

ES3 WATERSHED UNIT REGULATIONS

■ 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.

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 ES3 except the portion of the Lobstick River lying in 53, 54-9, 10-W5.

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

ES3 Default Sportfishing Regulations

- The names of most ES3 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 ES3 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 • 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 except bait fish allowed 		
STREAMS	REGULATIONS	REGULATIONS	REGULATIONS
	<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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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, CTTR = 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.

ES3 - Lakes, Reservoirs and Ponds											
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									
Long Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	Bait allowed	1 fish	3 over 63 cm	15 fish					
Lovett Lake	10-47-19-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban								1 trout over 40 cm
Millers Lake	8-53-19-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait allowed								2 RNTR; 0 TGTR
Minnow Lake		OPEN MAY 15 TO MAR. 31	Bait allowed	0 or SHL tags	0 fish	15 fish					
	Tributaries and outlet	OPEN JUNE 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait allowed	0 or SHL tags	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	10 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
Unnamed (Lodgepole) Pond	NE-01-48-10-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait allowed								2 trout
Unnamed (Sphinx) Lake	NE-6-48-24-W5	CLOSED ALL YEAR									
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					

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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			5 over 30 cm	0 fish	
Bigoray River	Mainstem including tributaries	OPEN JUNE 16 to OCT. 31	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					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					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