	3 over 63 cm		2 fish, but limit is zero from Feb. 1 to Mar. 1	10 fish	3 over 30 cm	0 trout
	Mainstem including ALL tributaries	OPEN JUNE 16 TO MAR. 1	Only maggots allowed	0 WALL	3 over 63 cm		2 fish, but limit is 0 from Feb. 1 to Mar. 1	10 fish	3 over 30 cm	0 trout
North Saskatchewan River	Mainstem downstream Hwy. 22/39 (Drayton Valley) to the Alberta/ Saskatchewan border	OPEN ALL YEAR	●	0 WALL or SAUG	1 over 63 cm		10 fish	10 fish	5 over 30 cm	
	Tributaries (excluding the Sturgeon River; See Redwater River in NB1); from Hwy. 22/39 downstream to the Alberta/ Saskatchewan border	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 within 500 m of mainstem	1 over 63 cm		10 fish	10 fish	5 over 30 cm	
Parlyb Creek	23-40-22-W4; Portion between Buffalo and Alix lakes	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		0 fish					
Red Deer River	Mainstem from Dickson Dam downstream to the Tolman Bridge (Hwy. 585) including ALL named and unnamed tributaries (excluding Medicine River) (Sec. Hwy. 585 [14-33-22-W4])	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 1	Only maggots allowed	0 WALL; 3 SAUG	3 over 63 cm		2 fish, but limit is 0 from Feb. 1 to Mar. 1	10 fish	3 over 30 cm	0 trout
	Mainstem and tributaries from Tolman Bridge (Sec. Hwy. 585) downstream to the Alberta/ Saskatchewan border	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	3 in combination; WALL over 50 cm	3 over 63 cm		2 fish, but limit is 0 from Feb. 1 to Mar. 31	10 fish		
Sturgeon River	From headwater downstream to Big Lake	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 WALL or SAUG	3 over 63 cm	15 fish	2 fish, but limit is 0 from Feb. 1 to Mar. 31	10 fish		
	From Big Lake downstream to Sec. Hwy. 825	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 WALL or SAUG	3 over 63 cm	15 fish	2 fish, but limit is 0 from Feb. 1 to Mar. 31	10 fish		
Sylvan Creek	From Sec. Hwy. 825 downstream to North Saskatchewan River	OPEN ALL YEAR	●	0 WALL all year; 0 SAUG from Apr. 1 to May 14; 3 SAUG from May 15 to Mar. 31	1 over 63 cm	15 fish	2 fish, but limit is 0 from Feb. 1 to Mar. 31	10 fish		
	NE-11-38-28-W4; Includes Cygnet Lake	CLOSED ALL YEAR								

ZONE 3 Northern Boreal

■ The Northern Boreal consists of a vast area of central and northern Alberta consists of boreal forest. Throughout the boreal forest, many of the streams are low gradient, brown water streams which in turn are part of the major drainage basins of the Athabasca, Peace and Hay rivers. The majority of the lakes in Alberta occur in the boreal forest zone.

The four Northern Boreal Watershed Units (NB1-NB4) are made of the Beaver, Athabasca, La Biche, Lesser Slave, Pembina, Peace, Wabasca, Hay, Christina, Clearwater rivers and Lake Athabasca watersheds.

NB1 WATERSHED UNIT REGULATIONS

■ The Beaver River watershed and the Athabasca River watershed between the north boundary of Township 78 (near Pelican River) and Sec. Rd. 813 (near the town of Athabasca), including the Calling River watershed, and the La Biche River watershed (NOTE: the tributary watersheds, including several lakes in the "Lakeland District," entering on the left downstream bank [north bank] of the North Saskatchewan River downstream of Highway 38 near Redwater are also part of NB1).

BAIT FISHING

- Fishing with Bait, including Bait Fish in NB1 lakes and streams is allowed except at locations listed with Bait Bans under site specific regulations.

Mainstem of a river: includes the mainstem channel and any side channel, oxbows, riparian flow channels, and plunge pools below spillways.

NB1 Default Sportfishing Regulations

- The names of most NB1 lakes and streams are listed alphabetically in the site specific regulation tables on the following pages.
- Smaller streams may not be listed, but may be included as tributaries to a listed larger stream.
- If a listed waterbody does not have a season listed, it is CLOSED to fishing during that period.
- If a NB1 lake, reservoir, river, stream or species is not listed, follow the default regulations below.
- General regulation stocked trout lakes are listed on page 16.

LAKES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPEN May 15 to Mar. 31 • Arctic Grayling limit 0 • Walleye limit 3 over 50 cm • Northern Pike limit 3 over 63 cm • Yellow Perch limit 15 • Lake Whitefish limit 10 • Burbot limit 10 • Trout limit 3 • Bait allowed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLOSED Apr. 1 to May 14
STREAMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPEN June 1 to Oct. 31 • Arctic Grayling limit 0 • Walleye limit 3 over 50 cm • Northern Pike limit 3 over 63 cm • Mountain Whitefish limit 5 over 30 cm • Yellow Perch limit 15 • Lake Whitefish limit 10 • Burbot limit 10 • Trout limit 2 • Bait allowed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLOSED Nov. 1 to May 31

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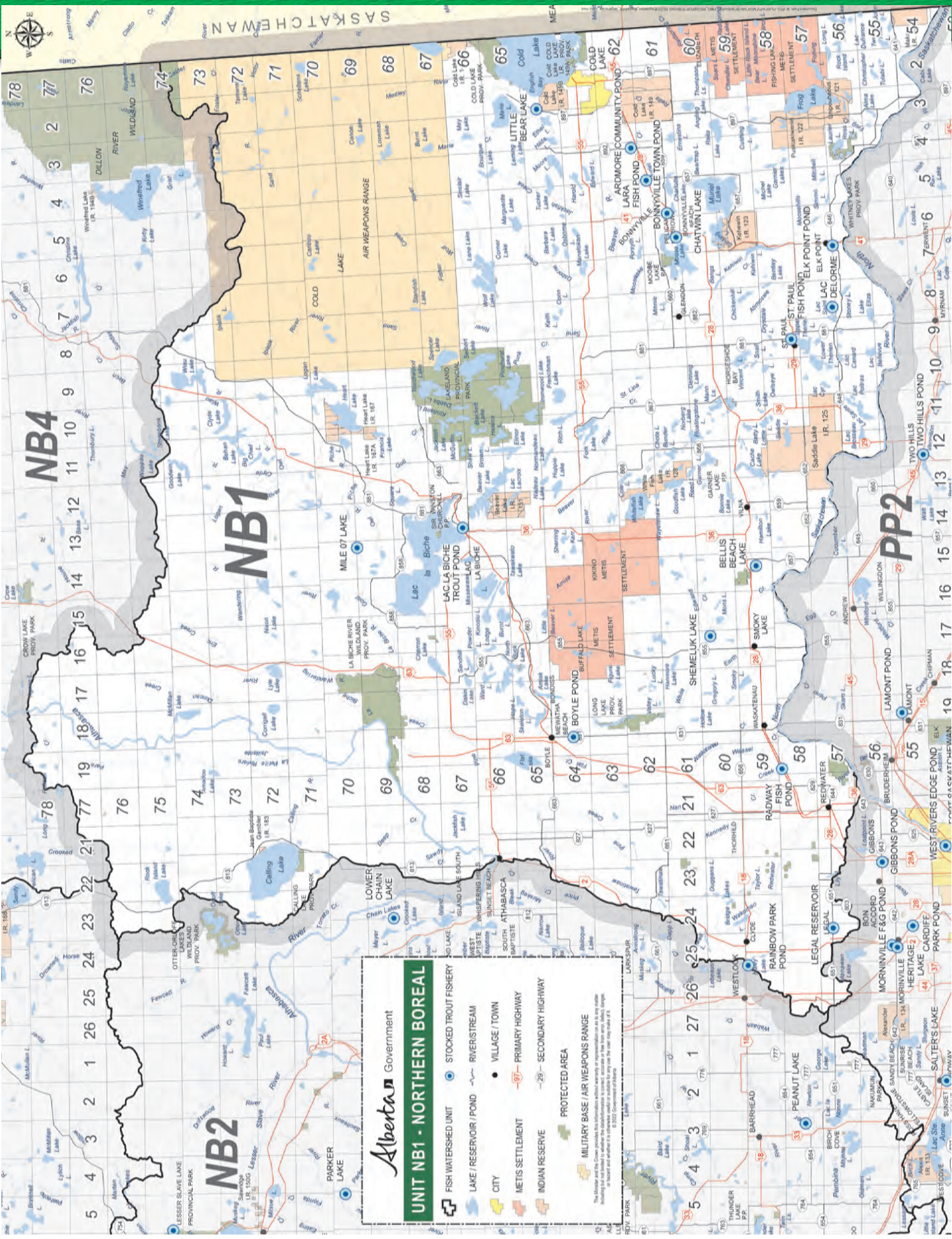
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NB1 - Lakes, Reservoirs and Ponds

Waterbody	Waterbody Detail	Season	Bait ● = Bait allowed	WALL	NRPK	YLPR	LKWH	BURB	LKTR	Trout Total
Amisk Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 or SHL tags	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Angling Lake	Tributaries and outlet for 1 km	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	0 or SHL tags	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Bangs Lake	Includes tributaries and outlet for 1 km	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	3 fish	3 fish	15 fish				
Beastrap Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		0 fish	15 fish				
Beaver Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	1 fish 50-55 cm	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Behan Lake	11-1-73-11-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Bentley Lake	58-8-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 over 63 cm	15 fish				
Big Chief Lake	16-72-11-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 fish	15 fish				
Big Johnson (Chump) Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 fish	1 fish	15 fish				
Bluet Lake	58-4-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 over 70 cm	10 fish				
Bonnie Lake	RED LAKE; 60-13-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 over 63 cm	10 fish				
Bourque Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	1 fish 50-55 cm	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Brodrick (Unnamed) Lake	60-17-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 over 63 cm	10 fish				
Bunder Lake	61-12-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 over 63 cm	10 fish				
Burnt Lake	67-3-W4	CLOSED ALL YEAR								
Cache Lake	59-12-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 over 63 cm	10 fish				
Calling Lake		OPEN JUNE 1 TO MAR. 31	●	1 fish 45-55 cm	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Chickenhill Lake	Includes tributaries and outlet for 1 km	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	1 fish 45-55 cm	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Claude Lake	59-8-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 fish	0 fish	10 fish		10 fish		
Clyde Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	1 fish		15 fish				
Cold Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	3 over 50 cm	1 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	1 fish 65-70 cm from May 15-Sept. 14 and Nov. 16-Mar. 31; 0 from Sept. 15-Nov. 15	
Cow Lake	8-72-11-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 fish	15 fish		10 fish		
Crane (Moore) Lake	Includes outlet stream	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 fish	0 fish	15 fish		10 fish		
Crickett Lake	64-18-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		3 fish					



