

## THE RECEIPT FOR THE PAYMENT IS YOUR FISHING CARD

- You may print the receipt as proof of payment or save it in your smartphone or other mobile device. You must always carry the receipt and any other fishing permits with you when fishing.
- Permits must be presented to a fishing supervisor if requested. If exempt from paying due to age, the fisherman must be able to prove his or her age.

## REGULATION OF FISHING IS BASED ON INFORMATION

- Regulation of fishing is the main tool in the management of fish stocks.
- The use and management of fish stocks is based on data collected on fish stocks and fishing. Planning the sustainable use and management of fish stocks is the task of the regional fisheries management authorities.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

- **Eraluvat.fi**  
**online shop for fishing permits**  
Free-of-charge service number +358 20 69 2424  
eraluvat@metsa.fi
- **Kalat.fi**
- **Kalastusrajoitus.fi (in Finnish)**  
**restrictions and prohibitions concerning the common fishing right**
- **Federation of Finnish Fisheries Associations**  
kalastus@ahven.net  
ahven.net
- **Finnish Federation for Recreational Fishing**  
vapaa-ajankalastaja@vapaa-ajankalastaja.fi  
vapaa-ajankalastaja.fi  
ottiopas.fi
- **Guide for Travellers**  
FishinginFinland.fi

## FISHING ACT

Benefits for fish and fishermen

- The aim of the Fishing Act is to secure the natural reproduction of fish and ensure good fishing opportunities.
- Viable fish stocks are exploited in a way that is ecologically, economically and socially sustainable.

## SIMPLE PERMIT PROCEDURE

- **The fisheries management fee** gives the right to fish with one rod anywhere in Finland, except in rapids and currents in waters containing migratory fish, areas where fishing is prohibited, certain special sites, and in the Åland Islands.

- The fee is to be paid by **all fishermen aged 18 to 64 years who engage in fishing other than float fishing (without a reel), ice-fishing or herring fishing with a rig.** The fee is EUR 45/year, EUR 15/week and EUR 6/day.

- The fee **can be paid online at Eraluvat.fi, by calling the Metsähallitus service number** free of charge +358 20 69 2424 (weekdays 8-16), **or at Metsähallitus' Nature Centres and R-kioski news stands.**

- **When paying the fee the fisherman is entered in the fisheries management fee register.** Name, contact information and date of birth are required for the registration.

Fisheries management fee is an investment in fish stocks.


The collected funds are used for the benefit of fishing waters.

- For **fishing with nets, traps or with several rods, and for catching crayfish a permit from the owner of the water area is always needed,** in addition to the fisheries management fee. Float fishing, ice-fishing and herring fishing with a rig are common fishing rights for which no permits are required.

- **More information** on the restrictions is available at the Kalastusrajoitus.fi service.

Rules concerning protection, closed seasons and catch sizes laid down in the Fishing Decree protect fish species and secure their natural reproduction. The Act allows the authorities to specify catch sizes that differ from those in the Fishing Decree if this is necessary to protect fish stocks. Always check whether there are any local restrictions before engaging in fishing.



	CLOSED SEASONS	CATCH SIZES/QUOTAS
 Trout with adipose fin	Fully protected in the Gulf of Finland. From 2019 fully protected in all marine areas. Fully protected in inland waters south of latitude 64°00' N. Not applicable to trout caught from brooks or ponds with no migratory connection from the sea or a lake. Rivers and brooks 1 Sept to 30 Nov	Minimum 50 cm in waters north of latitude 67°00' N. Minimum 60 cm in other areas where fishing is permitted. Maximum 45 cm in brooks or ponds with no migratory connection from the sea or a lake
Adipose fin-clipped trout	Rivers and brooks 1 Sept to 30 Nov	Minimum 50 cm
Salmon	Rivers and brooks 1 Sept to 30 Nov	Minimum 60 cm Quota for recreational fishing 2 salmon/day/person Minimum 50 cm in the Bothnian Bay north of latitude 63°30' N
Landlocked salmon with adipose fin	Fully protected in the Vuoksi and Hiitolanjoki river basins Rivers and brooks 1 Aug to 30 Nov	Minimum 60 cm in other waters
Adipose fin-clipped landlocked salmon	Vuoksi and Hiitolanjoki waters specified in the map annexed to the Fishing Decree 1 June to 31 Aug Rivers and brooks 1 Aug to 30 Nov	Minimum 60 cm Quota for recreational fishing 1 salmon/day/person in the Vuoksi river basin
Arctic char	Fully protected in Lake Kuolimo and in Lake Saimaa in the area between Puumalansalmi and Vuoksenniska Elsewhere in the Vuoksi river basin 1 Sept to 30 Nov	Minimum 60 cm elsewhere in the Vuoksi river basin Minimum 45 cm in Lake Inari
Grayling	Fully protected in marine areas Inland waters south of latitude 67°00' N 1 April to 31 May	Minimum 35 cm south of and 30 cm north of latitude 67°00' N
Whitefish	Rivers and brooks flowing into the sea 1 Sept to 30 Nov	-
Lamprey	1 April to 15 Aug	-
Zander	-	Minimum 42 cm
Noble crayfish, signal crayfish, narrow-clawed crayfish	1 Nov to 21 July at 12 noon	-