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Chapter 1 General settings

§ 1. Scope of regulation

- (1) By 2023, the regulation shall establish:
- 1) areas where recreational fishing is allowed to use gillnet, fishing line, sand line, gillnet, crayfish net, crayfish trap, harpoon gun and harpoon, as well as the limit number of fishing gear allowed to be used in these areas and fishing time;
 - 2) temporary fishing restrictions in recreational fishing and long-line fishing;
 - 3) fee for recreational fishing based on a fishing card.
- (2) The regulation regulates recreational fishing on water bodies belonging to the state and local governments and on water bodies designated for public use belonging to private owners.

Chapter 2 Recreational fishing with gill nets and longlines and temporary fishing restrictions in recreational fishing

§ 2. Limit number of permitted fishing gear, fee for fishing rights and fishing restrictions in the Baltic Sea

- (1) In the Baltic Sea, the number of gill nets per calendar month and the fee for fishing rights for recreational fishing with gill nets for up to seven consecutive days, but no longer than the period of fishing restrictions or until December 31, 2023, in the areas specified in paragraph 2 and shown on the map provided in Appendix 1 by county, if a permit is requested directly from the Environment Agency or through an electronic channel, is set out in Annex 2.
- (2) Fishing licenses, on the basis of which fish can be caught with longline during a seven-day period from March 1 to October 31, are issued for recreational fishing in the Baltic Sea regions named as follows and shown on the map presented in Appendix 1 by county:
- 1) In Harju County, in the area located at points 59°33.84370'N, 25°49.49.80865'E and 59°49.16337'n, 25°5°51.68222'E west of the connection line and points 59°14.27960'n, 23°4333.84582'E and 59°2899997'n, 23°31.30005'E connecting line;
 - 2) In Hiiu County, in the area located at 59°17.50003'N, 22°43.99995'E; 58°59.16042'N, 23°02.10169'E; 58°58.94267'N, 23°02.08372'E; 58°57.03455'N, 23°04.98314'E; 58°56.48722'N, 23°07.88797'E; 58°56.29887'N, 23°08.40639'E; West of the line connecting 58°48.68239'N, 23°13.74791'E and 58°42.76944'N, 23°11.63684'E and the points 58°42.76944'N, 23°11.63684'E; North of the line joining 58°39.86630'N, 22°27.50617'E and 58°41.29998'N, 21°36.40005'E;
 - 3) In Ida-Viru county, in the area located east of the connecting line of points 59°26.15364'N, 26°57.66641'E and 59°37.11199'N, 27°03.20096'E;
 - 4) In West County, in the area west of the line connecting the points 59°14.27960'N, 23°43.84582'E and 59°28.89997'N, 23°31.30005'E, the points 59°17.50003'N, 22°43.99995'E; 58°59.16042'N, 23°02.10169'E; 58°58.94267'N, 23°02.08372'E; 58°57.03455'N, 23°04.98314'E; 58°56.48722'N, 23°07.88797'E; 58°56.29887'N, 23°08.40639'E; East of the line connecting 58°48.68239'N, 23°13.74791'E and 58°42.76944'N, 23°11.63684'E and the points 58°46.11650'N, 23°45.02466'E; 58°45.90479'N, 23°44.36778'E; 58°45.61010'N, 23°40.99340'E; 58°45.61735'N, 23°39.79881'E; North of the line joining 58°45.02745'N, 23°27.08207'E and 58°42.76944'N, 23°11.63684'E;
 - 5) In Lääne-Viru county, in the area located east of the connecting line of points 59°33.84370'N, 25°49.80865'E and 59°49.16337'N, 25°51.68222'E and 59°26.15364'N, 26°57.66641'E and 59°37.11199'N, 27°03.20096'E west of the connecting line;
 - 6) in Pärnu county, in the area located at points 58°46.11650'N, 23°45.02466'E; 58°45.90479'N, 23°44.36778'E; 58°45.61010'N, 23°40.99340'E; 58°45.61735'N, 23°39.79881'E; South of the line connecting 58°45.02745'N, 23°27.08207'E and 58°42.76944'N, 23°11.63684'E and the points 58°42.76944'N, 23°11.63684'E; 58°39.37479'N, 23°24.04736'E; 58°39.36302'N, 23°24.76148'E; 58°38.54687'N, 23°26.58684'E; 58°36.74167'N, 23°28.48583'E; 58°35.63293'N, 23°29.13927'E; 58°03.14834'N, East of the junction of 23°29.61519'E and 57°53.95001'N, 23°36.06691'E;