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Waterbody	Waterbody Detail	Season	Bait ● = Bait allowed	WALL	NRPK	YLPR	LKWH	BURB	LKTR	Trout Total
Drown Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 fish	15 fish				
Elinor Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	1 fish 45-50 cm	1 fish 63-70 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Ethel (Bear) Lake	Includes tributaries and outlet for 1 km	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 or SHL tags	1 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Fishing Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 over 63 cm	10 fish				
Floatingstone Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 fish	0 fish	10 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Fork Lake	Tributaries and outlet for 1 km	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	0 fish	0 fish	10 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Fork Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 fish 55-63 cm	10 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Francis Lake	69-11-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 fish	1 fish 63-70 cm	15 fish				
Frog Lake	57-3-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	3 over 50 cm	1 over 63 cm	10 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Garner Lake	60-12-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	1 fish 45-50 cm	0 fish	5 fish		10 fish		
Garnier Lakes	58-4-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 over 70 cm	10 fish				
Goodfish Lake	61-13-W4	CLOSED ALL YEAR								
Goodwin Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		0 fish	15 fish				
Greenstreet Lake	60-11-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 over 63 cm					
Halfmoon Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		2 fish	15 fish				
Hanmore Lake	61-17-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		2 fish	10 fish	10 fish			
Heart Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	1 fish 50-55 cm	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Hilda Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 or SHL tags	1 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Hope Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 fish	1 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Ironwood Lake	65-11-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	1 fish 50-55 cm	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Island Lake	62-17-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 over 55 cm	10 fish				
Island (Unnamed) Lake	57-1-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 over 63 cm					
Kaduk Lake	60-15-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 over 63 cm	10 fish				
Kehiwin Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 fish	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		

Lac Bellevue	56-9-W4		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●				0 fish	10 fish				
Lac La Biche			OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	1 fish 45-50 cm	0 fish	0 fish	15 fish	3 fish	10 fish			
Lac La Biche Trout Pond	Tributaries and outlet; see La Biche River and Owl River		CLOSED ALL YEAR										
Lac Saint Cyr	Alexander Hamilton Pond		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 fish	15 fish						3 trout
Lac Sante	57-9-W4		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 over 63 cm	10 fish						
	Includes outlet		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 fish	63 cm	10 fish						
			OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	0 fish	63 cm	10 fish						
Lakeland Provincial Park	All lakes including Blackett, Dabbs, Helena, Jackson, Kinnaid, McGuffin, Shaw and Snake; Species limits are combined for all water		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	1 fish 45-50 cm	1 fish 63-70 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	10 fish			
Laurier Lake	56-4-W4		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 over 63 cm	10 fish						
Legal Reservoir	24-57-25-W4		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 fish	2 fish						5 fish
Little Bear Lake	34-70-10-W4		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 fish	15 fish						
Little Perch (Unnamed) Lake	56-9-W4		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 over 63 cm							
Lodge Lake	66-17-W4		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 fish	0 fish	15 fish						
Logan Lake			OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 fish	1 fish 63-70 cm	15 fish						
Lone Pine Lake	63-14-W4		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 over 63 cm			10 fish	10 fish			
Long Lake	56-1-W4		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 over 63 cm	10 fish						
	Boyle area; 63-19-W4		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 or SHL tags	1 fish 63-70 cm	10 fish						
	Boyle area; tributaries		OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	0 or SHL tags	1 fish 63-70 cm	10 fish						
Manatohan Lake			OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		3 fish	15 fish						
Marie Lake			OPEN JUNE 1 TO MAR. 31	●	1 fish 50-55 cm	0 fish	15 fish						
May Lake			OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	1 fish 50-55 cm	0 fish	15 fish						
Minnie Lake			OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		0 fish	15 fish						
Mons Lake	60-16-W4		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 over 63 cm	10 fish						
Moonshine Lake	58-1-W4		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 over 63 cm							
Moose Lake	Portion south of a line from the easternmost point of land in NW2-61-7-W4 (Pelican Point) to the southernmost point of land in E2-61-7-W4 (Deadman's Point) and southeast to the northernmost point of land in SW31-60-6-W4 (Ferbey Subdivision)		OPEN JUNE 1 TO MAR. 1	●	0 or SHL tags	0 fish	15 fish						
	Remainder of the lake and tributaries for 1 km upstream and outlets for 1 km downstream		OPEN JUNE 1 TO MAR. 31	●	0 or SHL tags	0 fish	15 fish						

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NB1 - Lakes, Reservoirs and Ponds

Waterbody	Waterbody Detail	Season	Bait ● = Bait allowed	WALL	NRPK	YLPR	LKWH	BURB	LKTR	Trout Total
Moosehills Lake	57-6-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 over 63 cm					
Muriel Lake	Includes tributaries and outlet for 1 km	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 fish	1 fish	0 fish	0 fish	0 fish		
North Buck Lake	Includes outlet for 1 km	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 over 63 cm	10 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Piche Lake		OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●		1 over 63 cm	10 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Pinehurst Lake	Portion north of a line drawn from the easternmost point of land in NW19-65-09-W4 easterly to the westernmost point of land in NE19-65-09-W4 locally known as Snug Cove (Mud Bay)	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 fish	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Primrose Lake	Remainder of the lake	CLOSED ALL YEAR								
Reed Lake	61-12-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 over 63 cm	10 fish				
Rock Island Lake	Tributaries and outlet for 1 km	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	1 fish 50-55 cm	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Ross Lake	56-4-W4	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	1 fish 50-55 cm	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Seibert Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 over 63 cm	10 fish				
Sinclair Lake	23-65-5-W4	OPEN JUNE 1 TO MAR. 31	Bait ban	0 or SHL tags	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Skeleton Lake	65-18-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 over 70 cm	15 fish				
Soars Lake	59-1-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	1 fish 50-55 cm	1 fish 63-70 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Spencer Lake	NOTE: Spencer Lake is located in the Cold Lake Air Weapons Range and live ammunition is used in the area. Use of the lake by anglers is dependent on the approval of the Canadian Forces at the Base. If necessary for Base operations, access to Spencer Lake may be closed during some of the open periods listed above. Due to safety concerns, the Canadian Forces does not permit overland access to Spencer Lake on any trails that are inside the Bombing Range boundary, including the trail between Seibert and Spencer lakes. Spencer Lake may only be accessed from the west tip of Spencer Lake and it is unlawful to go ashore inside the bombing range boundary.	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31 LONG WEEKENDS WITH THE HOLIDAY FRIDAY; 1700H THURSDAY TO 1/2H AFTER SUNSET THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY	●	2 fish 45-50 cm	1 over 75 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31 LONG WEEKENDS WITH THE HOLIDAY FRIDAY; 1700H THURSDAY TO 1/2H AFTER SUNSET THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY	●	2 fish 45-50 cm	1 over 75 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31 LONG WEEKENDS WITH THE HOLIDAY MONDAY; 1700H FRIDAY TO 1/2H AFTER SUNSET THE FOLLOWING MONDAY	●	2 fish 45-50 cm	1 over 75 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
		OPEN DEC. 24 1700H TO 1/2H AFTER SUNSET ON JAN. 1	●	2 fish 45-50 cm	1 over 75 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		

Stoney (Siler) Lake	56-8-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 over 63 cm	10 fish	0 fish	
Sunday Lake	74-9-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	
Sowka (Unnamed) Lake	10-18-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		2 fish			
Touchwood Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 fish	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	
Tucker Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		2 fish 63-70 cm	15 fish	10 fish	
Victor Lake	63-14-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 over 63 cm			
Waytenaw Lake	61-13-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 over 63 cm	10 fish		
Whitefish Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 or SHL tags	0 fish	10 fish	10 fish	
Whitemud (Unnamed) Lake	62-19-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		2 fish			
Whitney Lake	56-4-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 over 63 cm	10 fish		
Wiau Lake	34-73-9-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 fish	15 fish	10 fish	
Wolf Lake Complex	Includes all lakes within TWP 66, RNG 6 and 7, W4M; Includes Wolf, Sapphire, Magician, Corner, Lane lks; Species limits are combined for all water	OPEN JUNE 1 TO MAR. 31	●	0 or SHL tags	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	
	Tributaries	OPEN JUNE 1 TO MAR. 31	●	0 or SHL tags	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	

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NB1 - Rivers, Creeks and Streams

Waterbody	Waterbody Detail	Season	Bait allowed ● = Bait allowed	WALL	NRPK	YLPR	LKWH	BURB	GOLD	MNWH	LKTR	RNTR
Athabasca River	Mainstem from Sec. Rd. 813 (near Athabasca) and the north boundary of Township 78 (near Pelican River)	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	3 over 50 cm	3 over 63 cm			10 fish	10 fish	5 over 30 cm		
Beaver River	Mainstem including tributaries	OPEN JUNE 1 TO MAR. 31	●	1 over 50 cm	1 over 63 cm	15 fish						
La Biche River	Between Hwy 63 and Lac La Biche	CLOSED ALL YEAR										
Lakeland Provincial Park	All water within the Provincial Park; Species limits are combined for all water	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	1 fish 45-50 cm	1 fish 63-70 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish				
Martineau River		OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	3 over 50 cm	1 over 63 cm						0 fish	
Medley River	11-62-2-W4	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	3 over 50 cm	1 over 63 cm						0 fish	5 fish
Owl River	From Lac La Biche upstream to Piche River	CLOSED ALL YEAR										
Piche River	From confluence with Piche River upstream to headwater Includes tributaries	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	0 fish	3 over 63 cm							
Redwater River		OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	0 fish	3 over 63 cm							
		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	3 over 50 cm 0 within 500 m of the confluence with the North Sask. River	1 over 63 cm within 500 m of the confluence with the North Sask. River							



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NB2 WATERSHED UNIT REGULATIONS

■ The Athabasca River watershed between Sec. Rd. 813 near Athabasca and Sec. Rd. 658 near Whitecourt, including the Lesser Slave River watershed and the Pembina River watershed upstream to Highway 43 near Sangudo.

BAIT FISHING

- Fishing with Bait in NB2 streams is **NOT** allowed except at portions of a few rivers under NB2 site specific listing regulations.
- Fishing with Bait in NB2 lakes is allowed, except at lakes listed with Bait Bans under NB2 site specific regulations.
- Fishing with Bait Fish is allowed except at locations listed with Bait Bans under NB2 site specific regulations.

