

2021 DEAN RIVER DRAW INFORMATION

Important dates and requirements are provided in this document to ensure that your application is completed correctly and received on time to be entered in the Draw. **Please review the information carefully as some details have changed or are new this year.**

ABOUT THE DRAW

The Dean River Draw is for non-guided, non-resident alien (Non-Canadian) anglers wishing to fish the Upper Class 1 main sections of the Dean River from Crag Creek to signs 500 m above the lower canyon.

Successful applicants of the draw will be issued a Classified Waters Licence for this section of the river, valid for a maximum of eight consecutive days, by the Fish & Aquatic Habitat Branch (the Branch).

Anglers wishing to fish the Lower Class 1 section of the Dean River below the signs in the lower canyon, or the Class 2 section at the upper end of the Dean River need not apply through the Draw and may purchase a Classified Waters Licence for either of those sections of the river [online](#), using the self-serve Freshwater Fishing E-Licensing system, or in person from any [Service BC location](#) or [licence vendor](#). Anglers wishing to utilize the services of a licensed Angling Guide do not need to apply through the Draw to fish any section of the Dean River. However, **keep in mind, non-Resident Aliens (whether GUIDED or NON-GUIDED) may only purchase one Classified Waters Licence for the Dean River per licence year.**

APPLICATION PROCESS

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Non-resident aliens (Non-Canadian) only
- Individuals or groups
 - Groups must identify a single **contact person** for the group, this person may or may not be a member of the group
 - There is no limit on number of individuals that can apply as a group
 - Anglers under the age of 16 are permitted to apply; if successful in securing days, they are not required to purchase licences but must be accompanied by a person 16 years of age or older who has the appropriate licences and stamps

DATE SELECTION

- Dates available for the Draw are from June 21 through September 26, 2021.
- First, second and third choice dates may be specified (dates may overlap).
- Date choices must not exceed a maximum of eight consecutive days.
- Group members must have identical date choices.

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

NEW FOR 2021: Applications must be submit online – the new application form is available [here](#). You will receive a confirmation email (which will include a copy of your application) upon submission.

If you require assistance with submitting your application, or have questions regarding the application process, please contact Sandra Marshall, by email: fish.support@gov.bc.ca or telephone: 778-698-9236.

THE DRAW

The following dates are tentative and may change due to the evolving conditions surrounding the COVID -19 pandemic and associated [Federal](#) and [Provincial](#) travel restrictions and Orders of the BC Public Health Officer.

CLOSING DATE

The closing date for receipt of applications is **Friday, April 9, 2021**.

DRAW DATE

The Draw will be conducted during the **week of April 12, 2021**.

FOLLOWING THE DRAW

NOTIFICATION

Once the draw is completed, designated contact persons will receive results by e-mail. While we aim to notify applicants of their draw results shortly after the draw is conducted, we will be doing so with caution, as we are not able to predict at this time what restrictions may be in place come this year's fishing dates.

LICENCES REQUIRED

Anglers that are successful in the draw must have in their possession while fishing, a basic Non-Tidal Angling Licence (either an Annual or an Eight Day), a Classified Waters Licence for the Upper Dean River, and a Conservation Surcharge Stamp for Steelhead. **The Classified Waters Licence valid for the Upper Dean River is NOT available through the self-serve online system.**

NEW FOR 2021: Successful Draw applicants will be required to purchase their basic Non-Tidal Angling Licence and Conservation Surcharge Stamp for Steelhead using the self-serve [Freshwater Fishing E-Licensing system](#) **prior** to their Upper Dean River Class 1 Classified Waters Licences being issued by the Branch.

The Branch will contact anglers by phone approximately three weeks before the start of their fishing dates to obtain payment for and issue the required Upper Dean River Class 1 Classified Waters Licence **electronically - these will no longer be issued manually on paper**. Once issued, the licence (complete with basic and classified waters licences and Steelhead stamp) will be emailed to the angler at the email address indicated on their Angler Profile. Anglers should print the complete licence and have it available to present to a River Guardian or Conservation Officer if requested.

If you have questions related to purchasing licences, please contact Sandra Marshall, by email: fish.support@gov.bc.ca or telephone: 778-698-9236.

LICENCE FEES

Fees for each of these licences are listed below (in Canadian dollars and including taxes):

- Annual Basic Non-Tidal Angling Licence: \$84.00
- Eight Day Basic Non-Tidal Angling Licence: \$52.50
- Conservation Surcharge Stamp for Steelhead: \$63.00
- Class 1 Classified Waters Angling Licence: \$42.00 per day

METHODS OF PAYMENT

Payment for licences is **not required to be submit with applications**, nor is there an application fee.

Since licences are non-refundable and non-transferrable, issuance of the classified waters licence by the Branch is delayed until approximately three weeks prior to anglers scheduled fishing start dates. This allows anglers time to confirm they are still able to make the trip, and that there are no substitutions or changes to dates required due to unforeseen circumstances prior to issuance.

As noted above, anglers will be contacted by phone to obtain payment for the required classified waters licences. Accepted methods of payment are VISA, MasterCard or American Express.

DEAN RIVER ANGLER REPORT

At the conclusion of the trip, **each angler must submit a completed Dean River Angler Report** (also known as a Creel Card), which can be deposited in the drop box provided at the Dean River or mailed/mailed to the address indicated on the front of the report. These reports provide valuable data to managers on run size and timing, catch rates and angler intensity. Your co-operation in completing and submitting them is very much appreciated.

CANCELLATIONS OR SUBSTITUTIONS

Please contact the Branch as soon as you know changes to your application are required, i.e., group member cancellation/substitution, date changes, or cancellation of the application entirely.

For questions regarding the draw, cancellation or substitution requests please contact:

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