7) In Saare County, in the area located at the points 58°42.76944'N, 23°11.63684'E; South of the line connecting 58°39.86630'N, 22°27.50617'E and 58°41.29998'N, 21°36.40005'E and the points 58°42.76944'N, 23°11.63684'E; 58°39.37479'N, 23°24.04736'E; 58°39.36302'N, 23°24.76148'E; 58°38.54687'N, 23°26.58684'E; 58°36.74167'N, 23°28.48583'E; 58°35.63293'N, 23°29.13927'E; West of the line connecting 58°03.14834'N, 23°29.61519'E and 57°53.95001'N, 23°36.06691'E.

(3) In the water area surrounding small islands in the Baltic Sea, the number of gillnets permitted to be used for recreational fishing by permanent residents of permanently inhabited small islands in 2023 is:

- 1) on Abruksa – 132;
- 2) On time – 36;
- 3) Heinlaia – 36;
- 4) Kesselaia – 144;
- 5) Kräsuli – 36;
- 6) Kõinastul – 72;
- 7) Kihnu – 540;
- 8) Manõja – 180;
- 9) On Naissaar – 324;
- 10) Prangli – 741;
- 11) Ruhnul – 72;
- 12) Vilsandil – 216;
- 13) Form – 624;
- 14) Väike-Pakri – 72.

(4) In the water area surrounding small islands in the Baltic Sea, permanent residents of a small island with a permanent settlement are given fishing licenses for recreational fishing with long lines with up to 300 hooks for seven consecutive days from March 1 to October 31:

- 1) on Abruksa;
- 2) On time;
- 3) Heinlaia;
- 4) Kesselaia;
- 5) On Kräsul;
- 6) When you are tired;
- 7) Beloved;
- 8) Manõja;
- 9) On Naissaar;
- 10) Prangli;
- 11) Ruhnul;
- 12) Vilsandil;
- 13) Form;
- 14) Väike-Pakri.

(5) The fee for the fishing right per calendar month, regardless of the number of fishing days, for gillnet fishing in the areas specified in subsection 3 - 7 euros.

(6) The fee for the right to fish with a longline for seven consecutive days, regardless of the number of fishing days, is 2 euros in the areas specified in subsections 2 and 4.

(7) A fishing license is valid only in the area to which it is issued, and the fee is charged separately for each area specified in subsections 2-4.

§ 3. Fishing restrictions, limited number of permitted fishing gear and fee for fishing rights on Lake Peipsi, Lake Lämmi and Lake Pihkva

(1) Peipsi, Lämmi and Pihkva lakes have shore net limit numbers and a fishing right fee for recreational fishing with shore nets in the periods from March 1 to March 31 and from April 1 to May 4 for up to seven consecutive days, but not longer than the period of fishing restrictions, if a permit is requested directly from the Environmental Board or through an electronic channel, provided in Annex 3.

(2) Permanent residents of Piirissaari are allowed to use a limited number of shore nets in the water area surrounding Piirissaari for recreational fishing on Peipsi and Lämmijärvi from March 1 to May 4 - 125.

(3) Fishing licenses for recreational fishing with fishing lines for up to seven consecutive days, but not longer than the time of fishing restrictions, are issued for the period from March 1 to October 31:

- 1) Lake Peipsi;
- 2) Lake Lämmi and Lake Pskov.

(4) Fishing under the ice with a shore net is permitted under the conditions set forth in subsections 1 and 2 on Lämmijärvi and in the southern part of Lake Peipsi in the part of the lake south of Nina village (58°36.59'N, 27°12.15'E) - in a water area 3 km wide from the shore.

(5) The fishing right fee for fishing with a shore net, regardless of the number of fishing days, in the area specified in subsection 2 is - 7 euros.

(6) The fishing right fee for longline fishing in the area specified in subsection 3 and for seven consecutive days, regardless of the number of fishing days, is 2 euros.

(7) A fishing license is valid only in the area to which it is issued, and the fee is charged separately for each area specified in subsections 2-3.

§ 4. Limit number of permitted fishing gear, fee for fishing rights and fishing restrictions on internal and border water bodies, excluding Peipsi, Lämmi and Pihkva järvi

(1) In internal and border water bodies, the limit numbers of gill nets per calendar month and the fee for fishing rights for recreational fishing with gill nets for up to seven consecutive days, but no longer than the period of fishing restrictions or until December 31, 2023, if a permit is requested directly from the Environment Agency or via an electronic channel, are set forth in Appendix 4.