Mainstem of a river: includes the mainstem channel and any side channel, oxbows, riparian flow channels, and plunge pools below spillways.

NB2 Default Sportfishing Regulations

- The names of most NB2 lakes and streams are listed alphabetically in the site specific regulation tables on the following pages.
- Smaller streams may not be listed, but may be included as tributaries to a listed larger stream.
- If a listed waterbody does not have a season listed, it is **CLOSED** to fishing during that period.
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STREAMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPEN June 1 to Oct. 31 • Arctic Grayling limit 0 • Walleye limit 3 over 50 cm • Pike limit 3 over 63 cm • Mountain Whitefish limit 5 over 30 cm • Yellow Perch limit 15 • Lake Whitefish limit 10 • Burbot limit 10 • Trout limit 2 • Bait Ban 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLOSED Nov. 1 to May 31

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
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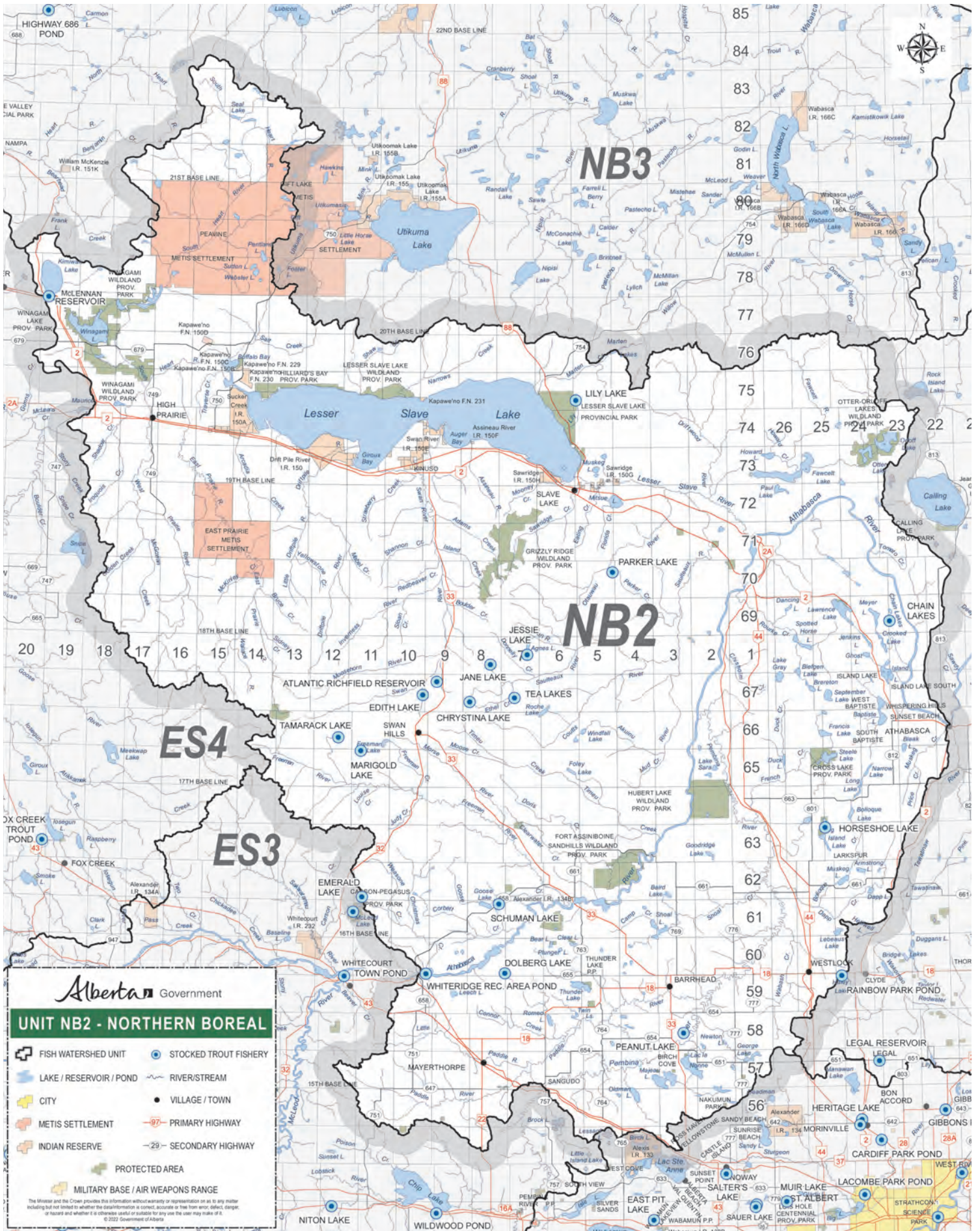


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NB2 - Lakes, Reservoirs and Ponds

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	●			0 fish			5 trout
Boilique Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		2 fish	15 fish			
Chain (Lower) Lake	69-23-W4	OPEN ALL YEAR	●						2 RNTR any size; 0 TGTR; 0 BNTR
Crooked Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		2 fish	15 fish			
Dolberg Lake	8-1-60-8-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban						1 trout over 50 cm
Fawcett Lake	Remainder of the lake	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 or SHL tags	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	
	Portion north and east of a line drawn from the MD boat launch in SE12-73-26-W4 to the point of land in SE11-73-26-W4 including the Mink River, Fawcett (Howard) River, and the areas locally known as the narrows and east basin	OPEN JULY 1 TO MAR. 1	●	0 or SHL tags	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	
	Includes tributaries and outlet for 1 km	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	0 or SHL tags	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	
Francis Lake	18-66-25-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		2 fish	15 fish			
Freeman Lake	Tributaries	OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 fish				
		OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	●		3 fish				
Ghost Lake	16-68-24-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		2 fish	15 fish			
Gilroy Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 fish				
Goose Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 over 63 cm	15 fish			
	Tributaries and outlet	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●		1 over 63 cm	15 fish			
Island Lake	67-24-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	1 fish 45-50 cm	1 fish 63-70 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	
	Includes tributaries and outlet	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	1 fish 45-50 cm	1 fish 63-70 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	
Jenkins Lake	68-24-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 fish	2 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	
	Includes outlet downstream for 1 km	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	0 fish	2 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	
Lac La Nonne		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 fish	1 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	2 fish; but limit is 0 from Feb. 1 to Mar. 31
Lawrence Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		3 fish	15 fish		10 fish	
Lesser Slave Lake	Portion west of a line drawn from Shaw Point to the point of land in 26-74-14-W5 known as Little Grassy Point, including Buffalo Bay and the Grouard Channel, and their tributaries (except East Prairie River, South Heart River and Traverse Creek)	OPEN JUNE 16 TO MAR. 1	●	1 fish 45-50 cm	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	
	Remainder of the lake to the outlet (Lesser Slave River)	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	1 fish 45-50 cm	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	

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Lily Lake	7-75-5-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●						2 BKTR; 0 TGTR
Long Island Lake	24-63-26-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 over 63 cm	15 fish			
Long Lake	36-64-25-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		0 fish	15 fish			
Meyer Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		2 fish	15 fish			
Mitsue Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 fish	3 fish	0 fish			
Nakamun Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		3 fish				
Narrow Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 fish	0 fish	15 fish			
Orloff Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	1 over 50 cm	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	
Paul Lake	Tributaries and outlet	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	1 over 50 cm	0 fish				
Schuman Lake	35-61-8-W5	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 fish	1 over 70 cm				5 RNTR; 0 TGTR
South Heart Reservoir		OPEN ALL YEAR	●						
Steele (Cross) Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	1 over 55 cm	1 fish 63-70 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	
Thunder Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		3 fish	15 fish			
Whitridge Recreation Area Pond (Blueridge Pit)	SW-01-60-10-W5	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		3 fish	0 fish			
Wingami Lake	Includes Boone's Slough Tributaries, inlet canal, outlet stream, and outlet canal	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	1 over 55 cm	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	1 trout over 40 cm
		OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	1 over 55 cm	0 fish		10 fish	10 fish	

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NB2 - Rivers, Creeks and Streams

Waterbody		Waterbody Detail	Season	Bait	WALL	NRPK	YLPR	LKWH	BURB	GOLD	MNWH	Trout Total
Athabasca River		Mainstem between Sec. Rd. 658 (near Whitecourt) downstream to Sec. Rd. 813 (near Athabasca)	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait allowed in river only	3 over 50 cm	3 over 63 cm			10 fish	10 fish	5 over 30 cm	
Freeman River		Mainstem includes tributaries	OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban	3 over 50 cm	3 fish					0 fish	0 trout
Pembina River		Downstream of Hwy. 43 (near Sandugo)	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait allowed in river only	3 over 50 cm	3 over 63 cm			10 fish	10 fish	5 over 30 cm	
South Heart River		Portion between the South Heart Reservoir and the West Prairie River	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait allowed	1 fish 45-50 cm	0 fish						
East Prairie R., Strawberry Ck., Travers Ck., West Prairie R.		Portion from the confluence with the West Prairie River downstream to Buffalo Bay and tributaries	OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait allowed	1 fish 45-50 cm	0 fish						
Lesser Slave River and tributaries to Lesser Slave Lake		Includes Lesser Slave River mainstem and tributaries and all tributaries to Lesser Slave Lake including Driftpile R., Sucker Ck., Arcadia Ck., Swan R., Assineau R., Marten R., Salteaux R., Sawridge Ck., Clauwau R., and Fawcett R. downstream of Fawcett Lake.	OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait allowed	1 fish 45-50 cm	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	10 fish	5 over 30 cm	

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NB3 WATERSHED UNIT REGULATIONS

■ The Peace River watershed, including the Wabasca and Birch rivers, the Hay River and Petitot River watersheds, and the Fontas River, Yates River, Whitesand River and Buffalo River watersheds.

BAIT FISHING

- Fishing with Bait in NB3 streams is **NOT** allowed except at portions of a few rivers under NB3 site specific listing regulations.
- Fishing with Bait in NB3 lakes is allowed, except at lakes listed with Bait Bans under NB3 site specific regulations.
- Fishing with Bait Fish is allowed except at locations listed with Bait Bans under NB3 site specific regulations.

Mainstem of a river: includes the mainstem channel and any side channel, oxbows, riparian flow channels, and plunge pools below spillways.

NB3 Default Sportfishing Regulations

- The names of most NB3 lakes and streams are listed alphabetically in the site specific regulation tables on the following pages.
- Smaller streams may not be listed, but may be included as tributaries to a listed larger stream.
- If a listed waterbody does not have a season listed, it is **CLOSED** to fishing during that period.
- If a NB3 lake, reservoir, river, stream or species is not listed, follow the default regulations below.
- General regulation stocked trout lakes are listed on page 16.

