

Fisheries Branch Directive	Program: Recreational Fishing Guideline Type: Administrative (Management, Administrative)
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BACKGROUND

Fisheries regulations allow for the issuance of permits to allow people to angle without an angling licence. This permit has been issued in the past to representative of groups who wish to promote angling to those who do not normally fish, to allow institutions to take individuals fishing who would not normally have the opportunity, or to waive licence requirements for special/educational events.

PURPOSE OF THE REGULATION

The purpose of the licence is to allow anglers who would normally require a licence the opportunity to go fishing on a one-time basis without having to purchase a licence. This licence exempts no other angling regulations.

APPLICATION OF THE REGULATION

The following guidelines should be used to determine when it is appropriate to issue a Special Group Angling Licence and what specific administrative criteria may apply.

1. *Promotion*

- A licence may be issued to conservation groups, schools, service groups or individuals that are offering angling events to under-represented key market segments. The objectives of these events should be to offer information about fish and fishing and encourage angling as a recreational opportunity.
- Licences should be issued for the dates of the event only and not for a season. If a group is offering more than one event, this can be noted on one licence.
- Licences will not be issued to cover multiple events when they are directed at the same group of people. The objective of the licence is to offer a one-time angling experience.

2. Institutional

- Licences may be issued to groups or institutions that take people fishing who would not normally have the opportunity to do so, such as special needs people or clients from personal care homes.
- Licences should be issued for the date of the event only. A licence may be issued for a longer period of time if the applicant is planning a number of outings for their organization.

3. Special/Education

- Licences may be issued to cover special events such as the Learn-to-Fish Clinics, Fish Winnipeg Challenge, or any regionally sponsored event.
- Licences should be issued for the day/period of the event with the specific location if possible.

LICENSING PROCEDURES

- Licences will be issued through Fisheries Branch and Regional Fisheries Managers. Licences issued by Fisheries Branch will be copied to the Regional Fisheries Manager and appropriate District Office(s). Those issued by Regional Fisheries Managers will be copied to Fisheries Branch for data purposes.

Note

The Special Group Angling Licence only waives the requirement to have an angling licence while fishing. All other angling regulations apply and the licence does not allow groups or individuals to fish during closed times.