(2) For recreational fishing with fishing lines on Võrtsjärvi for up to seven consecutive days, fishing cards are issued for the period from March 1 to October 31, but not longer than the time of fishing restrictions.

(3) For recreational fishing with fishing line on inland waters for up to seven consecutive days, fishing licenses are issued for the period from March 1 to October 31, but not longer than the period of fishing restrictions:

- 1) on Lake Kuremaa in Jõgeva County;
- 2) in Põlva county, on Meelva Lake, Jõks Lake, Kooraste Suurjärv, Valgjärv, Piigandi Lake, Erastvere Lake, Kiidjärv, Tilsa Kõrbjärv, Tilsa Pikkjärv, Uiakatsi Lake, Mudsina Lake, Rāpina Lake, Põlva Lake, Leevijõe Külajärv and Leevaku Dam Lake;
- 3) on Lake Ermistu and Lake Kaisma in Pärnu County;
- 4) Suurlahi in Saare county;
- 5) in Tartu county Emajõ, Lake Kaiavere, Põrja Porijärvi, Saadjärvi and Väikesel Emajõ;
- 6) in Valga County on Lake Aheru, Lake Nõuni and Lake Tüandre, Väikesel Emajõ, Lake Pikre, Lake Udsu, Lake Virtsjärvi, Lake Koorküla Valgjärv, Lake Kadastik, Lake Korijärvi, Lake Juusa, Lake Inni, Lake Pilkus and Lake Karula Pikkjärvi;
- 7) in Viljandi county on Lake Ōisu, Lake Ruhijärvi, Lake Kariste, Lake Päidre, Lake Veisjärvi, Lake Parika (VEE2074900), Lake Mäeküla and Lake Kuuni;
- 8) In Võru County, on Tamula Lake, Vagula Lake, Hino Lake, Järvepää Lake, Ähijärv, Pabra Lake, Löödla Lake, Murat Lake, Kirikumäe Lake, Orava Lake, Pulli Lake, Uhtjärv, Kahrila Lake, Rõuge Suurjärv, Rõuge Ratasjärv, Tsolgo Pikkjärv, Väimela Lake, Vaskna Lake, Ōrsava Lake, Palujär Lake, Kavadi Lake and Võhandu River.

(4) It is prohibited to use a hook with more than one branch on fishing lines during fishing on the Mother River from March 15 to April 30.

(5) Fishing with recreational fishing gear is prohibited on the Pirita River from the Veneküla railway bridge to the Lükat bridge from October 20 to November 30.

(6) Fishing on the Umbus River is prohibited from January 1 to December 31.

(7) In Pärnu County, on the section of the Pärnu River located downstream from the straight line connecting points 58°24.667'N, 24°39.562'E and 58°24.765'N, 24°39.519'E to points 58°24.429'N, 24°38.945' E and the straight line connecting 58°24.423'N, 24°38.834'E, fishing is prohibited from January 1 to December 31.

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(8) In Jõgeva and Tartu counties, it is prohibited to use gill nets longer than 35 meters for recreational fishing.

(9) It is prohibited to use gill nets with a mesh size of less than 130 mm for recreational fishing in the inland waters of Saare County.

(10) It is prohibited to use gill nets with a mesh size of less than 100 mm for recreational fishing in the inland waters of Valga County.

(11) The fishing right fee for longline fishing on Võrtsjärvi for seven consecutive days, regardless of the number of fishing days, in the period specified in subsection 2 is 8 euros.

(12) The fee for fishing rights for seven consecutive days, regardless of the number of fishing days, on the inland water bodies and in the time period specified in subsection 3 is:

- 1) for longline fishing – 2 euros;
- 2) fishing with fishing lines on Lake Kuremaa, Lake Kaiavere, Lake Saadjärvi and Lake Vagula - 8 euros.

(13) A fishing license is valid only in the area to which it is issued, and the fee is charged separately for each area specified in subsection (3).

Chapter 3

Recreational fishing with sand and sand

§ 5. Fees and fishing restrictions for the right to fish with sand and flounder in inland water bodies

(1) A fishing card valid for one day is issued for recreational fishing with sand and flounder from June 1 to August 31.

(2) The fee for the right to fish with flounder and flounder for one day in the period specified in subsection 1 is 2 euros.