LAKES	STREAMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPEN May 15 to Mar. 31 • Lakes, reservoirs and ponds located north of township 104 are OPEN all year • Arctic Grayling limit 0 • Walleye limit 3 over 50 cm • Northern Pike limit 3 over 63 cm • Yellow Perch limit 15 • Lake Whitefish limit 10 • Burbot limit 10 • Trout limit 3 • Bait allowed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLOSED Apr. 1 to May 14
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPEN June 1 to Oct. 31 • Arctic Grayling limit 0 • Walleye limit 3 over 50 cm • Pike limit 3 over 63 cm • Mountain Whitefish limit 5 over 30 cm • Yellow Perch limit 15 • Lake Whitefish limit 10 • Burbot limit 10 • Trout limit 2 • Bait Ban 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLOSED Nov. 1 to May 31

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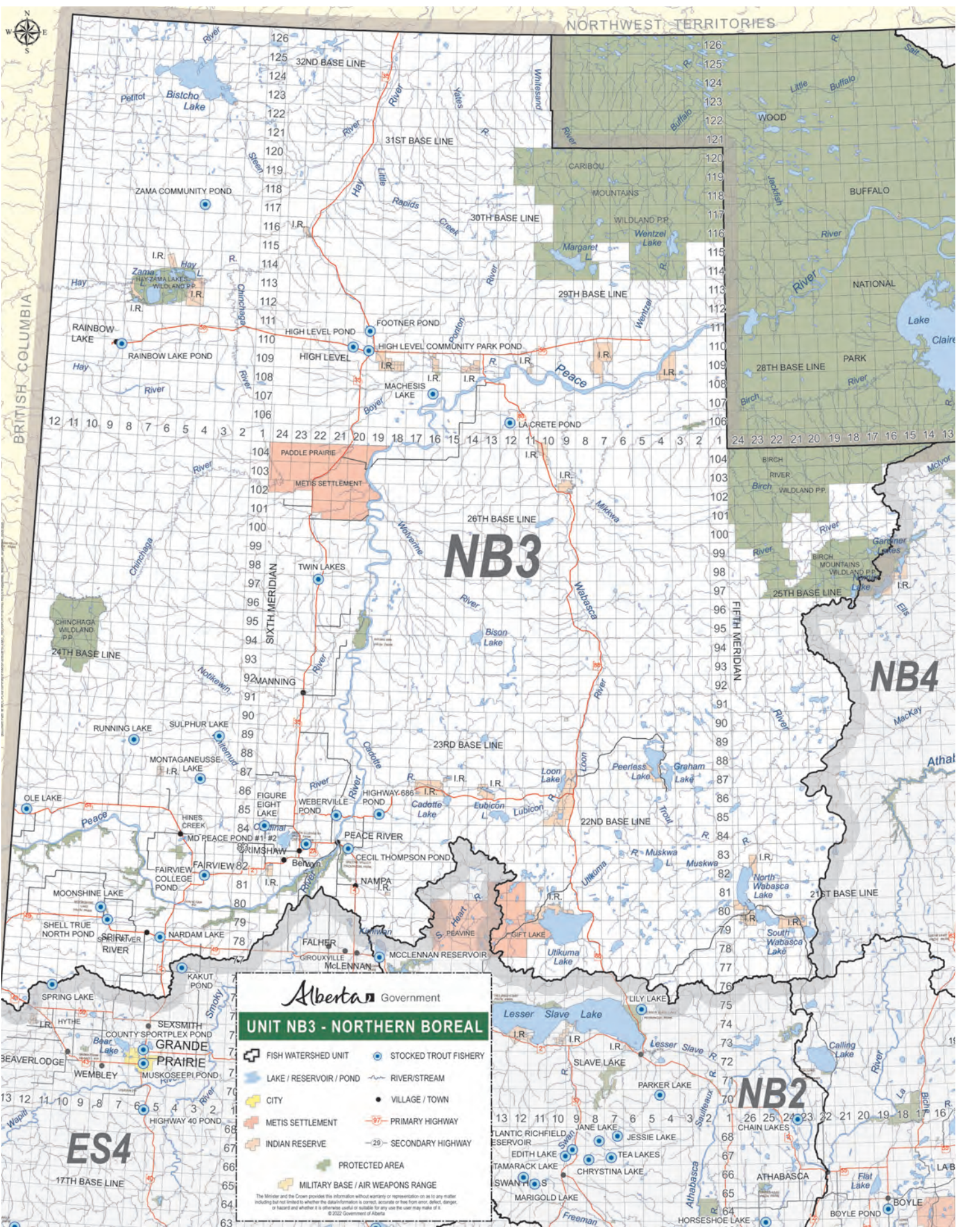
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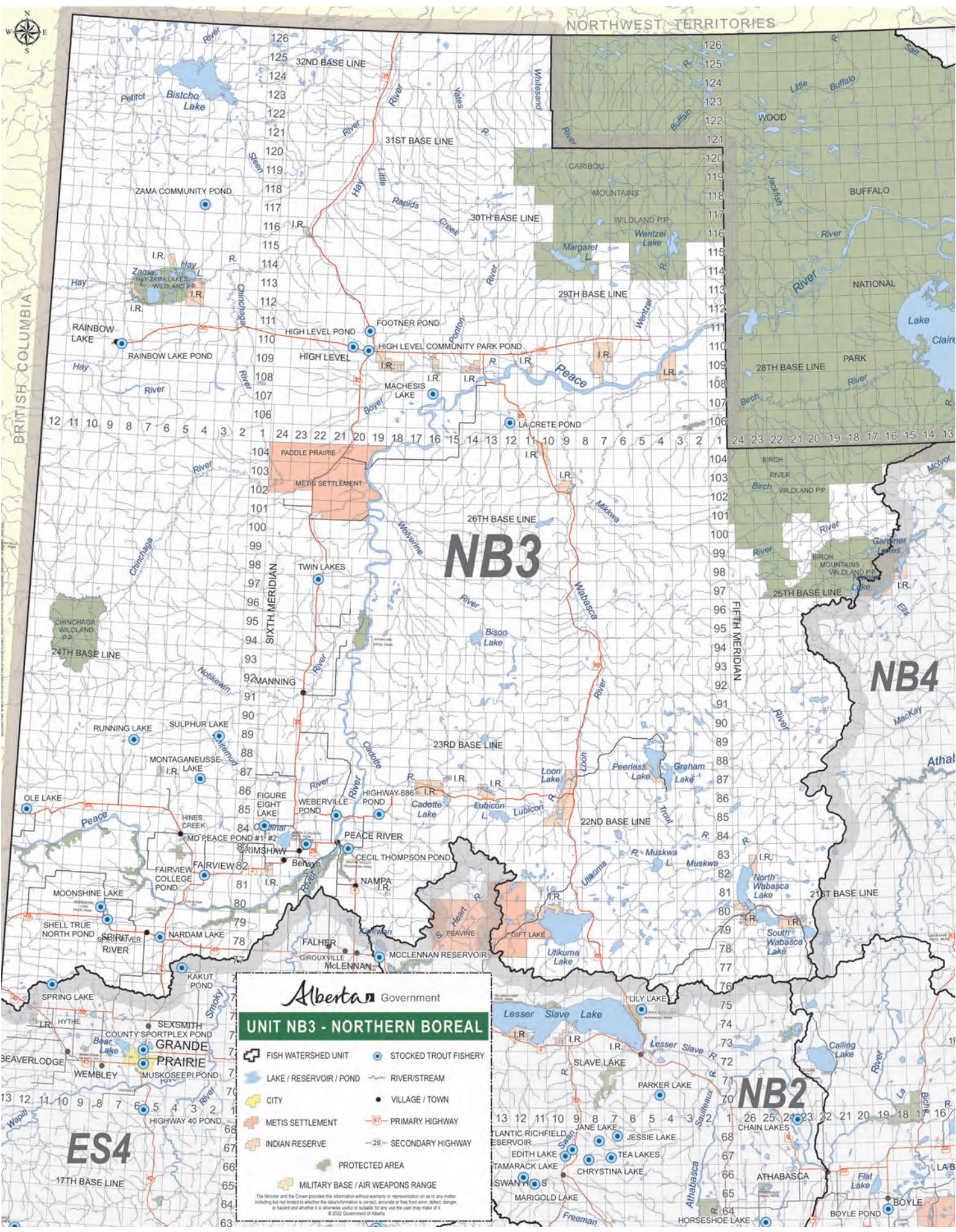


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NB3 - Lakes, Reservoirs and Ponds

Waterbody	Waterbody Detail	Season	Bait ● = Bait allowed	WALL	NRPK	YLPR	LKWH	BURB	LKTR	Trout Total
Albright Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 fish					
Artisinn (unnamed) Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		2 fish	15 fish				
Beatty Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●	3 over 43 cm	3 over 63 cm					
Berry Lake	Tributaries and outlet	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	3 over 43 cm	3 over 63 cm					
Bistocho Lake	The bay north of Kirkness Island; the portion of lake northerly of a line drawn from the southernmost tip of the point of land in SE31-124-5-W6 southeasterly to the westernmost tip of the point of land in SW28-124-5-W6 on Kirkness Island, and northerly of a line drawn from the easternmost tip of the point of land in SW27-124-5-W6 on Kirkness Island northeasterly to the southernmost tip of the point of land in SW35-124-5-W6	OPEN JULY 1 TO MAR. 1	●	3 over 43 cm	3 over 63 cm		10 fish	10 fish		
Brintnell Lake	Remainder of the lake	OPEN ALL YEAR	●	3 over 43 cm	3 over 63 cm		10 fish	10 fish		
Cadotte Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 fish	15 fish	0 fish			
Calder Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 fish					
Caribou Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 fish	15 fish				
Equisetum Lake	Tributaries and outlet	OPEN ALL YEAR	●	3 over 43 cm	3 over 63 cm		10 fish	10 fish	1 fish	
Fish (Jackfish) Lake		OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	0 fish	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Gods Lake	76-11-W6	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 fish	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Goodfish Lake	90-02-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 fish	15 fish				
Graham (Trout) Lake	Tributaries and outlet	OPEN JUNE 1 TO MAR. 31	●	0 fish	1 over 100 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Haig Lake	89-5-W5	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	0 fish	1 over 100 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Hebephrenic (Jackfish) Lake	87-4-W5	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 fish	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Hutch Lake	Tributaries and outlet downstream to Maria Lake	OPEN JUNE 1 TO MAR. 31	●	0 fish	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	0 fish	
Joker Lake	Tributaries and outlet for 1 km	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	0 fish	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	0 fish	
Legend Lake	Tributaries and outlet for 1 km	OPEN JUNE 1 TO MAR. 31	●	1 over 50 cm	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	3 fish	
Little Sandy Lake	Tributaries and outlet for 1 km	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	1 over 50 cm	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	3 fish	
	Includes tributaries	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	3 over 50 cm	2 over 70 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
		OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	3 over 50 cm	2 over 70 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	1 over 50 cm	1 over 63 cm	0 fish				
		OPEN ALL YEAR	●	1 fish	1 fish	15 fish				
	12-7-97-18-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 over 75 cm		10 fish			
		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 fish	0 fish	15 fish	0 fish	0 fish		
		OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	0 fish	0 fish	15 fish	0 fish	0 fish		

