



The Freshwater Fishing E-Licence: A Tutorial for Anglers

About the Freshwater Fishing E-Licence

On September 6, 2007 the BC Government launched a new e-licensing web site at www.fishing.gov.bc.ca that allows individuals to purchase and pay online for a Freshwater Fishing Licence for recreational purposes.

E-licensing will give anglers a wider variety of choices about how, where and when they buy fishing licences. Licences can now be purchased online from a home computer any day, any time.

Anglers will no longer have to delay that special fishing trip while searching for a vendor who is open early in the morning or on a long weekend.

Vendors will still play an important role. Anglers who are not comfortable making their purchases online can buy paper licences from a vendor or a Service BC Centre if they prefer.

Types of fishing licences

- 1** Every angler who is 16 years of age or older will need to buy a **Basic Licence** which allows him or her to fish in BC during a given time period. ***A Basic Licence is required in order to purchase a Conservation Species Licence and/or a Classified Waters Licence.***
- 2** Anglers who intend to fish for certain special species must buy a **Conservation Species Licence** (also called a **Conservation Surcharge**) for each species in addition to the Basic Licence. The special species are Steelhead Trout, Non-Tidal Salmon, Kootenay Lake Rainbow Trout, Shuswap Lake Char, or Shuswap Lake Rainbow Trout. The Conservation Surcharge is valid for the licensing year (April 1st to March 31st).
- 3** Anglers who intend to fish in one of BC's specially designated trout streams must buy a **Classified Waters Licence** in addition to the Basic Licence. A Classified Waters Licence allows B.C. Residents to fish on any classified water in the province during the licensing year (April 1st to March 31st). For Non-Residents, the Classified Waters Licence is sold on a per diem basis and is date and water specific.

If you already have a paper licence

If you already have a paper Basic Licence for the fishing season, you cannot add Conservation Species Licences or Classified Waters Licences online.

You can purchase these additional paper licences from a fishing licence vendor. To find a vendor, visit the government web site at <http://a100.gov.bc.ca/pub/lvs/>

What you will need to buy an e-licence

- A computer connected to the Internet.
- A printer to print your licence. The printer must be switched on and loaded with letter-sized paper. You must carry your printed and signed copy of your **licence** (not your receipt) with you when you are fishing. If your printer doesn't work or you lose your licence, the Freshwater Fishing E-Licensing System allows you to reprint your licence at no charge.
- One of the following compatible web browsers:
 - Internet Explorer version 6 or higher,
 - Firefox version 2 or higher, or
 - Safari version 3.1 or higher.
- If the Freshwater Fishing E-Licensing System detects that you have an incompatible browser, it will display a "Browser Not Compatible" error message and you will not be allowed to use the system.
- The Freshwater Fishing E-Licensing System uses pop-up windows, therefore you must have pop-up blocking software turned off.
- Adobe Reader version 6 or higher is needed to print your fishing licence which will be a PDF document. If you do not already have Adobe Reader, or you need to upgrade to a later version, you can download a free copy of Adobe Reader at http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2_allversions.html.
- A valid credit card number to pay for your e-licence on the BC Government's secure credit card payment web site. VISA, MasterCard and American Express are accepted.
- An Angler Number. You will already have one if you have registered yourself online or purchased an e-licence before. If not, the System will give you an Angler Number when you buy or register for an e-licence for the first time.

Step 1 – Getting started

Go to web address www.fishing.gov.bc.ca to see the Freshwater Fishing E-Licence home page.

This page provides information about the e-licence, fees, and links to further information about freshwater fishing.

When you are ready to buy a licence, or just browse around the web site to see what's there, click the yellow **Buy a Licence** button near the top of the right column. The e-licence Logon screen (shown below) will appear.

The screenshot shows the website for the British Columbia Freshwater Fishing E-Licence. At the top left is the British Columbia logo with the tagline 'The Best Place on Earth'. Below it is a navigation menu with 'B.C. Home', 'Environment', 'Fish and Wildlife', 'Freshwater Fishing', and 'GoFishBC'. The main content area has a search bar, a breadcrumb trail 'B.C. Home » Environment » Freshwater Fishing » Freshwater Fishing E-Licence', and a 'Buy a Licence' button. Below the button are links for 'Frequently Asked Questions for anglers', a 'Tutorial: How to buy a licence online (PDF 444K)', and a note about needing Adobe Reader. A 'Vendors' section follows with an 'Issue Licences' button and links for 'Vendors need an ID and password', 'Frequently Asked Questions for vendors', and 'Tutorial for vendors (PDF 1,553K)'. A 'More About Fishing' section at the bottom right contains links for 'About recreational freshwater fishing', 'Commercial Licensing', 'Government of Canada Tidal Waters (saltwater) Fishing Licence', 'GoFishBC', 'Habitat Conservation Trust Fund', 'Vendors who issue fishing licences', and 'Find an Angling Guide'. The main content area also includes a 'Message from the Minister' by Barry Penner, 'About the Freshwater Fishing E-Licence', and 'What you will need to buy an e-licence online'.