Chapter 4

Recreational fishing with harpoon gun and harpoon

§ 6. Harpoon gun and harpoon fishing right fee and fishing restrictions in Jõgeva and Tartu counties

(1) Fishing licenses valid for 24 hours are issued for recreational fishing with harpoon gun and harpoon in Jõgeva and Tartu counties:

- 1) Lake Kuremaa;
- 2) To Saadjärvi.

(2) The fee for the right to fish with a harpoon gun and harpoon for a fishing card valid for 24 hours is 2 euros.

(3) The fishing license issued for recreational fishing with a harpoon gun and harpoon is valid separately for the water bodies specified in subsection 1.

§ 7. Catch restriction in recreational fishing with harpoon gun and harpoon

Underwater fishing with harpoon gun and harpoon is prohibited in Paide artificial lake.

Chapter 5

Salmon fishing and fishing with spinning and fly rods

§ 8. Restrictions on fishing for salmon and sea trout on rivers and fishing with spinning and fly rods, fishing with spinning and fly rods permitted on the basis of a fishing card and the fee for fishing rights

(1) In Purtse, Selja, Pirita, Vääna, Loobu and Pühajõe, it is prohibited to catch salmon and sea trout in the sections specified in subsection 3 from October 20 to November 30.

(2) It is prohibited to catch salmon and sea trout in the Pärnu river system from January 1 to December 31.

(3) For salmon and sea trout fishing and for fishing with spinning and fly fishing on rivers, fishing cards are issued for the following river sections for the following time periods:

1) for the Pirita River from the Vaskjala dam to the mouth from September 1 to October 19 and from December 1 to December 31;

2) to the Jägala river from Linnamäe dam to its mouth from September 1 to November 30;

3) Selja river from Arkna bridge to Rutja-Karepa bridge from January 1 to October 19 and from December 1 to December 31;

4) to the Narva river from the Narva railway bridge to the mouth from September 1 to November 30;

5) Vääna river from the slopes of Vahiküla to the mouth from January 1 to October 19 and from December 1 to December 31;

6) For the Purtse river from the dam of the Püssi dam lake to the mouth from January 1 to October 19 and from December 1 to December 31;

7) Refuse the discharge of the Joaveski hydroelectric power plant derivation channel to the mouth from January 1 to October 19 and from December 1 to December 31;

8) Pühajõe from the Tallinn-Narva road bridge (near the Voka road crossing) to the mouth from January 1 to October 19 and from December 1 to December 31.

(4) On the basis of the fishing card, regardless of the time limit specified in subsection 5, the fee for fishing rights in the areas specified in subsection 3 is:

1) 7 euros for 24 hours;

2) for 72 hours - 14 euros.

(5) Fishing is prohibited in the areas specified in subsection 3 from 19.00 to 7.00 as of September 1.

(6) The fishing license for fishing with spinning and fly fishing and salmon and sea trout fishing is valid separately for the water bodies specified in subsection 3.

(7) On the rivers and time periods mentioned in paragraph 3, the distance between the point of the hook and the shank of the hooks used for fishing with lures or fly fishing with artificial lures may not exceed 12 mm.

(8) In addition to salmon and sea trout, the fishing license issued on the basis of subsection 3 allows fishing of those fish species, with the exception of crayfish, the fishing of which is not prohibited during the same period of time in accordance with § 53 of Regulation No. 65 "Fishing Regulations" of the Government of the Republic of June 16, 2016.

§ 9. Fishing restrictions in recreational fishing on trout rivers

(1) Recreational fishing, with the exception of fishing with spinning and fly rods and crayfish fishing based on a fishing card, is prohibited on the following rivers and river sections within Jõgeva, Lääne-Viru and Järva counties: 1

) Esna river;

2) on the Navesti River;

3) on the Neva channel;

4) on the Norwegian stream;

5) on the Oostrik River;

6) Suurpalu on the main ditch;

7) on the Prand river from the source to the Tor bridge;

8) on the Preedi River;

9) on the Pärnu River from the mouth of the Vodja River to the mouth of the Reopalu River;

10) on the Vodja River;

11) Völing or Völlinge stream;

12) on the Onga River;

13) Foam on the river.

(2) Recreational fishing with spinning and fly fishing is allowed on the water bodies specified in paragraph 1 from February 1 to September 14 on the basis of a fishing card.

(3) Under the conditions specified in subsections 1 and 2, the fishing right fee is 3 euros for 24 hours.