NB3 - Lakes, Reservoirs and Ponds

Waterbody	Waterbody Detail	Season	Bait ● = Bait allowed	WALL	NRPK	YLPR	LKWH	BURB	LKTR	Trout Total
Long Lake	Peerless Lake area; 89-5-W5	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 fish	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
	Peerless Lake area; Tributaries and outlet for 1 km	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	0 fish	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Long Lake	Second Last Lake; 90-2-W5	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	3 over 50 cm	2 over 70 cm	15 fish	10 fish			
Margaret Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR			3 over 63 cm		10 fish	10 fish	1 fish	
Mink Lake #1	17-82-11-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 over 55 cm	5 fish				
Mistehae Lake	80-2-W5	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 over 70 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Muskwa Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 fish	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish			
Nipisi Lake	13-23-78-7-W5	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		1 over 75 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
North Wabasca Lake	Portion south of a line drawn from the northern boundary of Wabasca Reserve 166b in NW 35-80-26-W4 to the point of land in the east half of NE 31-80-25-W4, which includes the mouth of the Willow River and channel of the Wabasca River	OPEN JUNE 1 TO MAR. 1	●	1 over 50 cm	1 over 75 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
	Remainder of the lake	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	1 over 50 cm	1 over 75 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Pastecho Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 fish	15 fish			0 fish	
Peerless Lake		OPEN APR. 1 TO MAY 31	●	0 fish	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	0 fish	
		OPEN JUNE 1 TO MAR. 31	●	0 fish	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	1 fish	
	Tributaries and outlet	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	0 fish	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	1 fish	
Pitchimi Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 over 63 cm		10 fish	10 fish	1 fish	
Rainbow Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●	0 fish	0 fish			10 fish		
Round Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	1 over 50 cm	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
	Tributaries and outlet	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31		1 over 50 cm	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Sandy Lake	Portion north of a line drawn from the point of land on the west shore in the SE half of 19-79-22-W4 to the point of land on the east shore in the SW half of 21-79-22-W4	OPEN JUNE 1 TO MAR. 1	●	0 fish	1 over 75 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
	Portion south of a line drawn from the point of land on the west shore in the SW half of 5-79-22-W4 to the point of land on the east shore in the SW half of 3-79-22-W4	OPEN JUNE 1 TO MAR. 1	●	0 fish	1 over 75 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
	Remainder of the lake	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 fish	1 over 75 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
	Tributaries and outlet	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	0 fish	1 over 75 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Sawn Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 fish	2 fish; 1 under 63 cm and 1 over 100 cm	15 fish				
Semo Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR			3 over 63 cm		10 fish		1 fish	
South Wabasca Lake	Portion north of a line drawn from the southernmost point of land in E1/2 13-80-25-W4 to the point of land in the SW 15-80-25-W4, which includes the channel of the Wabasca River	OPEN JUNE 1 TO MAR. 1	●	1 over 50 cm	1 over 75 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
	Portion south and west of a line drawn from the easternmost point of land in SE 31-79-24-W4 to the point of land in NW 27-79-24-W4	OPEN JUNE 1 TO MAR. 1	●	1 over 50 cm	1 over 75 cm	15 fish	0 fish	10 fish		
	Remainder of the lake	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	1 over 50 cm	1 over 75 cm	15 fish	0 fish	10 fish		

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Spawn Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●	3 over 43 cm	3 over 63 cm		10 fish	10 fish		
Talbot Lake	Tributaries	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	3 over 43 cm	3 over 63 cm		10 fish	10 fish		
Thurston Lake	Includes tributaries	OPEN ALL YEAR	●	1 fish 50-55 cm	1 over 70 cm 1 fish 65-80 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Twin Lakes	Tributaries and outlet for 1 km 29-97-22-W5	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31 OPEN ALL YEAR	●	1 fish 50-55 cm	1 fish 65-80 cm		10 fish	10 fish		5 trout; only 2 TGTR over 35 cm
Utikuma Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 fish	2 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Utkurnasis Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	1 over 50 cm	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Vandersteene Lake		OPEN JUNE 1 TO MAR. 31	●	0 fish	3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Wadlin Lake	Tributaries and outlet	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	0 fish	3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Wentzel Lake	Tributaries and outlet for 1 km	OPEN JUNE 1 TO MAR. 31 OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31 OPEN ALL YEAR	●	0 or SHL tags 0 or SHL tags 3 over 43 cm	0 fish 0 fish 3 over 63 cm	5 fish 5 fish 5 fish	10 fish 10 fish 10 fish	3 fish 3 fish 10 fish		1 fish

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NB3 - Rivers, Creeks and Streams

Waterbody	Waterbody Detail	Season	Bait ● = Bait ban	WALL	NRPK	L.KWH	BURB	GOLD	MNWH
Chinchaga River	Mainstem including tributaries	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait allowed in river only	3 over 43 cm	3 over 63 cm		10 fish		
Hay River	Mainstem including tributaries except Chinchaga River	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait allowed in river only	3 over 43 cm	3 over 63 cm		10 fish		
Loon River	Mainstem including tributaries	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait allowed in river only downstream of Loon Lake	1 over 50 cm	2 over 63 cm		10 fish		
Mikkwa River		OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait allowed in river only	3 over 43 cm	3 over 63 cm		10 fish		
Muskwa River	Mainstem including tributaries	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait allowed	1 over 50 cm	2 over 63 cm		10 fish		
Nipisi River	Mainstem including tributaries	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait allowed	1 over 50 cm	2 over 63 cm		10 fish		
Notikewin River	Mainstem including tributaries	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait allowed in river downstream of hwy. 35 only	3 over 43 cm	3 over 63 cm		10 fish		
Peace River	Mainstem	OPEN APR. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait allowed in river only	3 over 43 cm	3 over 63 cm		10 fish	10 fish	5 over 30 cm
	Tributaries to the Peace River except Mikkwa, Smoky, Notikewin and Wabasca river drainages	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	3 over 43 cm	3 over 63 cm		10 fish	10 fish	5 over 30 cm
Pettitot River	Mainstem including tributaries upstream to Spawn Lake	OPEN JULY 1 TO OCT. 31	●	3 over 43 cm	3 over 63 cm		10 fish		
Smoky River	Mainstem downstream of the 21st Base Line	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait allowed	3 over 50 cm	3 over 63 cm		10 fish		5 over 30 cm
Wabasca River	Portion downstream of Sandy Lake to South Wabasca Lake and the portion between South and North Wabasca lakes	OPEN JUNE 1 TO MAR. 1	Bait allowed in river only	1 over 50 cm	1 over 75 cm	10 fish	10 fish		
	Portion downstream of North Wabasca Lake to South Wabasca Lake and tributaries except the Loon, Muskwa and Nipisi Rivers	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait allowed in river only	1 over 50 cm	2 over 63 cm		10 fish	10 fish	

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NB4 WATERSHED UNIT REGULATIONS

■ The Athabasca River watershed downstream of the north boundary of Township 78 (near Pelican River), including the Clearwater River and Christina River watersheds, and the Slave River and Lake Athabasca watersheds, including the lakes and streams north of Lake Athabasca.

BAIT FISHING

- Fishing with Bait, including Bait Fish, in NB4 lakes and streams is allowed except at locations with Bait Bans listed under site specific regulations.


Mainstem of a river: includes the mainstem channel and any side channel, oxbows, riparian flow channels, and plunge pools below spillways.

NB4 Default Sportfishing Regulations

- The names of most NB4 lakes and streams are listed alphabetically in the site specific regulation tables on the following pages.
- Smaller streams may not be listed, but may be included as tributaries to a listed larger stream.
- If a listed waterbody does not have a season listed, it is CLOSED to fishing during that period.
- If a NB4 lake, reservoir, river, stream or species is not listed, follow the default regulations below.
- General regulation stocked trout lakes are listed on page 16.

LAKES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPEN May 15 to Mar. 31 • Arctic Grayling limit 0 • Walleye limit 3 over 50 cm • Northern Pike limit 3 over 63 cm • Yellow Perch limit 15 • Lake Whitefish limit 10 • Burbot limit 10 • Trout limit 3 • Bait allowed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLOSED Apr. 1 to May 14
STREAMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPEN June 1 to Oct. 31 • Arctic Grayling limit 0 • Walleye limit 3 over 50 cm • Northern Pike limit 3 over 63 cm • Mountain Whitefish limit 5 over 30 cm • Yellow Perch limit 15 • Lake Whitefish limit 10 • Burbot limit 10 • Trout limit 2 • Bait allowed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLOSED Nov. 1 to May 31