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→ You will need Adobe Reader to print your licence and view the Tutorial.

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→ Vendors need an ID and password to access the system.

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More About Fishing

→ About recreational freshwater fishing from the Government of B.C.

→ Commercial Licensing

→ Government of Canada Tidal Waters (saltwater) Fishing Licence

→ GoFishBC: Web site of the Freshwater Fisheries Society of B.C.

→ Habitat Conservation Trust Fund

→ Vendors who issue fishing licences

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A Message from the Minister

On September 6, 2007, the B.C. Government launched a new e-licensing service to make it easier than ever for anglers to purchase recreational fishing licences.

Last year, I committed to establishing a modern, user-friendly system for selling British Columbia freshwater fishing licences. It was time to replace the traditional paper-based system that has served us well for many years. [Read more >>](#)

BARRY PENNER
Minister of Environment

About the Freshwater Fishing E-Licence

This web site allows individuals to purchase and pay online for a Freshwater Fishing Licence for recreational purposes.

The Freshwater Fishing Licence does not include fishing in British Columbia's coastal tidal waters. Tidal (saltwater) fishing regulations and licences are under the jurisdiction of the Canadian federal government. See the link to "Government of Canada" in the right column of this page.

What you will need to buy an e-licence online

You can buy a recreational fishing licence over the Internet by clicking the "Buy a licence online" link at the top of the right column of this web page.

If you already have a paper licence for the current licensing year, you cannot add additional licences online. You can purchase additional paper licences from a fishing licence vendor.

To buy an e-licence you will need:


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Step 2 – Log on

When you click the **Buy a Licence** button on the previous screen, the Logon page will appear.

If you have already visited this web site and have an Angler Number, enter your Angler Number, Birth Date and Phone number. Click the **Logon** button.

If you have not yet received an Angler Number through this web site, click the **Register Now** button.



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Logon

If you have already registered on this site, or have purchased a Freshwater Fishing Licence online through a contracted vendor, you can log in with your Angler Number. You will also need the Birth Date and Phone Number on record.

* An asterisk indicates a required field.

* Angler Number: * Birth Date: 

* Phone #:

If you are not yet registered, you can register now, and either purchase licences online, or through a contracted vendor.

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Step 3 – Register and get an Angler Number

If you clicked the **Register Now** button on the Logon screen, the **New Angler Registration** screen will appear.

Enter the requested information. This information will appear on your fishing licence. Click the **Register** button.

Your Angler Number will be displayed. **Write down the Angler Number** because you will need it to buy licences on-line, or to buy additional licences from an e-licence-equipped vendor.



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New Angler Registration


Please enter your information below. This information will be used for your Angling licence.


* An asterisk indicates a required field.

* First Name: Initial:

* Last Name:

* Birth Date:  * Sex:


* Phone: 


Email: 

Address Information


* Mailing Address:

* City:

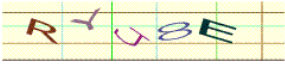

* Province/State: 

* Postal/Zip Code: 

* Country:

* Residency: 

Enter the code you see below:

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Step 4 – Buy and pay for freshwater fishing licences

After you have logged on or registered, the **My Licences** screen will appear. It displays a list of all the current licences that you have bought online yourself or from an e-licence-equipped vendor.

You can either buy additional licences now, or exit and come back later, or exit and buy licences from a vendor. To exit, click the “Exit this e-service” button at the bottom of the left column.

If you wish to buy licences, click the **Buy Licences** button. The Freshwater Fishing Licence Application screen below will appear.



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My Licences

Welcome Angus!

Angler #: 0000204

The following are your personal details as per your profile. Please click the 'Update' button if you require changes to this information.

Name: Angus Stewart Mailing: 1100 Patricia Boulevard
 Birth Date: May 23, 1960 Address: Prince George, BC
 Sex: Male V2L 3V9 Canada
 Phone: (250) 999-9999
 Email: angus@hotmail.ca Residency: B.C. Resident

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Current Licences

Below is a list of your current Angling licences.