(4) The fishing license for trout fishing is valid at the same time in all water bodies specified in subsection 1.

§ 10. Fishing restrictions for salmon fishing at sea

(1) During recreational fishing at sea, regardless of the gear used, fishing for fat-finned salmon is prohibited in the ICES sub-divisions 29, 28-1 and 28-2 shown on the map presented in Appendix 1, and in the case of accidental fishing of the said fish, it must be released immediately after the fishing gear is requested.

(2) In recreational fishing at sea, regardless of the gear used, in ICES subdivisions 29, 28-1 and 28-2 shown on the map in Appendix 1, one person is prohibited from catching more than one salmon with the adipose fin cut off for marking purposes per day.

Chapter 6 Fishing in nature reserves

§ 11. Fishing restrictions and fishing rights fee for recreational fishing in the Silma nature reserve

(1) For recreational fishing in the Silma nature reserve from July 1 to October 31, fishing cards valid for one day are issued for each calendar day, if they are requested through the electronic channel, as follows:

- 1) for the Suttlepa Sea - 4;
- 2) To Saunja Bay - 4.
- (2) For recreational fishing in the Silma Nature Reserve on the Suttlepa Sea and Saunja Bay from January 1 to February 28 and from November 1 to December 31, fishing cards valid for one day are issued without limit.
- (3) Fishing is prohibited in the Silma Nature Reserve on the Suttlepa Sea and Saunja Bay from March 1 to June 30.
- (4) In the Silma nature reserve on the Suttlepa Sea and Saunja Bay, the fishing gear allowed on the basis of the fishing card is simple hand line, hand line, spinning, bottom line, fly line and scuttle.
- (5) In the Silma nature reserve, it is prohibited to use fishing gear not mentioned in paragraph 4 for recreational fishing.
- (6) The fishing right fee for a one-day fishing card under the conditions specified in subsections 1 and 2 is 6 euros.
- (7) A fishing license is valid only in the area to which it is issued. The fee is charged separately for each area specified in paragraph 1.

§ 12. Fishing restrictions and fishing rights fee for recreational fishing in Matsalu National Park

(1) In the Matsalu National Park, except in the water areas of the ports, fishing cards are issued for recreational fishing with spinning, bottom line, simple hand line, hand line, fly line and hook, if these cards are requested from the Environmental Board, as follows: [RT I, 15.07.2023, 49 - in force . 18.07.2023]

- 1) from January 1 to February 15 on the rivers of the Matsalu National Park, i.e. in area J - unlimited;
- 2) From March 15 to May 10 on the Raana River, the Livi River and the Kasari River from Säina sonn to the mouth of the Livi River, on the Kasari River upstream from the source of the Rõude River to the main ditch of Sits, in the harbor of Kloostri, on the left bank of the Kasari River near the Kloostri Bridge in the marked area and on the Rõude River by the Rõude Bridge at 50 m upstream and downstream, i.e. in areas A, B, C, D, E, K and J2 - no limit;
- 3) From July 1 to November 15 in the target protection zone of rivers and river sections of the Matsalu restricted zone - unlimited; [RT I, 15.07.2023, 49 - enters into force. 18.07.2023]
- 4) from July 1 to November 15 in the target protection zone on the eastern side of the Väinamere and from September 1 to November 15 in the target protection zone on the western side of the Väinamere, i.e. area M2 - unlimited; [RT I, 15.07.2023, 49 - enters into force. 18.07.2023]
- 5) from July 1 to July 31 in the target protection zone of the Outer Gulf and in the target protection zone on the eastern side of the Väinamere, i.e. area M1 – 2; [RT I, 15.07.2023, 49 - enters into force. 18.07.2023]
- 6) from August 1 to August 31 in the target protection zone of the Outer Gulf and in the target protection zone on the eastern side of the Väinamere, i.e. area M1 – 2; [RT I, 15.07.2023, 49 - enters into force. 18.07.2023]
- 7) from September 1 to September 30 in the target protection zone of the Outer Gulf, the target protection zone on the eastern side of the Väinamere and the target protection zone on the western side of the Väinamere, i.e. area M1 – 2; [RT I, 15.07.2023, 49 - enters into force. 18.07.2023]
- 8) from October 1 to October 31 in the target protection zone of the Outer Gulf, the target protection zone on the eastern side of the Väinamere and the target protection zone on the western side of the Väinamere, i.e. area M1 – 2; [RT I, 15.07.2023, 49 - enters into force. 18.07.2023]
- 9) from November 1 to November 15 in the target protection zone of the Outer Gulf, the target protection zone on the eastern side of the Väinamere and the target protection zone on the western side of the Väinamere, i.e. area M1 – 2; [RT I, 15.07.2023, 49 - enters into force. 18.07.2023]
- 10) from November 16 to December 31 in the target protection zone of rivers and on the river sections of the Matsalu restricted zone - unlimited; [RT I, 15.07.2023, 49 - enters into force. 18.07.2023]
- 11) From November 16 to December 31 in the Salmi target protection zone - unlimited. [RT I, 15.07.2023, 49 - enters into force. 18.07.2023]

