

# PURCHASING LICENCES

## NEW! E-LICENSING

Non-Tidal Angling Licences are now available on-line. The new Non-Tidal (Freshwater) Fishing E-Licensing system allows anglers to register to obtain an Angler Number and purchase their basic Non-Tidal Angling Licence, Classified Waters Licences, White Sturgeon Conservation Licences and Conservation Surcharge Stamps, at any time.

## WHERE TO BUY A LICENCE

To purchase your angling licence on-line or for further information, please go to [www.fishing.gov.bc.ca](http://www.fishing.gov.bc.ca).

Anglers may also obtain electronic licences from their local Service BC Centre or any licence vendor who may offer this service. For a listing of Service BC Centres and licence vendors, go to <http://a100.gov.bc.ca/pub/lvs>.

# CONSERVATION SURCHARGES

Your basic angling licence can be validated with up to five annual Conservation Surcharge Stamps described in detail below, plus a White Sturgeon Conservation Licence. The stamps are valid for the licence year (i.e., to March 31). **(Anglers who purchase more than one short-term "old style" paper licence (i.e., One Day or Eight Day Licences) should keep the current licence and the original licence with its Conservation Surcharge Stamps together while angling.)** Note: If a copy of your basic licence is reprinted, all your retention records must be transferred to the new copy.

## STEELHEAD

Your basic licence must be validated with a Conservation Surcharge Stamp **if you intend to fish for steelhead anywhere in B.C.** (whether you intend to keep or release your catch). In addition, a steelhead stamp is mandatory when fishing on most Classified Waters during certain specified periods, even when fishing for species other than steelhead. Refer to the regional tables for dates and exceptions.

This stamp is available with all annual and short-term basic licences, but you are limited to one stamp per year, regardless of how many short-term licences you buy. **You must immediately record your retention of hatchery steelhead on your basic angling licence.** Please retain your basic licence for the entire licence year as you may be requested to complete an annual steelhead survey.

Note: The ANNUAL province-wide quota for hatchery steelhead is 10.  
**All wild steelhead must be released**  
– check the Regional Water-Specific Tables for details.

## NON-TIDAL SALMON

Your basic licence must be validated with a Conservation Surcharge Stamp to **keep a salmon** of any legal size or species (other than kokanee) from non-tidal waters. A stamp is not required if you intend to release all salmon caught. **You must immediately record your retention of adult chinook salmon on your basic angling licence.**

Note: "Adult Chinook" are defined in the *Freshwater Salmon Supplement* published by DFO (see page 4 in this section).

## KOOTENAY LAKE RAINBOW TROUT

Your basic licence must be validated with a Conservation Surcharge Stamp to **keep rainbow trout over 50 cm** from the main body of Kootenay Lake. **You must immediately record your retention on your basic angling licence.**

No Conservation Surcharge Stamp is required if you release all Kootenay Lake rainbow trout over 50 cm.

## SHUSWAP LAKE CHAR

Your basic licence must be validated with a Conservation Surcharge Stamp to **keep char over 60 cm** caught in Shuswap Lake<sup>1</sup>. **You must immediately record your retention on your basic angling licence.**

No Conservation Surcharge Stamp is required if you release all Shuswap Lake char over 60 cm.

## SHUSWAP LAKE RAINBOW TROUT

Your basic licence must be validated with a Conservation Surcharge Stamp to **keep rainbow trout over 50 cm** from Shuswap Lake<sup>1</sup>. **You must immediately record your retention on your basic angling licence.**

No Conservation Surcharge Stamp is required if you release all Shuswap Lake rainbow trout over 50 cm.

<sup>1</sup> Shuswap Lake includes the main body of Shuswap Lake, Little Shuswap Lake, South Thompson River between Shuswap Lake and Little Shuswap Lake, Seymour, Anstey and Salmon arms and Mara Lake.

## WHITE STURGEON

You must purchase a **White Sturgeon Conservation Licence**, in addition to your basic licence, **if you intend to fish for white sturgeon** on the lower and middle portions<sup>2</sup> of the Fraser River watershed (which includes the Fraser's tributaries). This is a catch-and-release only fishery - all sturgeon must be released. Please note that this is the only white sturgeon fishery in the province's non-tidal waters.

<sup>2</sup> From the CPR Bridge at Mission to and including Williams Lake River in the Cariboo