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Online licensing introduced for anglers, hunters

Albertans can now purchase and print their own hunting and fishing licences at their computers

Edmonton... Albertans will enjoy the benefits of purchasing and printing their own hunting and fishing licences online thanks to a new Internet licensing system being introduced by the Government of Alberta.

“Alberta is the first province to introduce complete online licensing for both hunting and fishing,” said Ted Morton, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development. “This new online system will be an innovative new way for Alberta’s hunters and anglers to access the province’s abundant hunting and fishing opportunities.”

Starting immediately, anglers will be able to purchase and print sportfishing licences online at their convenience, 24 hours a day, seven days a week at <https://www.albertarelm.com/>.

Beginning in June, hunters will be able to purchase all draw applications online, and then check their results online in August. Alberta offers more than 150 different types of hunting licences that will be available online starting in August.

Applications for new Wildlife Identification Numbers (WIN) and renewals of WIN cards can also be made online.

WIN card holders will also have the option of providing their e-mail addresses so that information on future hunting and fishing opportunities can be sent directly to their e-mail account.

More information about Alberta’s fishing and hunting licensing system can be found on the Alberta Sustainable Resource Development website, <http://srd.alberta.ca/fishwildlife/licensingsystem/default.aspx>.

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Backgrounder attached.

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Edmonton... Key dates in the introduction of Internet licensing at <https://www.albertarelm.com> as follows:

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- Online Internet licensing is launched. More than 220,000 anglers will have the option to purchase their 2008-09 sportfishing licences using this secure and easy-to-use service.
- Sportfishing licences can be purchased online and printed 24 hours per day, seven days a week.
- Anglers will also have the ability to reprint lost or damaged licences at no charge.
- Anglers and hunters will be able to apply for, purchase and renew their Wildlife Identification Numbers (WIN) and cards online.
- WIN card holders will continue to have the ability to look up their current licence purchases, as well as purchases for the previous five years.

June

- More than 75,000 hunters will have the option to purchase all draw applications online for the 2008 hunting draw season.
- Hunters can continue to review their draw application priorities online.
- Draw results will continue to be available online.

August

- Expansion of system to include online functionality for more than 150 different types of hunting licences.
- WIN card holders who provide their e-mail addresses can be contacted directly about the latest hunting and fishing opportunities. Currently, there are more than 50,000 WIN card holders with registered e-mail addresses on file.

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