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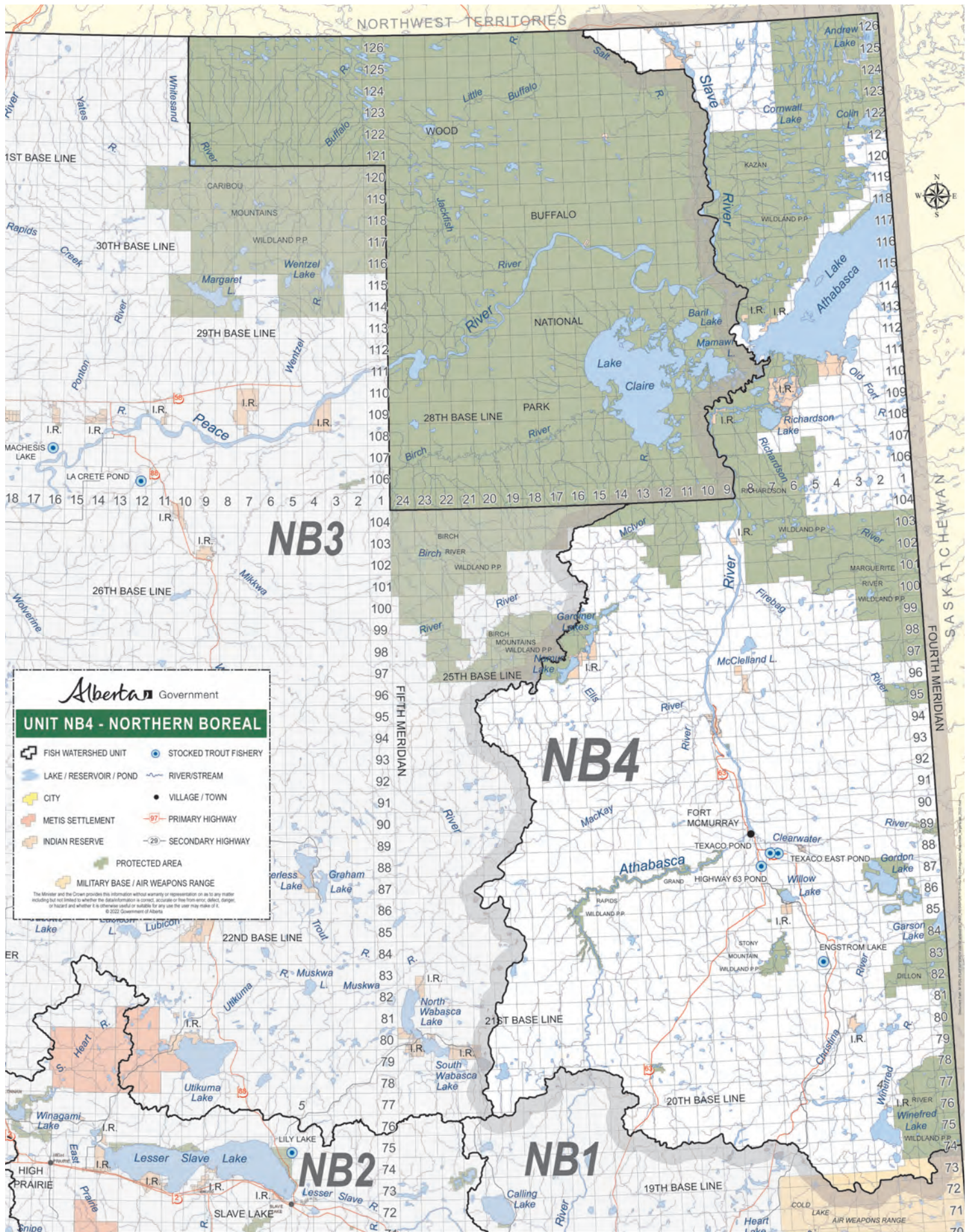



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NB4 - Lakes, Reservoirs and Ponds

Waterbody	Waterbody Detail	Season	Bait ● = Bait allowed	WALL	NRPK	YLPR	LKWH	BURB	LKTR	GOLD	CISC
Alexander Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 over 63 cm						
Andrew Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban		3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	3 fish		
Arch Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 over 63 cm						
Ashton Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 over 63 cm		10 fish				
Barrow Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	1 over 43 cm	1 over 63 cm		10 fish				0 fish
Base Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		0 fish	15 fish	10 fish				
Bayonet Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 over 63 cm	15 fish			3 fish		
Big Island Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 fish	0 fish		10 fish				
Blanche Lake	Includes outlet	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	3 over 43 cm	3 over 63 cm	15 fish			3 fish		
Bocquene Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●	3 over 43 cm	3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish				
Bryant Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish				
Burstall Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish		3 fish		
Charles Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish		3 fish		
Cherry Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish		3 fish		
Christina Lake	Portion locally known as Sawbones Bay (2-77-6-W4)	OPEN JUNE 1 TO MAR. 15	●	0 fish	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish			
	Remainder of lake. For flowing water refer to Christina Lake Tributaries and Outflows.	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 fish	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish			
Cockscob Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish				
Colin Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish		3 fish		
Collins Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish		3 fish		
Cornwall Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish		3 fish		
Cowper Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish		3 fish		
			●		3 over 63 cm	5 fish; only 1 over 30 cm					
Daly Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish				
Darwin Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish				
Dawson Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish		3 fish		
Disappointment Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish				
Ells Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 over 63 cm						
Fletcher Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●	3 over 43 cm	3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish				
Florence Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish		3 fish		
Gardiner Lakes	Moose Lake	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	Bait ban	0 fish	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish			
	Moose Lake; Tributaries and outlet for 1 km	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban	0 fish	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish			
Gipsy Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●		1 under 70 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish			
Glover (Birch) Lake	79-5-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●		0 fish		10 fish	10 fish			
Gregoire (Willow) Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 or SHL tags	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish			

Grist Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	0 fish	0 fish	0 fish	0 fish	10 fish	10 fish	1 fish 60-70 cm	
Hooker Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●			3 over 63 cm					
Kimowin (Hook) Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●			3 fish	5 fish; only 1 over 30 cm				
Kirby (Sterner) Lake	75-5-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●			0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Lake Athabasca		OPEN ALL YEAR	●	3 over 43 cm		3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	3 fish	10 fish
Leggo Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●			3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	3 fish	
Leland Lakes		OPEN ALL YEAR	●	3 over 43 cm		3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	3 fish	
Limon Lake	Includes outlet	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	3 over 43 cm		3 over 63 cm	15 fish				
Loutit Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●	3 over 43 cm		3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
McClelland Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●	3 over 43 cm		3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	3 fish	
Mercredi Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●			3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	3 fish	
Myers Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●	3 over 43 cm		3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Namur Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	Bait ban			3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	2 over 65 cm	
One Week Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●			3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Pans Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●							3 fish	
Peters Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●			3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Potts Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●			3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	3 fish	
Richardson Backcountry	All water within area between Twp. 103 and 107, and Rge 01-W4 and Rge 08-W4; Locally known as Richardson Backcountry	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	1 over 50 cm		3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Richardson Lake	Includes outlet (Jackfish Channel)	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●	3 over 43 cm		3 over 63 cm	15 fish				
Roderick Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●			3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Royenna Lake	75-1-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●			0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Ryan Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●	3 over 43 cm		3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
St. Agnes Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●			3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	3 fish	
Steebank Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●			1 over 70 cm	15 fish				
Treasure Loch Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●			3 over 63 cm		10 fish	10 fish		
Tulip Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●			3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish	3 fish	
Turtle Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●			3 over 63 cm					
Wappau Lake	14-75-11-W4	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	●			2 fish	15 fish				
Weekes Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●			2 over 63 cm				3 fish	
Winefred Lake	For lake only. For flowing water see Winefred Lake Tributaries and Outflows.	OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	Bait ban	1 fish 45-50 cm		0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Winnifred Lake	118-3-W4	OPEN ALL YEAR	●			3 over 63 cm		10 fish	10 fish		
Woodman Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●			3 over 63 cm		10 fish	10 fish		
Wylie Lake		OPEN ALL YEAR	●			3 over 63 cm		10 fish	10 fish	3 fish	

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NB4 - Rivers, Creeks and Streams

Waterbody	Waterbody Detail	Season	Bait ● = Bait allowed	WALL	NRPK	YLPR	LKWH	BURB	GOLD	MNWH
Athabasca River	Mainstem north of the north boundary of TWP78 (Near Pelican River). For area south of this, see Athabasca Mainstem in NB1 Rivers, Creeks and Streams	OPEN APR. 1 TO MAY 31	●	0 fish	3 over 63 cm			10 fish	10 fish	5 over 30 cm
	Mainstem north of the north boundary of TWP78 (Near Pelican River). For area south of this, see Athabasca Mainstem in NB1 Rivers, Creeks and Streams	OPEN JUNE 1 TO MAR. 31	●	3 over 43 cm	3 over 63 cm			10 fish	10 fish	5 over 30 cm
	Tributaries except Clearwater and Hangingstone rivers	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	3 over 43 cm	3 over 63 cm		10 fish	10 fish	10 fish	5 over 30 cm
Birch Creek	Beyond 10 km of Christina Lake	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	0 fish	3 over 63 cm					
Christina Lake Tributaries and Outflows	Includes all named and unnamed tributaries and outflows within 10km of Christina Lake including Jackfish River, Birch, Sawbones, Sunday and Monday Creeks. Excludes the Christina River	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	0 fish	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Clearwater River	Snye Channel	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	3 over 43 cm	3 over 63 cm			10 fish	10 fish	5 over 30 cm
	Mainstem including tributaries; the portion upstream of the Christina River	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	3 over 50 cm	3 over 63 cm			10 fish		5 over 30 cm
Ellis River	Mainstem including tributaries; the portion downstream of the Christina River	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	3 over 43 cm	3 over 63 cm			10 fish	10 fish	5 over 30 cm
Hangstone River	96-11-W4	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban	3 over 50 cm	3 over 63 cm		10 fish	10 fish		
House River	Mainstem including tributaries	OPEN JUNE 16 TO OCT. 31	●		3 over 63 cm					
Monday Creek	Beyond 10 km of Christina Lake	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	3 over 50 cm	3 over 63 cm					
Richardson Backcountry	All water within area between Twp. 103 and 107, and Rge 01-W4 and Rge 08-W4; Locally known as Richardson Backcountry	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	1 over 50 cm	3 over 63 cm	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		
Richardson River	Beyond 10 km of Christina Lake	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	3 over 43 cm	3 over 63 cm		10 fish	10 fish	10 fish	5 over 30 cm
Sunday Creek	Beyond 10 km of Christina Lake	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	●	0 fish	3 over 63 cm					
Winefred Lake Tributaries and Outflows	Includes all named and unnamed tributaries and outflows within 10km of Winefred Lake including Winefred River, (Unnamed) Sand River and Grist River	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban	1 fish 45-50 cm	0 fish	15 fish	10 fish	10 fish		



Conserving today's trout for tomorrow

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Alberta has long enjoyed a reputation as a world-class destination for trout angling.

Streams like the Bow River, Crowsnest River and Upper Oldman River can make a trout angler's heart skip a beat with the possibility of catching a 20+ inch trout on a dry fly. What could be better than having that opportunity many times a day, for multiple species, in locations ranging from the beautiful Rocky Mountains to the convenient, turquoise waters running through downtown Calgary.

Alberta's trout streams have a storied past, from personal angling journals to many different fishing publications over the decades. We have seen high profile celebrities, heads of state and countless other global travellers willing to abandon all logic, not to mention significant sums of money in pursuit of these memory-making trophy fish. So disciplined and ardent are many trout anglers that they will spend countless hours at a fly-tying vise, pouring over innumerable textbooks just to perfectly align a specific insect hatch (size, colour, life stage) to a moment in time that forges a strong connection between people, fish and the landscape.



