

Fun of Fishing in Hong Kong Reservoirs

There are 17 reservoirs and 9 irrigation reservoirs in Hong Kong. The Water Supplies Department closely monitors the water quality by means of physical, chemical, bacteriological and biological examinations of water samples taken at impounding reservoirs to ensure that ecological balance and good water quality in impounding reservoir are maintained. With their peaceful and scenic environments, the reservoirs are very popular fishing spots. Starting from 21 April 2022, they will be open all year round to public for fishing.

Reservoirs

1. High Island Reservoir
2. Plover Cove Reservoir
3. Shek Pik Reservoir
4. Tai Lam Chung Reservoir
5. Shing Mun Reservoir
Lower Shing Mun Reservoir
6. Tai Tam Tuk Reservoir
Tai Tam Upper Reservoir
Tai Tam Intermediate Reservoir
Tai Tam Byewash Reservoir
7. Kowloon Reservoir
Kowloon Byewash Reservoir
Kowloon Reception Reservoir
8. Aberdeen Upper Reservoir
Aberdeen Lower Reservoir
9. Shek Lei Pui Reservoir
10. Pok Fu Lam Reservoir

Irrigation Reservoirs

1. Hok Tau Irrigation Reservoir
2. Lau Shui Heung Irrigation Reservoir
3. Tsing Tam Upper Irrigation Reservoir
Tsing Tam Lower Irrigation Reservoir
4. Ho Pui Irrigation Reservoir
5. Wong Nai Tun Irrigation Reservoir
6. Hung Shui Hang Irrigation Reservoir
7. Lam Tei Irrigation Reservoir
8. Shap Long Irrigation Reservoir

Application for Fishing Licence

If you would like to fish in the reservoirs, you may apply for a fishing licence from the Water Supplies Department. Applications are accepted throughout the year. The licence will be valid for 3 years and the fee is HK\$33. To apply for the licence, you must be over 13 years of age.

Application for fishing licence can be made by the following means:

In person

You should bring along your proof of identity (identity card or passport) to the following Customer Enquiry Centres to apply for fishing licence:

1. Wan Chai Customer Enquiry Centre
(1/F, Immigration Tower, 7 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai)
2. Tai Kok Tsui Customer Enquiry Centre
(G/F, 41 Tit Shu Street, Tai Kok Tsui)

The service hours for application for licence of the Customer Enquiry Centres is from 9:15 am to 5:00 pm from Monday to Friday.

After receipt of your completed application form, we will issue a demand note to you. You may bring along the demand note to pay the licence fee at any post office, 7-Eleven Convenience Store, Circle K Convenience Store, VanGO Convenience Store or China Resources Vanguard Supermarket. You may choose to collect the licence in person at the above Customer Enquiry Centres, or receive the licence by surface mail.

By Post

You can also submit the application for fishing licence by post. The application should include a completed application form, copy of proof of identity, a crossed cheque of HK\$33 payable to "The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region" and a self-addressed envelope to the Water Supplies Department (43/F, Immigration Tower, 7 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai). Please write "Application for fishing licence" on the envelope. Please ensure sufficient mailing time and postage to make delivery in order. Underpaid mail will be rejected. The licence will be sent to you by surface mail and will not be re-issued if lost or damaged.

Online

You can apply for fishing licence and pay the licence fee online (<https://www.esd.wsd.gov.hk>). The licence will be sent to you by surface mail.

Licensed anglers are required to observe and comply with the prescribed conditions of fishing licence:

1. The licence holder is allowed to enter and remain in the reservoir area on the understanding that he/she does so entirely at his/her own risk. He/She must take the land with everything thereon as he/she finds it and shall not have or make any claim for damage to or loss of property, personal injury or death against the Water Authority howsoever such damage to or loss of property, personal injury or death may be occasioned.
2. The licence is for the use of one rod and line only, and is not transferable.
3. The licence must be produced on demand by a police officer or other authorized officer.
4. Licences will not be issued to any person under the age of 13.
5. The use of nets or other appliances (apart from rod and line) or the use of explosive or toxic substances to catch or destroy fish is strictly prohibited.
6. The use of boats, dinghies, rafts etc. for fishing is prohibited.
7. Except the exempted fish ^{Note 1}, all Black Bass under 360 mm, all Snakehead under 300 mm and all other fish species under 180 mm in length measured from tip of nose to fork of tail shall be immediately returned alive to the water.
8. Except the exempted fish ^{Note 1}, not more than two Black Bass 360 mm or over and two Snakehead 300 mm or over and two numbers of each species 180 mm or over in length for any other fish species shall be retained by any one angler in one day.
9. The licence may later be revoked and replaced by another on different terms.
10. Please keep the licence intact. No copy will be issued on any loss or damage.

Note 1 Please refer to the WSD's website for the list of exempted fish.

Apart from the above, anglers are also reminded that:

1. To protect fish, birds and people from lead poisoning, anglers are prohibited to use lead fishing sinkers.
2. The release of any animals, including fish and reptiles, into reservoirs without the prior permission of the Water Authority is prohibited.
3. Do not litter or pollute the reservoirs.

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