(2) In the Matsalu National Park, except in the water areas of the ports, fishing cards are issued for recreational fishing with spinning, bottom line, simple hand line, hand line, fly line and hook, if these cards are requested through the electronic channel, as follows: [RT I, 15.07.2023, 49 - effective . 18.07.2023]

- 1) from January 1 to February 15 on the rivers of the Matsalu National Park, i.e. in area J - unlimited;
- 2) From March 15 to May 10 on the Raana River, the Livi River and the Kasari River from Säina sonn to the mouth of the Livi River, on the Kasari River upstream from the source of the Rõude River to the main ditch of Sits, in the harbor of Kloostri, on the left bank of the Kasari River near the Kloostri Bridge in the marked area and on the Rõude River by the Rõude Bridge at 50 m upstream and downstream, i.e. in areas A, B, C, D, E, K and J2 - no limit;
- 3) from July 1 to November 15 in the target protection zone of rivers and in the river sections of the Matsalu restricted zone - unlimited; [RT I, 15.07.2023, 49 - enters into force. 18.07.2023]
- 4) from July 1 to November 15 in the target protection zone on the eastern side of the Väinamere and from September 1 to November 15 in the target protection zone on the western side of the Väinamere, i.e. area M2 - unlimited; [RT I, 15.07.2023, 49 - enters into force. 18.07.2023]
- 5) from July 1 to July 31 in the target protection zone of the Outer Gulf and in the target protection zone on the eastern side of the Väinamere, i.e. area M1 – 88; [RT I, 15.07.2023, 49 - enters into force. 18.07.2023]
- 6) from August 1 to August 31 in the target protection zone of the Vällislahe and the target protection zone on the eastern side of the Väinamere, i.e. area M1 – 88; [RT I, 15.07.2023, 49 - enters into force. 18.07.2023]
- 7) from September 1 to September 30 in the target protection zone of the Outer Gulf, the target protection zone on the eastern side of the Väinamere and the target protection zone on the western side of the Väinamere, i.e. area M1 – 88;

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8) from October 1 to October 31 in the target protection zone of the Outer Gulf, the target protection zone on the eastern side of the Väinamere and the target protection zone on the western side of the Väinamere, i.e. area M1 – 88;

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9) from November 1 to November 15 in the target protection zone of the Outer Gulf, the target protection zone on the eastern side of the Väinamere and the target protection zone on the western side of the Väinamere, i.e. area M1 – 88;

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10) from November 16 to December 31 in the target protection zone of rivers and on the river sections of the Matsalu restricted zone - unlimited;

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11) From November 16 to December 31 in the Salmi target protection zone - unlimited.

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(3) Under the conditions specified in points 1–4, 10 and 11 of paragraph 1 and points 1–4, 10 and 11 of paragraph 2, the fishing right fee is 7 euros.

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(4) Under the conditions specified in points 5–8 of paragraph 1 and points 5–8 of paragraph 2, the fishing right fee is 5 euros.

(5) Under the conditions specified in point 9 of paragraph 1 and point 9 of paragraph 2, the fishing right fee is 3 euros.

(6) A fishing card is valid only in the area to which it is issued, and the fee is charged separately for each area specified in subsections 1 and 2.

(7) In Matsalu National Park, it is prohibited to use fishing gear not mentioned in subsections 1 and 2 for recreational fishing.

§ 13. Fishing restrictions and fishing rights fee for recreational fishing in the Endla nature reserve

(1) Fishing licenses for the Endla nature reserve are issued for one calendar month or 24 hours:

- 1) for the Endla lake;
- 2) To Sinijärvi.

(2) On Lake Endla and Lake Sinijärvi, the fishing gear allowed on the basis of the fishing card is simple hand line, hand line, spinning, fly line or scuttle.