"In southern Alberta, really high angling effort occurs only on the Bow River."

These moments, and the fish that help create them, are well worth conserving for current and future generations. Alberta has a reputation for providing these opportunities in abundance, and we are the envy of other North American fishery managers since many of these opportunities come from wild, self-sustaining fisheries. This attribute adds to the lengths anglers will go for fear of missing out: it improves marketability and intrigue of Alberta fisheries, driving millions of dollars into Alberta's economy annually. But these fisheries are no longer the well-kept secrets they once were.

As magical as a day of fishing your favourite river can be, the thousands of people angling in these fisheries can take their toll on fish population health, particularly in systems that have other threats. For some of the most heavily fished systems, fisheries biologists have been able to determine that individual fish are caught multiple times each year—if not handled and released properly, these fish can succumb to immediate or even delayed mortality. The proportion of fish that can be harmed or die can be much higher when poor handling is combined with high water temperatures,

in part because warmer water also has less dissolved oxygen for recuperation. If we ignore the issue, the consequences could be declining fish populations and reduced opportunity for anglers. We know we need to balance management actions with data and stakeholder input, as we strive to ensure that these fisheries continue to create cultural, recreational and economic benefits for Albertans.

Conservation With a Purpose

In 2015, southern Alberta experienced an unanticipated "heat dome" that quickly warmed the region to unseasonably high ambient temperatures, resulting in abnormal increases to water temperatures in many Alberta trout streams, such as the Bow River. Enthusiastic anglers were quick to raise concerns of fish mortality with fishery managers, and soon after, the first ever full angling closure of the Bow River was implemented for two weeks. Most stakeholders not only supported but requested this management action. In the months and years that followed, stakeholders wanted something more permanent: specifically, a management approach that would address this problem going forward because these environmental conditions are likely to occur more regularly in the future, posing a threat to the resources we cherish so much.

Many stakeholders provided suggestions to fishery managers, such as asking whether Alberta could implement a system of temporary angling restrictions like in Montana. For our southern neighbours, this system is fondly referred to as "Hoot Owl" closures, paying tribute to the forest industry, where loggers could only work in the night and morning when fire risk was lowest and when owls would hoot. While angling advisories were—and still are—a tool used seasonally in Alberta, they are just that: advisories that have no associated or predetermined regulatory actions. Fisheries managers set out to create a management response system to address the potential impacts of higher water temperatures and low flows to fish. It quickly became clear that not only were high water temperatures and low flows important, but so was the amount of angling effort (number of people fishing) during certain times of year. An appropriate management system would need to be developed that addresses these threats with the help and support of anglers.

Once initial approaches were developed, fishery managers created a small working group that included angling guides, anglers and other experts to seek views and opinions on what management approaches made

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sense. After incorporating feedback, the next step was to engage with Albertans to get feedback on the idea of implementing temporary angling restrictions that considered water temperatures, low flows, heavy angling pressure and the consequences of moving large numbers of anglers to other sensitive streams during an angling restriction period. Initial feedback from our surveys told managers that adjustments were needed to the proposed approach, so we took a closer look at what stakeholders were saying and adjusted the approach. Alberta acted and implemented its “Time-of-Day” angling restrictions in the summer of 2022, which are triggered when a combination of high temperatures and low water flows are present exclusively on the Bow River at the Carseland monitoring station.

A common question people ask is why this management action is only triggered by water temperature and flows on the Bow River? For the time-of-day management action to be implemented, three conditions must be present: high water temperatures, low flows, AND high angling effort. In southern Alberta, *really* high angling effort (over 200,000 hours of summer effort) occurs only on the Bow River, so it is important that fishery managers consider the possible negative impacts to fish populations of potentially shifting this large angling effort from the Bow River to the adjacent small streams along the eastern slopes that contain sensitive westslope cutthroat trout and bull trout. In 2016, Alberta witnessed firsthand how anglers moved to other fisheries: when the state of Montana closed the Yellowstone River to angling due to a disease outbreak, large numbers of anglers began showing up along the banks of the Bow River.

Changing Over Time

In the years since implementation, Alberta has monitored whether this management approach is having a positive impact. While it is difficult to assess a fish population response to short-term management actions like these, it appears that anglers are modifying their behaviour to 1) fish during periods of the day when water temperatures were lower and 2) reduce angling effort during the sensitive periods for fish. Both help protect fish and give them a much-needed break during very sensitive periods.

Trout fisheries and angling hold a special place in the hearts of many Albertans, and these individuals have continually demonstrated they care deeply about our province’s natural environment. By working together, government and the angling public can ensure that these resources persist for many generations.

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“If not handled and released properly, fish can succumb to immediate or even delayed mortality.”

The current time of day trout conservation program runs annually during the months of July and August. When the environmental conditions (thresholds) described above are met, the regulations are adjusted such that angling is not

permitted from 2:00 PM to midnight (14:00 to 24:00) at specified locations. Please see My Wild Alberta for detailed information: <https://mywildalberta.ca/fishing/advisories-corrections-closures/time-of-day-angling-restrictions.aspx>

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WALLEYE

What's Old and New in Alberta

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Did you know that Alberta has been stocking walleye for almost 100 years? Sylvan Lake was one of the very first lakes to be stocked with walleye back in 1926. Other early stocking events included many reservoirs built by the federal Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration when establishing irrigated agriculture in southern Alberta.

For decades, the walleye stocking goal was simple: stock walleye until they develop into self-sustaining populations that could eventually be harvested by anglers. Over time, widespread stocking slowed down or stopped as populations developed. Stocking walleye simply became a tool for improving or even re-establishing walleye populations, such as Wabamun Lake and Lac La Biche in the 2000s.

Walleye Stocking Today

Many Albertans might recall a series of province-wide face-to-face meetings in 2020 where government staff spoke about fishing and fisheries management. We wanted to have important conversations, share valuable information and encourage Albertans to share meaningful feedback on what they wanted from provincial fisheries programs. Among many other ideas, we



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heard loud and clear that stakeholders wanted us to renew a stocking program for walleye. This time around, however, the goals would be a little different; the new focus of the walleye stocking program is to provide more harvest and diverse fishing opportunities. The renewed program was brought back in 2021, and over 25-million walleye have since been stocked in more than 20 waterbodies across the province.

When we think about the nuts and bolts of a walleye stocking program, there are lots of things to consider. For example, the walleye stocking program is very different than our trout program. Unlike trout, we do not start with brood fish in the hatchery; rather, all walleye come from wild stocks in Alberta lakes. Because walleye are piscivorous (fish eaters), they don't shy away from eating each other and can be challenging to raise in hatcheries.

So rather than try to build brood stock, our approach is to have staff collect wild eggs and milt during the spring spawning season. A big part of the process is determining where to source walleye for the stocking program. First and foremost, we ensure that all donor lakes have healthy walleye populations that are free of disease and can afford to provide some of their eggs for the stocking program. Next, we need to know where in the lake to find the spawning walleye. This can be a challenge, especially in large, deep or steep-sided lakes. Staff look for spawning habitat areas like gravelly shoals around islands or rock bars. Live traps are set to catch male and female walleye over a period of a week or more until we have enough females to provide the number of eggs we're looking for. Each day, the eggs are collected and fertilized on-site. Once



"Eggs being expressed from a female walleye."

fertilized, eggs are driven to the Cold Lake Fish Hatchery and the captured adult fish are released back into the lake to swim another day.

It takes around two to three weeks for eggs to hatch into fry. Once hatched, fry can be stocked into their new homes or even grown into fingerlings for stocking. In lakes, fry are usually stocked in the same region that the eggs originated from, which helps to protect the unique genetics of each region. In southern reservoirs, this is less of an issue; reservoir walleye are generally all stocked fish and may have strains from multiple different lakes.

When stocked into a lake or reservoir, walleye fry are about the size of an eyelash, and these small fish have a long journey ahead of them before reaching

maturity. If they can find enough food and a suitable habitat to survive, it'll still take four to five years before a walleye reaches a catchable size. But having more fish in more lakes helps us to balance angler harvest with the maintenance of healthy fish populations into the future. Because we've heard how important walleye are to Albertans, we hope to continue to expand the current walleye stocking program in the coming years. That said, even with a vigorous stocking program, walleye in Alberta grow more slowly because of our northern latitude, and Alberta simply doesn't have as many walleye lakes when compared with our neighbouring provinces to the east. This presents management challenges when we consider the number of passionate anglers we have in the province.

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Walleye Special Harvest Licence

One strategy for addressing these challenges is to create a program that allows the harvest of a certain size and number of walleye in some lakes annually. This ensures walleye populations can thrive while still providing harvest opportunities for current and future generations of Albertans.

Back in the 90s and early 2000s, many lakes had zero bag-limits for walleye because there just weren't enough fish for everyone to have opportunities for harvest while still ensuring that populations could thrive into the future. In 2006, the Special Harvest Licence (SHL) program was born as a way to provide harvest opportunities for anglers in places that would otherwise have none. Based on feedback we've heard over the years, we know that this is a very popular program and management tool; however, the program has gotten somewhat complex over the years.

One thing we've heard from people in previous engagements is that they want the opportunity to purchase additional undersubscribed SHL tags. We've been providing more opportunity to purchase additional Class C tags, but we've also been looking for other ways to improve the program. And so, change is coming: starting in 2026, Class A and Class B licences will be removed from the SHL application, and draw process, and will be available for direct purchase. Tag numbers will still be based on walleye population status, but a direct purchase system will



"Walleye fry ready to be released."

make it much easier and simpler for anglers to get tags for their favourite fisheries. There will be no more waiting for draw dates or for undersubscribed licences to come on sale. Given that the new system doesn't come into play until 2026, anglers with priority points will have time to put them to good use in the 2025 season.

Updates to Sportfishing Regulations

Even if you don't manage to snag some SHL tags for 2025, there are still plenty of new opportunities to catch walleye

in other waterbodies around the province. The changes to angling regulations that were put in place in February (such as slot sizes and increased bag limits at a number of fisheries) are intended to provide more opportunities for anglers. These and other regulation changes (including some for northern pike) are highlighted here in the *2025 Alberta Guide to Sportfishing Regulations*. Check them out and remember to know before you go: always look at the regulations before you head out on your fishing trip. The web-based app is also a very helpful page to save on your phone for quick-reference. ●

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LEGS and REGS:

How fishing rules are made in Alberta



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Have you ever wondered what goes into that annual book of fishing rules? When most people buy a fishing licence in Alberta, they likely do not give much thought as to how the rules are made—why would they when there are fish and wildlife experts for that. That said, anglers often know what fishing rules they want and where they want them. Subsequent conversations with fishery managers flow seamlessly from changing this bag limit or that gear type, as though the processes behind the scenes to change these rules are inconsequential to a desired outcome. This should be easy right? These

are Alberta's resources and Alberta makes the rules. At times, this couldn't be further from the truth. What lurks behind the pages of season dates, fisheries management zones and bag limits in the sportfishing guide is a complex system of historic legislation and regulations—legs and regs—that shape how Alberta's fisheries are managed.

