

*Commercial fishers 19 August 2019*

## **COMMERCIAL FISHING PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESS FOR 2020–2024**

### **Permits for state-owned private water areas and inland public water areas**

According to sections 8, 41 and 45 of the Fishing Act (379/2015), Metsähallitus decides upon the right to fish and the organisation of fishing in state-owned water areas.

The commercial fishing permits that are currently valid in state-owned private and public water areas administered by Metsähallitus expire on 31 December 2019.

Metsähallitus invites applications for commercial fishing permits in state-owned private and public (inland) water areas for 2020-2024.

Permits may only be applied for using the attached application template. Carefully complete all sections of the application, confirm them with your signature and send the application and attachments to Metsähallitus Registry using the return address indicated at the end of application. The application period ends on 13 September 2019. Incomplete applications, applications without a certificate showing that the applicant is listed on the ELY Centre's register of commercial fishers or applications that arrive late will be processed on a secondary basis.

### **General principles for granting commercial fishing permits**

The central principles related to granting Metsähallitus permits for commercial fishing and who is given priority in terms of receiving permits.

- Metsähallitus permits are applied for in writing, and the application is registered.
- The permit application process is announced at 2–5 year intervals.
- Applications that arrive by the application date indicated in the announcement will be processed on a priority basis. Applications that arrive late or are incomplete will be processed on a secondary basis.
- Permits can also be granted on a secondary basis after the application period has ended if fishing rights are still available. Permit applications that arrive after the actual permit application period will be processed in order of arrival.
- The duration of a permit is 1–5 years and determined on a case-by-case basis.
- In addition to the obligations detailed in the permit terms, all permits include the obligation to make catch reports to Metsähallitus. The permits can be cancelled during the application period due to misconduct, violations of legislation or changes in legislation.
- Failure to use a granted fishing permit without justification will weaken the applicant's possibilities to obtain future permits. One of the targets of granting permits is to ensure the appropriate use of the fishing permits that are granted.

Determination of priority when granting permits (in order of importance)

1. A permit is granted to an applicant who is listed in the ELY Centre's register of commercial fishers. Commercial fishers in Group 1 will be prioritised over commercial fishers in Group 2 when granting permits.
2. A fisher's previous fishing history in the area or site in question (in other words, local knowledge) is considered an advantage.
3. The applicant's other fishing opportunities, such as the possibility to fish in the waters of a joint-ownership association, may affect the granting of a permit. The applicants' fishing possibilities as a whole will be taken into consideration when granting permits.
4. Local commercial fishers will be given priority in terms of receiving permits. The applicant's locality is mainly determined on the basis of their municipality of residence.

**How to apply**

Use the attached form to apply for permits.

The application must be submitted by 16:00 on 13 September 2019 to the following address:

Metsähallitus, Registry, P.O. Box 94, 01301

VANTAA or by e-mail: [kirjaamo@metsa.fi](mailto:kirjaamo@metsa.fi)

**Prices**

The prices of commercial fishing permits are governed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry decree on payments for certain Metsähallitus public administration tasks (888/2017). Note: The prices for 2020 and the following years have not been set yet.

Trap or net	Payment/calendar year
Seine net	100 €
Fyke net (max 1.5 m)	10 €
Large fyke net (1.5-5 m)	60 €
Large fyke net (over 5 m)	130 €
Trawl net	200 €
Net, crayfish trap, fish trap (3 traps), 10 bait hooks and longline with max 100 hooks	3 €

**Further information:**

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**ATTACHMENTS**

Available at: <https://www.eraluvat.fi/kalastus/kaupallinen-kalastus.html>

Application form

List of water areas

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Permit holders

**FOR INFORMATION**

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Federation of Finnish Fisheries Associations