

# FISHERIES MANAGEMENT FEE

*The fisheries management fee is required if you are 18-69 years of age and will be fishing with lures or traps or crayfishing. The fisheries management fee entitles you to fish in nearly the entire country using one rod. In some cases, however, anglers will require the permission of the owner of a given water area. Proceeds from the fisheries management fee are used to manage fishing waters and fish stocks as well as monitor fishing activity and provide advice to anglers. The fisheries management fee is based on the Fishing Act. For additional information, please visit the [Eräluvat.fi](http://Eräluvat.fi) website or call the service number at +358 (0)20 69 2424.*

## Payment obligation

The fisheries management fee is required if you are **18–69 years of age** and will be fishing with **lures or traps or crayfishing**. Fishers who have reached the age of 65 or more by 31 December 2023 are an exception: they do not have to pay the fee.

You do not have to pay the fisheries management fee if you are only ice fishing, hook and line fishing or fishing with a simple herring rig. You also do not have to pay if you are under 18 years of age, over 70 years of age or have reached the age of 65 or more by 31 December 2023. Your payment obligation ends on the day you turn 70. However, it is still possible to pay the fisheries management fee also in these cases, as an investment in nature.

## Fishing rights

The fisheries management fee entitles angler to fish **with one rod nearly everywhere in Finland** as well as in public sea areas owned by the state. Angling with more than one rod and trap fishing require a fishing permit for a specific water area in addition to payment of the fisheries management fee. These are sold by the owner of the water area, such as Metsähallitus for state-owned waters.

There are restrictions in protected water areas, special destinations that require separate permits or in rapids and running waters with migratory fish stocks. The website [Kalastusrajoitus.fi](http://Kalastusrajoitus.fi) contains a map showing all the no-fishing zones and restricted areas. The fisheries management fee does not entitle the angler to fish in Åland.

## Allocation of fee proceeds

Metsähallitus forwards proceeds from payments to the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry every month. The proceeds are used to maintain fishing opportunities and manage natural water environments.

The proceeds are allocated to fisheries areas for: planning the sustainable development and management of fish stocks; paying compensation to water area owners for the use of their water for fishing; organisation advisory services and monitoring of fishing activity; and various actors' projects, which aim to improve fish habitats.

## Price and period of validity

**47 €** / calendar year, **16 €** / week, **6 €** / day

The fisheries management fee always applies to **calendar days and years**, but the period of validity for a weekly payment may begin on the desired day of the week. The prices are regulated by Parliament under the Fishing Act.

## Where to purchase

- Eräluvut.fi web shop
- Eräluvut mobile app
- Service number +358 (0)20 69 2424 (weekdays 9am-3pm)
- Metsähallitus permit service points
- R-kioskis will not sell fisheries management fees from 2024 onward.

## Payment receipt

The fisheries management fee is **an individual fee**, but it may also be paid on someone else's behalf. The permit holder's name, contact details and date of birth (not the personal identification number) must appear on the permit. Metsähallitus maintains the fisheries management fee register.

The payment receipt is proof that the fisheries management fee has been paid. Anglers must keep the receipt with them while fishing and present it in paper, plastic or electronic form to the authorities or fishing inspector upon request. A fishing permit is also proof of payment of the fisheries management fee. It is sent along with a year's subscription (April-October) to *Suomu* magazine to all payers of the fisheries management fee.

If an angler does not have the payment receipt with them, they will be ordered to go to a police station within seven days in order to present the receipt that was valid at the time of fishing.

## Purchasing and Cancellation Policy and Privacy statement

As stated in section 81(2) of the Fishing Act: "Metsähallitus is not obliged to provide a new proof of the payment of the fisheries management fee to replace a lost one or to refund an erroneously paid fisheries management fee without special reason."

- If you lose your receipt for paying the fisheries management fee, a copy can be sent to your email with no service charges. If you need the receipt via regular mail, you will be charged a handling fee of €13.
- If the Customer has paid the fisheries management fee for an entire season twice, the extra payment shall, in the first instance, be transferred to a person named by the Customer. If it is not possible to transfer the fisheries management fee to another person, the extra payment may be refunded.

### Conditions concerning fisheries management fees ordered via phone from Eräluvut customer service:

- Complaints and corrections must be made within 7 days of receiving the invoice.
- When paying, you must always use the reference number on the invoice.
- Leaving an invoice unpaid is not a cancellation. Cancellation must be made before the due date stated on the invoice either by calling the wilderness permits service number +358 (0)20 69 2424 or by sending an email to [eraluvat@metsa.fi](mailto:eraluvat@metsa.fi).
- An unpaid permit that has not been cancelled will be collected upon at a later date. The person who made the order is responsible for paying the order.

[The Privacy statement concerning the collection and use of personal data collected for the Fisheries Management Fee, is available at: \[verkkokauppa.eraluvat.fi\]\(http://verkkokauppa.eraluvat.fi\).](#)