BUY LICENCE(S)

Basic Licences

BC000627 Annual Angling Licence For: 2007/2008 Season

Conservation Surcharges

BC000628 Shuswap Lake Rainbow Trout For: 2007/2008 Season
 BC000629 Kootenay Lake Rainbow Trout For: 2007/2008 Season

Classified Waters Licences

BC000630 Classified Waters Licence For: 2007/2008 Season

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On the **Freshwater Fishing Licence Application** screen, you can buy one or more licences in addition to your current licences shown on the “My Licences” screen above by clicking on any of the following buttons:

- **Add a Basic Licence**
- **Add a Conservation Species Licence**
- **Add a Classified Waters Licence.**



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Freshwater Fishing Licence Application

Profile Information

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 Birth Date: May 23, 1960 Address: Prince George, BC
 Sex: Male V2L 3V9 Canada
 Phone: (250) 999-9999
 Email: angus@hotmail.ca Residency: B.C. Resident

Use the buttons below to add Angling Licence(s) to your Freshwater Fishing Licence Application. When you are finished, press the “Pay” button. To cancel your application, press the “Cancel” button.

Basic Licences

ADD A BASIC LICENCE

(There are no Basic Licences currently in your application.)

Conservation Species Licences

ADD A CONSERVATION SPECIES LICENCE

(also called Conservation Surcharge)

(There are no Conservation Species Licences currently in your application.)

Classified Waters Licences

ADD A CLASSIFIED WATERS LICENCE

(There are no Classified Waters currently in your application.)

Licence Fee \$0.00
 GST \$0.00
 Total CAD \$0.00

Cancel

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When you click the **Add a Basic Licence** button on the Application screen, a popup window will appear.

Choose a licence from the drop-down list, enter the information requested, and click the **Save** button. If you don't want to buy a Basic Licence, click the Cancel button.

When you click the **Add a Conservation Species Licence** button on the Application screen, a popup window will appear.

Choose a licence from the drop-down list, enter the information requested, and click the **Save** button. If you don't want to buy a Conservation Species Licence, click the Cancel button.

When you click the **Add a Classified Waters Licence** button on the Application screen, a popup window will appear.

Choose a licence from the drop-down list, enter the information requested, and click the **Save** button. If you don't want to buy a Classified Waters Licence, click the Cancel button.

BC residents:

Not resident in BC:

When you click the Save or Cancel button in a popup window, the Application screen will be displayed again, showing the licences you wish to purchase.

You can **add more licences**, or click the **blue delete button** to remove a licence from your Application:



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Basic Licences

Annual Angling Licence For: 2007/2008 Season \$36.00

Conservation Species Licences

[ADD A CONSERVATION SPECIES LICENCE](#)

(also called Conservation Surcharge.)

Kootenay Lake Rainbow Trout For: 2007/2008 Season \$10.00

Shuswap Lake Rainbow Trout For: 2007/2008 Season \$10.00

Classified Waters Licences

[ADD A CLASSIFIED WATERS LICENCE](#)

Classified Waters Licence For: 2007/2008 Season \$15.00

Licence Fee \$71.00

GST \$4.26

Total CAD \$75.26

THANK YOU!

Your licence fee includes \$14.00 for the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund. The Habitat Conservation Trust Fund exists because of conservationists like you. Since 1981, your HCTF licence surcharges have been invested back into more than 1000 fisheries projects across British Columbia such as stream restoration, spawning channel construction, and educating the public and the next generation of anglers. For more information please visit us at www.hctf.ca.

By clicking the Pay button, I certify that the information that I have provided is true. I understand that it is an offence to provide false information.

Cancel

Pay

To pay for your licences, click the **Pay** button at the bottom of the Application screen above.

The BC Government's credit card payment screen will appear. Enter the requested information and click the **Pay Now** button.

Your **receipt** will appear on the Payment Confirmation screen.

It is recommended that you print this page for your records.



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Payment Confirmation

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 Station Prov Govt V8V 9M2

Thank you for your payment!