A Quick History Lesson

To understand how fishing rules are made today, we need to journey back in time and examine how we got here, which involves our nation's origins as a British colony. In 1867, an act of parliament by the British government established Canada through the *British North America Act*. It's no coincidence that what we call the Canadian Constitution is also dated 1867, as we simply rebranded the legislation. This is important because Section 91(12) of the *Constitution Act* says that all seacoast and inland fisheries are the legislative jurisdiction of the federal government. If you think about it, this makes sense: it isn't hard to imagine that control over vast fisheries resources at the time

meant stable food supplies and economic prosperity, both of which are very important to building a country.

As time passed and additional provinces joined, making Canada recognizable as the country we see today, many of those same federal legislative and regulatory authorities still exist on inland (freshwater) recreational fisheries. The authorities and ability of a given province or territory to make recreational rules for fishing has evolved over time and varies across Canada depending on judicial interpretations, federal agreements, and/or other memorandums of understanding that provinces and territories have with the federal government.

The federal *Fisheries Act* (1868) is one of Canada's oldest pieces of legislation, it is the broad tool by which federal authority is woven into the management of inland fisheries across the country. Although this act does not have a section that speaks to a single purpose, there are three fundamental subject areas in the legislation. The first largely concerns how Canada manages the exploitation of our fisheries resources, the second speaks to the conservation and protection of fish, and the last is about



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"Fisheries management is generally shared between the provincial and federal governments."

protecting habitats and preventing pollution. For those familiar with the Federal *Species at Risk Act*, it is this same jurisdictional authority that provides the federal government with a great deal of influence—as well as responsibility—over fish species at risk in provincial waters.

How Fishing Rules are Made in Alberta

Getting back to how fishing rules are made in Alberta, the responsibility to manage fisheries is generally shared between the

provincial and federal governments with some delegations provided to Alberta to make rules. The most significant delegations relate to the creation of provincial legislation and regulations that largely concern licensing and enforcement—more on that in a bit. When fishery managers make annual regulation changes for recreational fishing rules—such as opening and closing seasons, changing daily bag or possession limits, adding or removing size restrictions etc.—these changes are made pursuant to

federal regulations and not, as many would assume, by changing provincial legislation or regulations.

The Alberta Fishery Regulations (1998) (ABFR) are federal regulations for Alberta that are enabled by the federal *Fisheries Act*. The ABFR contains many of the definitions we use in fisheries, as well as nine "Schedules" that contain all potential fishing rules for Alberta. These Schedules include rules for everything from lists of game fish and baitfish to fisheries management zones, waters closed to fishing, quotas and bag limits, types of fishing gear, as well as things like offences and fines. When Alberta fishery managers make annual fishing changes, we are delegated by the federal government to vary (variation order) the rules in some of the nine Schedules, but not all.

For example, Alberta may open and close fisheries, establish fish size restrictions, and set bag limits for different species using variation orders. This works well; it can be completed in a short timeframe and is generally very efficient in terms of work associated with a given change to rules. It is the process used for most annual changes you might see in the *Alberta Guide to Sportfishing Regulations* in any given year.

Where this starts to get complicated is when Alberta does not have the ability to vary rules in the ABFR.

This is perhaps best illustrated through an example like gear type. Fishery managers often get asked about making changes to gear, whether it be adding barbless hooks, changes to the use of treble hooks, or even the number of flies on a single line. It seems relatively simple, but in practice, these changes are very complex. In these instances, Alberta does not have the authority to vary a federal rule, and we must work closely with our federal counterparts to request an amendment to the ABFR. Only after an amendment is granted is Alberta able to vary rules around gear in the federal regulation. This might sound relatively straightforward, but changes to federal regulations come with an intensive, multi-year process before changes can be made. Case in point, Alberta fishery managers have been actively working with federal Fisheries and Oceans Canada staff to increase our delegations, enhancing our ability to make fishing rules in simple and efficient ways for several years. We are close, but not quite there yet.

What about Alberta Statutes and Regulations?

As mentioned above, there is more to say when it comes to licensing and enforcement. Alberta has complementary provincial legislation and regulations that work together

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with the ABFR to round out the legal framework on how fisheries are managed in the province. Provincial legislation and associated regulations governing fisheries largely relate to licensing, definitions, enforcement and penalties, including:

- The *Fisheries (Alberta) Act* (FAA).
 - The General Fisheries (Alberta) Regulation (GFAR).
 - Fisheries (Ministerial) Regulation (FMR).

Examples here include the issuance of various provincial licences, such as fish salvage, baitfish and competitive fishing event licences, all with enforceable conditions. These are issued pursuant to Alberta statute and regulations.

Making changes to provincial legislation follows different processes and timelines than those followed to make changes to the ABFR. Changes must go through the provincial legislative and regulatory processes, and although some may be approved using a Ministerial Order, most require cabinet approval, which often involves a one- to two-year process. Generally, changes here do not relate to fishing rules, which are those that exist in the ABFR.



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"Most fisheries changes require cabinet approval—a one- to two-year process."

The history and shared multi-jurisdictional responsibilities for managing fisheries in Canada and Alberta are complex. Alberta fishery managers are always looking for

ways to improve our approaches and ability to manage fisheries resources for Albertans, and there is no better time or greater need than there is right now. ●

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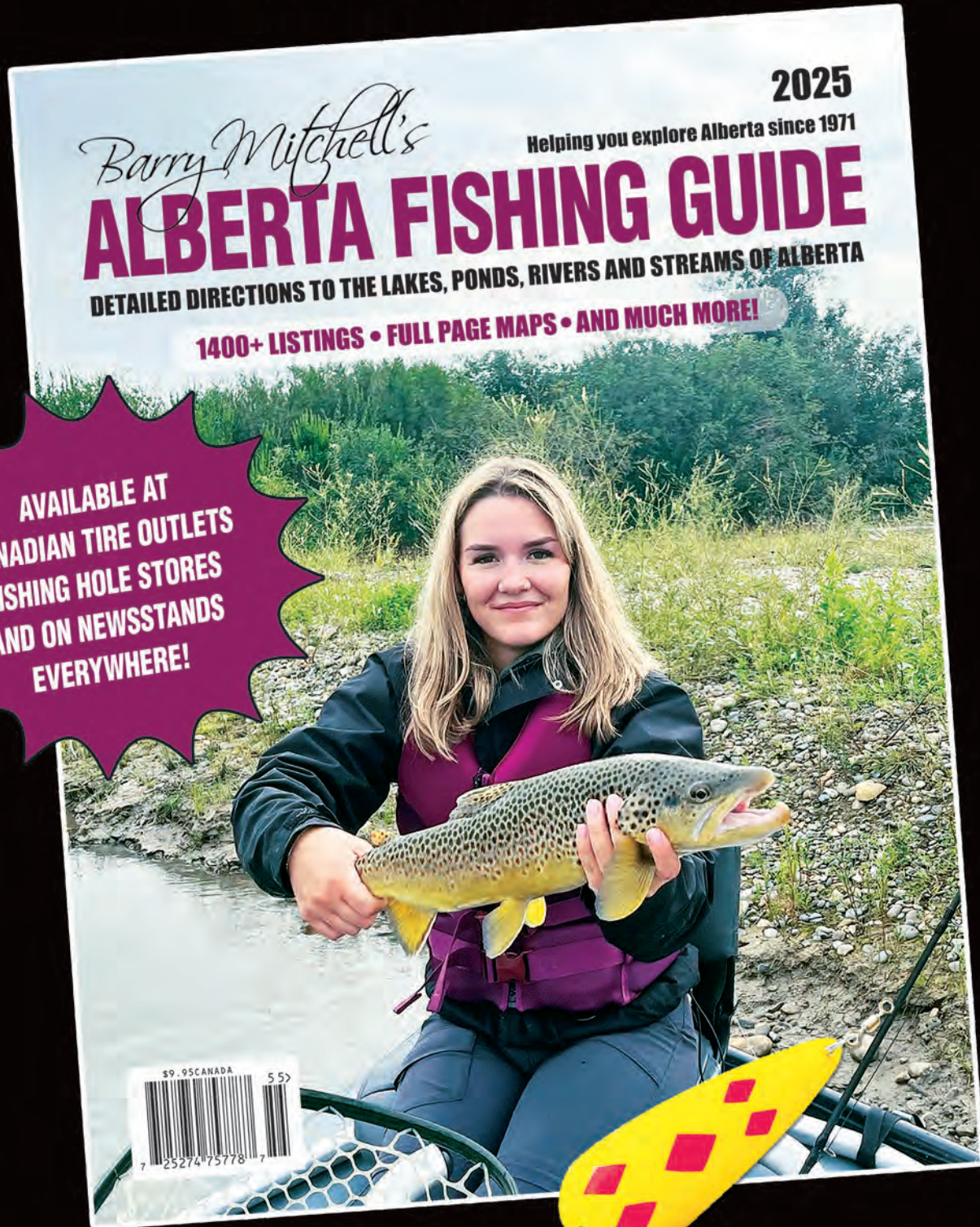
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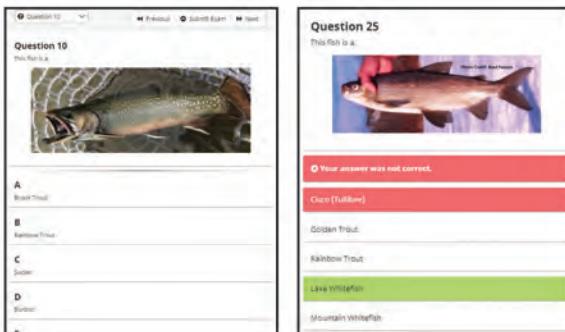
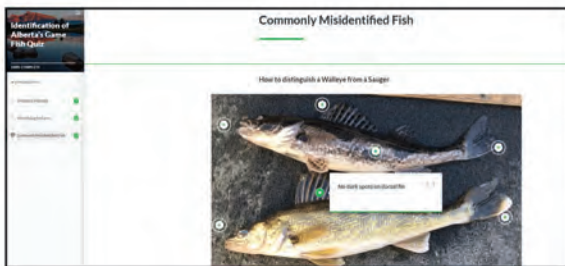


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