



PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND  
ÎLE-DU-PRINCE-ÉDOUARD

# **WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ACT ANGLING REGULATIONS**

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**WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ACT**  
**Chapter W-4.1**

**ANGLING REGULATIONS**

Pursuant to section 28 of the *Wildlife Conservation Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1998, Cap. W-4.1, Council made the following regulations:

**1. Definitions**

In these regulations

- (a) “**Act**” means the *Wildlife Conservation Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1998, Cap. W-4.1;
- (b) “**chumming**” means the use of any material to attract fish to a location;
- (c) “**litter**”, as a verb, means to discard trash, garbage, rubbish or any other objects, and, as a noun, means the trash, garbage or other objects discarded;
- (d) “**perch**” means the species of perch known as white perch having the scientific name *Morone americana*;
- (e) “**salmon**” means the species of Atlantic salmon having the scientific name *Salmo salar*;
- (f) “**trout**” means the species of trout known as
  - (i) Arctic char, having the scientific name *Salvelinus alpinus*,
  - (ii) brook trout, having the scientific name *Salvelinus fontinalis*,
  - (iii) brown trout, having the scientific name *Salmo trutta*, and
  - (iv) rainbow trout, having the scientific name *Oncorhynchus mykiss*. (EC532/19)

**2. Licenses**

The Minister may issue angling licenses for perch, salmon or trout, and collect the fees for the licenses, as set out in the Schedule. (EC532/19)

**3. Ice fishing**

No person shall, when angling for trout or perch through ice,

- (a) leave any shelter materials unattended;
- (b) use shacks for the purpose of angling; or
- (c) leave holes cut in the ice unless marked with a spruce bough or some other appropriate natural vegetation. (EC532/19)

**4. Prohibited activities**

No person shall

- (a) damage or obstruct
  - (i) any fishway,
  - (ii) any device used to monitor fish passage, or
  - (iii) any device used by fish to pass over or around any obstruction;
- (b) do anything to stop or hinder fish
  - (i) from entering or passing any fishway, or
  - (ii) from surmounting any obstacle or leap;
- (c) angle for or attempt to catch fish in any manner in any fishway;
- (d) catch or attempt to catch trout or salmon by means of chumming;
- (e) while angling, be in possession of or retain trout unless it is immediately killed or released into the water;
- (f) sell, possess or use fish eggs as bait for angling; or
- (g) litter while angling. (EC532/19)

**5. Requirement for license**

- (1) No person shall operate a private fishing preserve unless the person is the holder of a valid fishing preserve license issued under these regulations.

**Application**

- (2) A person may apply to the Minister in the form approved by the Minister for a license to operate a private fishing preserve on privately owned or leased land.

**Information to be provided**

- (3) An applicant for a fishing preserve license shall
  - (a) indicate the species and the source of the fish to be used in the operation of the private fishing preserve;
  - (b) describe the security measures the applicant proposes to use to prevent the introduction into the province of undesirable fish species and fish diseases;
  - (c) provide a map or diagram showing the location and extent of the lands and waters the applicant proposes to use for the operation of the private fishing preserve, with a statement of the total acreage and the title and interest of the applicant; and
  - (d) state the fees and charges the applicant proposes to levy for angling in the private fishing preserve.

**Expiry**

- (3) A fishing preserve license expires on March 31st of the year following the date of issue unless an earlier date of expiry of the license is specified in the terms or conditions of the fishing preserve license.

**Fee**

- (4) The fee for a fishing preserve license is that specified in the Schedule to these regulations.

**Angling in fishing preserve**

- (5) Wild fish that are native to the waters of a private fishing preserve or that have not been introduced into it by the holder of the fishing preserve license may be taken by persons



angling in the private fishing preserve, subject to all other applicable fishing regulations pertaining to licenses, open seasons and bag and possession limits. (EC532/19)

**6. Entry for enforcement**

A conservation officer or natural resource inspector may enter on any private property for the purpose of enforcing the Act and these regulations. (EC532/19)

**7. Terms and conditions**

The Minister may attach any terms and conditions to a license the Minister considers appropriate. (EC532/19)

**8. Offence**

A person who contravenes these regulations or any term or condition attached to a license is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to the penalty specified under the Act. (EC532/19)

**9. Schedule adopted**

The Schedule to these regulations is adopted and forms part of these regulations. (EC532/19)

**10. Revocation**

- (1) The *Wildlife Conservation Act Angling Regulations* (EC180/02) are revoked.

**Idem**

- (2) The *Fish and Game Protection Act Private Fishing Preserves Regulations* (EC535/86) are revoked. (EC532/19)



**SCHEDULE****LICENSE REQUIREMENTS**

LICENSE	FEE (HST Not Included)
<b>1. ANGLING FOR TROUT AND PERCH</b>	
(a) Resident or non-resident (19 to 59 years of age)	\$10.00
(b) Family (5 days), Available May 1	5.00
(c) Courtesy resident (16 to 18 years of age and 60 years of age or older)	Free
<b>2. SALMON FLY FISHING</b>	
(a) Resident	\$10.00
(b) Non-resident	10.00
<b>3. FISHING PRESERVE LICENSE</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>4.</b> For the purpose of clause 1(b), “family” includes the license holder’s spouse and dependants.	
<b>5.</b> A person applying for a salmon fly-fishing license shall also hold an angling license or be exempt under the Act. (EC532/19)	