Your payment has been successfully received and processed. The description on your credit card statement for this purchase will appear as "Min of Environment". See below for a list of Angling Licences that have now been issued. **Please print this receipt for your records.**

Angler: Angus Stewart

Licence #	Licence	For:
BC000627	Annual Angling Licence	2007/2008 Season
BC000628	Shuswap Lake Rainbow Trout	2007/2008 Season
BC000629	Kootenay Lake Rainbow Trout	2007/2008 Season
BC000630	Classified Waters Licence	2007/2008 Season

Payment Information

Date: Sep 4, 2007 Transaction Type: Purchase
 Card Type: Visa Transaction ID: 3097
 Card Number: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 Invoice Number: 1517779 Licence Fee: \$71.00
 Receipt Number: 910 GST: \$4.26
 GST Registration #: R107864738 Total Paid (CAD): \$75.26

Approval Code: 170212 Response Message: 0APPROVED 170212
 ISO Response Code: 00 Sequence Number:
 Response Code: 001 Terminal ID: PROVBC26
 WS Response Code: A WS Resp. Description: Approved

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Step 5 – Print your fishing licence


Click the **Return to “My Licences”** to Print button at the bottom of the Payment Confirmation screen above.

When the **My Licences** screen appears, click the **Print 2007/2008 Season Licence** button at the bottom of the screen.

The printable licence will appear on a new page (shown at right), listing all of the current Basic Licences, Conservation Species Licences and Classified Waters Licences that you have purchased online yourself or through an e-licence-equipped vendor.

Note that the licence may take a few seconds to display on the screen. Please be patient.

When your licence appears, click the **printer icon** immediately above the licence.



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Licence

Your official Angling Licence document is being produced below.

Please be patient as it may take a few moments to generate.

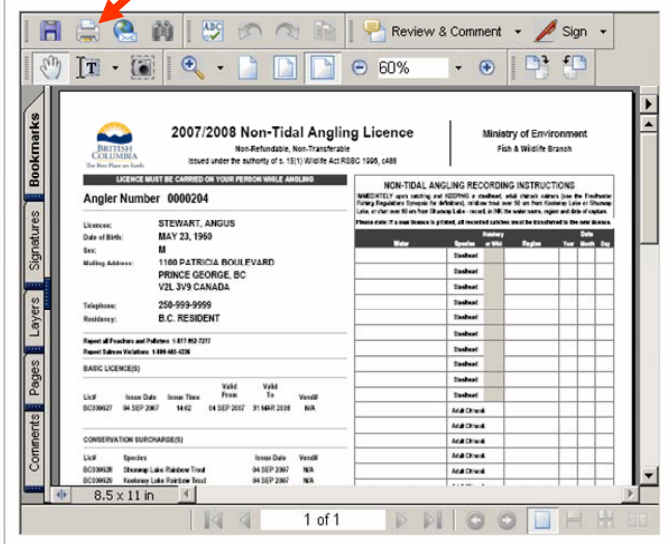
Click the Print icon below to print your licence.

Click the Save icon below if you wish to save your licence.

When you have finished printing your licence, click the “Return to My Licences” button below to return.

Click here to print

[RETURN TO MY LICENCES](#)



2007/2008 Non-Tidal Angling Licence
 Ministry of Environment
 Fish & Wildlife Branch

Angler Number 0000204

Licencee: STEWART, ANGUS
Date of Birth: MAY 23, 1960
Sex: M
Residence: B.C. RESIDENT
Telephone: 250-599-9999
Address: 1100 PATRICIA BOULEVARD
 PRINCE GEORGE, BC
 V2L 3V9 CANADA

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Step 6 – Exit the Freshwater Fishing E-Licence system

You can exit the e-licence system at any time by clicking the **Exit this e-service** button in the left column. The Freshwater Fishing E-Licence home page will be displayed.



If you have selected licences but have not paid for them on the Application screen, your data will be lost. You will need to apply for these licences again the next time you log on.

Reprinting your fishing licence

If you lose or damage your licence, you can reprint it at any time.

After you have logged on, click the **My Licences** link in the left column of the screen.

Click the **Print 2007/2008 Season Licence** button at the bottom of the screen.



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Questions?

On many of the e-licence screens, you can click the Help icons to see information about how to complete the fields on the screen.



You can also click the larger Help icon at the top right of every screen, which will display a popup window containing all help topics.



If the online help text doesn't answer your question, you can contact the **Help Desk** by:

- phoning toll free **1-877-855-3222** from Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or
- sending an e-mail note to the Help Desk at frontcounterbc@gov.bc.ca

Thank you!

We welcome your feedback and suggestions for improvement. Please e-mail your comments to the Help Desk. Thank you for using this e-service from the Government of British Columbia, and Good Fishing!