(3) It is prohibited to use fishing gear not mentioned in paragraph 2 for recreational fishing in the Endla nature reserve.

(4) Fishing on Lake Endla and Lake Sinijärvi is prohibited from April 1 to June 30.

(5) The fee for fishing rights on the water bodies specified in subsection 1 is 7 euros for one calendar month and 3 euros for 24 hours.

Chapter 7 Crapfishing

§ 14. Restrictions on carp fishing in recreational fishing and fee for fishing rights

(1) When fishing for catfish, one person is allowed to fish with up to two catfish in one body of water.

(2) Pike fishing is allowed from July 21 to November 30.

(3) The fee for the right to fish with kadiska, regardless of the number of fishing gear, for 48 hours for one body of water specified in subsection 4 is 2 euros.

(4) Fishing licenses are issued for 48 hours for cod fishing:

- 1) in Harju county for Lake Kahala, Lake Harku, Lake Maardu, Lake Tänavjärvi, Lake Klooga, Lake Lohja;
- 2) Narva reservoir, Konsu lake, Uljaste lake in Ida-Viru county;
- 3) Lake Kuremaa, Lake Kaiu, Lake Jõemõisa, Pikkjärve (Kaarepere) in Jõgeva County;
- 4) Lake Ohepalu in Lääne-Viru county;
- 5) Vesikijärvi, Hindaste Lake in Lääne County;
- 6) Lake Ermistu, Lake Tõhela, Lake Lavassaare, Lake Kaisma in Pärnu County;
- 7) Meelva Lake, Valgjärvi in Põlva county;
- 8) in Saare county to Suurlah, Mullutu bay, Harju bay, Järis lake, Laialepa bay;
- 9) in Tartu County to Lake Elistvere, Lake Kaiavere, Lake Koosa, Lake Kalli, Lake Soitsjärvi, Lake Keeri, Lake Lahepera, Lake Leego, Lake Karijärvi;
- 10) Veisjärvi, Õisu lake, Viljandi lake, Ruhijärvi, Mäeküla lake, Parika lake, Kariste lake in Viljandi county;
- 11) Lake Vagula, Lake Tamula, Lake Hino, Lake Löödla, Lake Pabra, Lake Murat, Lake Pulli, Lake Kirikumäe in Võru county.

Chapter 8 Crab fishing

§ 15. Crayfish fishing opportunities

(1) The limit number of fishing cards allowed to be used for recreational crayfish fishing in the following inland water bodies in 2023, if a permit is requested from the Environmental Board, is:

- 1) In the inland water bodies of Saare county, with the exception of the water bodies specified in points 7–15 – 5;
- 2) in Lake Pangod (Tartu County) – 2;
- 3) in Pärnu river (Järva county) – 1;
- 4) Reopalu river (Järva County) – 1;
- 5) Väinjärvi (Järva County) – 1;
- 6) In Võhandu river (Põlva county) – 1;

- 7) in the main ditch of Kirumaa (Möldri river) (Saare county) – 1;
- 8) in Kärla river (Saare county) – 1;
- 9) in the Leisi river (Saare County) – 1;
- 10) Lõve in the river (Saare county) – 1;
- 11) in Oju main ditch (Saare county) – 1;
- 12) in the Punabe River (Saare County) – 1;
- 13) in Tirtsu River (Saare County) – 1;
- 14) Vesiku stream (Saare County) – 1;
- 15) Võlupe in the river (Saare County) – 1;
- 16) in Lake Aheru (Valga county) – 1;
- 17) Pühajärvi (Valga County) – 2;
- 18) Väike-Emajõe (Valga county) – 1;
- 19) Verijärvi (Võru county) – 1.

(2) The limit number of fishing cards allowed to be used for recreational crayfish fishing in inland water bodies in 2023, if the permit is requested through the electronic channel, is:

- 1) In the inland water bodies of Saare county, excluding the water bodies specified in points 7–15 – 235;
- 2) in Lake Pangodi (Tartu county) – 78;
- 3) in the Pärnu river (Järva county) – 39;
- 4) Reopalu river (Järva County) – 39;
- 5) Väinjärvi (Järva County) – 39;
- 6) in Võhandu river (Põlva county) – 39;
- 7) in the main ditch of Kirumaa (Möldri river) (Saare County) – 39;
- 8) in Kärla river (Saare county) – 39;
- 9) in the Leisi river (Saare County) – 39;
- 10) Lõve in the river (Saare County) – 39;
- 11) in the main ditch of Oju (Saare County) – 39;
- 12) in the Punabe River (Saare county) – 39;
- 13) in Tirtsu River (Saare County) – 39;
- 14) Vesiku stream (Saare county) – 39;
- 15) Võlupe in the river (Saare County) – 39;
- 16) in Lake Aheru (Valga County) – 39;
- 17) Pühajärvi (Valga County) – 78;
- 18) Väike-Emajõe (Valga County) – 39;
- 19) Verijärvi (Võru county) – 39.

