

Online Licensing: Things you should know.

For Frequently Asked Questions

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For Assistance

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

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



FOUR WEBSITES TO HELP YOU.

albertarelm.com
mywildalberta.ca
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<https://www.alberta.ca>

Recreational fishing licences, special walleye licence applications and undersubscribed special walleye licences are available for purchase online at albertarelm.com or at one of more than 300 private licence issuers.

If you are under 16 years of age, an Alberta resident aged 65 or older, or a First Nations person who is defined as Indigenous under the federal Indian Act, you are not required to have a Sportfishing Licence to fish with rod and reel; however, you must follow sportfishing regulations unless fishing under the authority of a domestic fishing licence in specified eligible waters. For more information regarding Indigenous Rights and Responsibilities in regards to fishing, please visit the department's website at <https://www.alberta.ca/fish-wildlife.aspx>.

All recreational anglers must purchase a Wildlife Identification Number (WiN) before purchasing a recreational fishing licence, or draw application. A WiN costs \$8.00 (plus GST) and is valid for five years, at which point it can be renewed the same way it was purchased, either online at albertarelm.com or through a licence issuer.

ALBERTA SPORTFISHING LICENCE FEES

Licence	Alberta Residents ¹	Non-resident Canadians ²	Non-residents Outside of Canada
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	\$26.63
7-Day Sportfishing Licence	Not Available	\$41.00	\$55.00
Special Walleye Licence Applications	\$3.35	Not Available	Not Available
Special Walleye Harvest Licence³	\$11.00	Not Available	Not Available

¹ Alberta resident is a resident of Canada and has their only or primary residence in Alberta.

² A non-resident Canadian has their only or primary residence in Canada and is a Canadian citizen or is admitted to permanent residence in Canada and has lived in Canada for the immediately preceding 12-month period.

³ See page 18 for draw information.

Licences must be carried at all times when sportfishing and transporting fish.

The AlbertaReIm 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? Over 264,000 Sportfishing licences were sold in 2019 generating nearly \$8 million in revenue. 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 – You are required to bring your licence and complete a statutory declaration to authorize the replacement at a Fish and Wildlife office (see page 27).



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Special Walleye Draws

Draws For Special Harvest Licences

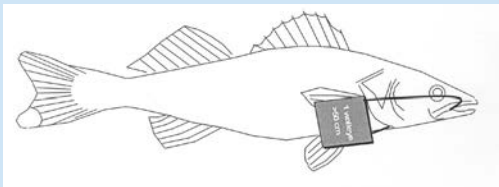
Alberta uses an innovative approach to allow a sustainable level of harvest of walleye from lakes that have recovered from major declines. Several fisheries have recovered to the point where a limited harvest of specific sizes of walleye can be allocated. Recognizing the need to conserve fisheries, where fishing pressure is substantial, a limited harvest option has been developed. A special 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

At the time of printing this document, the lakes identified are open for the current season under a Special Licence Draw. Alberta Environment and Parks 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, AEP will implement a zero harvest regulation. If you have any questions regarding this statement, contact Fish and Wildlife Policy Branch by email at AEP.Info-Centre@gov.ab.ca.

Tagging Instructions

A walleye that is retained must be **tagged immediately through the gill cavity and mouth** with a paper tag and wire. To tag your walleye refer to the instructions on the tag.



IT IS UNLAWFUL TO USE ANOTHER ANGLERS' SPECIAL WALLEYE LICENCE AND TAGS.

- Special Walleye Licence's are to be used only by the licence holder.
- No party fishing; only the licence holder can catch, retain, and tag fish.
- All retained fish must be immediately tagged.

2020 DRAWS

- March 31 - April 23, 2020** Draw applications may be purchased for \$3.35 (plus GST) online at albertarelm.com or at licence issuers.
- May 5, 2020** Draw results may be viewed online at albertarelm.com.
- May 5, 2020** Special Walleye Licence may be purchased for \$11.00 (plus GST) online at albertarelm.com and at licence issuers.
- May 5, 2020** Undersubscribed Licence information available online at albertarelm.com.
- May 5, 2020** Undersubscribed Special Walleye Licences maybe purchased for \$11.00 (plus GST) online at albertarelm.com or at licence issuers.

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

DRAW RULES including types of Special Walleye Licences

Type of Special Walleye Licence Draws Available	Restrictions on Applying for these Draws	Application
Walleye Class A (2 over 50 cm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Alberta resident may apply for all 3 draws but will only be drawn in one. • Draws will be conducted in the following order: Class A, Class B, Class C. • 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, B, or C 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.
Walleye Class B (3 between 43-50 cm)		
Walleye Class C (3 under 43 cm)		

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

If you only want to increase your draw priority, choose priority only (999) as your first and only choice.

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 Special Walleye Licence quotas, the undersubscribed licences are made available to eligible Alberta resident anglers on a first-come first-served basis.

Undersubscribed licences become available for purchase May 5, 2020.

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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