

Your Quick & Easy Guide to Getting a Fishing License in the Tri Cities

Welcome to Fishing in Eastern Washington!

Ready to explore the amazing fishing opportunities where the Columbia, Snake, and Yakima Rivers meet? Your adventure starts with getting the right license. This guide will walk you through everything you need to know in just a few minutes!

Why You Need a License

- ✓ **It's the Law** - Required for anyone 15 and older
 - ✓ **Conservation** - Your fees protect fish populations and improve habitats
 - ✓ **Access** - Opens up hundreds of fishing spots throughout Washington
 - ✓ **Community** - Supports local fishing programs and youth education
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Which License Do You Need?

FRESHWATER LICENSE

Perfect for: Columbia River, Snake River, Yakima River, local ponds

Who needs it: Ages 15+

Cost: \$29.50 (residents) | \$84.50 (non-residents)

COMBINATION LICENSE

Perfect for: Freshwater PLUS shellfish/seaweed harvesting

Who needs it: Ages 15+

Cost: \$54.00 (residents) | \$159.00 (non-residents)

SPECIAL ENDORSEMENTS YOU MIGHT NEED:

 **Columbia River Salmon/Steelhead (\$8.75)**

Required for: Salmon or steelhead fishing in the Columbia River


Two-Pole Endorsement (\$13.00)


Required for: Using two fishing poles at the same time

WHERE TO GET YOUR LICENSE - TRI CITIES LOCATIONS


IN-PERSON LOCATIONS


KENNEWICK

 **Sportsman's Warehouse**
1680 N Columbia Center Blvd
(509) 783-5445
Mon-Sat: 9am-9pm | Sun: 10am-7pm


 **Walmart**
2720 S Quillan St
(509) 586-1554
Sporting Goods Dept - Daily: 6am-11pm

PASCO

 **Walmart**
4820 N Road 68
(509) 543-7934
Sporting Goods Dept - Daily: 6am-11pm

 **Ranch & Home**
2320 N Commercial Ave
(509) 547-5773
Mon-Sat: 8am-8pm | Sun: 9am-6pm

RICHLAND


 **Walmart**
2801 Duportail St
(509) 628-8420
Sporting Goods Dept - Daily: 6am-11pm

 **ONLINE - AVAILABLE 24/7**


 **Official WDFW Website**
fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov

- ✓ Instant delivery to email
- ✓ Print at home
- ✓ Save to phone

BY PHONE

 **1-866-246-9453**

Mon-Fri: 8am-5pm

 *\$5.50 processing fee applies*

WHAT YOU'LL NEED TO BRING/HAVE READY











For In-Person Purchase:

- ☐ **Valid ID** (Driver's license or state ID)
- ☐ **Cash or Card** (Most locations accept both)
- ☐ **Previous License Number** (if renewing - speeds up the process!)

For Online Purchase:

- ☐ **Email Address** (where license will be sent)
- ☐ **Credit/Debit Card**
- ☐ **Printer or Smartphone** (to display license)

SPECIAL RULES BY AGE

| Age Group | License Required? | Special Notes |
|-----------|--|---|
| Under 15 |  No license needed! |  Fish for FREE! |
| 15-17 |  Yes |  Reduced price available |
| 18-69 |  Yes |  Full price annual license |
| 70+ |  Yes |  Reduced price available |
| Disabled |  Yes |  Special rates may apply* |

*Contact WDFW for disability license options



LICENSE DURATION OPTIONS



ANNUAL LICENSE

- ✓ **Valid:** April 1 - March 31
- ✓ **Best for:** Regular local anglers
- ✓ **Pro tip:** Buy in March to get 13 months of fishing!



SHORT-TERM OPTIONS (Non-residents)

 **1-Day:** \$11.50

 **3-Day:** \$19.50

Perfect for visiting friends & family!



PRO TIPS FOR TRI CITIES ANGLERS



BEST DEALS:

- **Free Fishing Weekend** - First weekend in June (no license needed!)
- **Youth Fishing Events** - Kids fish free at local derbies
- **Military Discount** - Active duty get resident rates



GO DIGITAL:

- Screenshot your license on your phone
- Save a backup in your email
- No need to worry about wet or torn paper!






DON'T FORGET:




- **Carry your license** - Must have it while fishing
- **Sign it** - Invalid without your signature
- **Check regulations** - Some areas have special rules
- **Catch record card** - Required for salmon/steelhead

POPULAR LOCAL SPOTS TO USE YOUR NEW LICENSE

FAMILY-FRIENDLY SPOTS:

-  **Columbia Park Pond** (Kennewick) - Stocked with trout
-  **Howard Amon Park** (Richland) - Great shore access
-  **Wade Park** (Pasco) - Kids love it here!

RIVERS & RESERVOIRS:


-  **Columbia River** - Salmon, steelhead, walleye, bass
 -  **Snake River** - Steelhead and smallmouth bass
 -  **Yakima River Delta** - Bass and panfish
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Can I buy a license as a gift?

 Yes! Perfect for birthdays or holidays. Purchase online and print/email to recipient.

Q: What if I lose my license?

 Replacements are free online at fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov (just log into your account)

Q: Do I need a license for catch-and-release?

 Yes, a license is required for all fishing activities

Q: Can I use my license in Oregon or Idaho?

 No, but special Columbia River endorsements work for boundary waters

NEED MORE HELP?




WDFW Regional Office

1701 S 24th Ave, Pasco, WA 99301

(509) 545-2284

Mon-Fri: 8am-5pm

Online Resources

 **Regulations:** wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/regulations
 **Fish Washington App:** Free on iOS & Android
 **Email:** licensing@dfw.wa.gov

QUICK CHECKLIST - GET LICENSED IN 5 MINUTES!

FASTEST METHOD:

1. ★ Go to fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov
 2. ★ Click "Buy License"
 3. ★ Select "Freshwater Fishing"
 4. ★ Add any endorsements (salmon/steelhead, two-pole)
 5. ★ Pay with card
 6. ★ Print or save to phone
 7. ★ GO FISH! 🎣
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☀️ **Welcome to the Tri Cities Fishing Community!** ☀️

Remember: Every license purchased helps maintain boat launches, stock fish, and protect the incredible fishing resources we enjoy here where three rivers meet. See you on the water!