(3) Considering fishing restrictions, fishing cards without limit numbers are issued to the county or water body not mentioned in paragraphs 1 and 2.

§ 16. Recreational fishing fee for crayfish fishing

(1) The fee for recreational fishing rights for crayfish fishing for a fishing card for 24 hours without crayfish or with a crayfish trap in one county and inland water body specified in § 15 subsection 1 point 1 and subsection 2 point 1 and subsection 3 is 15 euros.

(2) The fee for the recreational fishing right for crayfish fishing for a fishing card for 24 hours without crayfish or with a crayfish trap in one of the inland waters specified in § 15 subsection 1 points 2-19 and subsection 2 points 2-19 is 20 euros.

§ 17. Temporary restrictions on crab fishing

(1) Crayfish fishing is prohibited in Hiiumaa County.

(2) In Saare county, crayfish fishing is prohibited in Karujärvi, Põduste river, Laug main ditch, Kuke main ditch, Kurdlu main ditch, Riksu stream and Riksu bay.

(3) In Harju county, crayfish fishing is prohibited in Mustjõe and Vääna rivers.

(4) Crayfish fishing in the Lutsu River is prohibited in Põlva County.

(5) In Pärnu County, crayfish fishing is prohibited in Paadrema River, Pärnu River, Pärnu Moat, Reiu River, Sauga River, Tuudi River and Vanamõisa River.

(6) Crayfish fishing is prohibited in the Kasari River and Vigala River in the Western County.

(7) In Rapla County, crayfish fishing is prohibited in Kasari River, Velise River, Vigala River and Nurtu River.

(8) In Tartu county, crayfish fishing is prohibited in Ropka dam and Ilmatsalu river.

(9) In Ida-Viru county, crayfish fishing is prohibited in Kurtina Suurjärvi, Konsu and Vasavere village water bodies, Mustajõe, Metsküla stream, Narva river, Narva reservoir, Baltic SEJ outflow channel, Baltic SEJ inflow channel and Estonian SEJ inflow channel.

(10) In Võru County, crayfish fishing is prohibited in Värskla Bay and Õrsava Lake.

(11) Crayfish fishing is permitted in water bodies and their parts not mentioned in subsections 1-10 from 1 to 31 August.

(12) In 2023, only one fishing card will be issued to one person within each county in the water bodies specified in subsections 1 and 2 of section 15.

(13) In crayfish fishing, one person is allowed to catch up to 75 specimens per fishing card.

Permits issued in the areas specified in points 3-10 of § 12 (1) and points 3-10 of paragraph 2 of this regulation until the entry into force of this provision are considered to have been issued in accordance with the changed areas, and when fishing in these areas, this regulation and the Government of the Republic of March 17, 2023 must be taken into account the conditions set forth in Regulation No. 34 "Protection Rules for Matsalu National Park".

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Chapter 9

Final provisions

§ 18. Entry into force of the regulation

(1) The Regulation enters into force on December 1, 2022.

(2) §§ 15–17 of the Regulation shall enter into force on July 1, 2023.

Appendix 1 Baltic Sea ICES subdivisions and fishing areas by county in the territorial waters of the Republic of Estonia

Appendix 2 Limit numbers of gill nets in the Baltic Sea in a calendar month and the fee for fishing rights for recreational fishing with gill nets for up to seven consecutive days by county, if a permit is requested from the Environmental Board or through an electronic channel in 2023

Appendix 3 Limits of shore nets on Lake Peipsi, Lämmi and Pihkva and the fee for fishing rights for recreational fishing with shore nets in 2023 in the period from March 1 to March 31 and from April 1 to May 4 for up to seven consecutive days, if a permit is requested from the Environmental Board or via electronic channel

Appendix 4 Calendar month limit numbers of gill nets on internal and border water bodies and the fee for fishing rights for recreational fishing with gill nets for up to seven consecutive days in 2023, if a permit is requested from the Environmental Board or through an electronic channel