



LATVIJAS REPUBLIKA  
**VALMIERAS NOVADA PAŠVALDĪBA**

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REGULATIONS  
SELF-GOVERNMENT OF THE VALMIERA REGION  
“About licensed fishing on Lake Burtnieku”

*Released according to  
Part Five of Article 10 of the Law on Fisheries*

**I. General questions**

1. Pursuant to Section 1102 of the Civil Law and Annex I, Lake Burtnieku is a public water, where the right to fish belongs to the state. Lake Burtnieku is located in the Valmiera region on the territory of the North Vidzeme Biosphere Reserve - a landscape protection zone, and also partly in the protected area of the nature reserve "Meadows of Lake Burtnieku".
2. Licensed fishing in Lake Burtnieku was introduced to reduce the anthropogenic pressure and create favorable conditions for the rational and economical use of natural resources, reproduction and protection of fish resources. In addition, it is also intended to diversify the employment of local residents and promote the development of fishing tourism.
3. Licensed fishing is carried out in accordance with the Regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers No. 799 of December 22, 2015 "Rules for licensed fishing, catching crayfish and spearfishing" and the Regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers No. 800 of December 22, 2015 "Rules for fishing, catching crayfish and spearfishing".
4. Licensed fishing on Lake Burtnieku is organized by Valmiera municipality (Lāčplēša street 2, Valmiera, Valmiera region, LV-4201, registration number 90000043403, phone 64207120, [www.valmierasnovads.lv](http://www.valmierasnovads.lv), e-mail address: [pasts@valmierasnovads.lv](mailto:pasts@valmierasnovads.lv)) (hereinafter referred to as the Municipality).

**II. Rights and obligations of the angler**

5. Use of fishing rights:

- 5.1. Any natural person who complies with the current Cabinet of Ministers Regulations of December 22, 2015 No. 800 “Rules for fishing, catching crayfish and spearfishing”, the requirements of this Regulation, and who has acquired or received a relevant license, has the right to engage in licensed fishing in Lake Burtnieku;
- 5.2. licensed fishing has been established on the entire Lake Burtnieku, including the part of the Salaca River up to the Vecate Bridge (hereinafter - Lake Burtnieku), which is part of the administrative territory of the Valmiera Municipality;
- 5.3. in specially designated places (Annex 1 of these regulations) in the restricted areas of the Burtnieku Lake Reserve, the coordinate points of which are indicated in paragraph 26 of these regulations, fishing is prohibited from May 1 to June 15.

6. Fishing rules:

License fishing on Lake Burtnieku is carried out in accordance with the Regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers of December 22, 2015 No. 800 "Regulations for fishing, catching crayfish and spearfishing" with the following additional restrictions:

6.1. for one fishing trip and one day, one angler is allowed to seize and keep in the catch pike and pike perch (zander) - 3 of each species, with the exception of the license holders specified in subparagraph 9.4 of this regulation, who are allowed to catch only white fish (white fish within the framework of this regulations are considered roach, bream, silver bream, bleak, ruff, rudd, tench, carp and crucian carp);

6.2. using the license referred to in paragraph 9.4 of these regulations, which is intended to improve the species composition of the fish of Lake Burtnieku and reduce the excessively large number of white fish, it is not allowed:

6.2.1. the use of methods other than a float fishing or feeder (method) fishing with rods equipped with a single hook, or ice fishing with a winter rod equipped with one mormyshka;

6.2.2. the use of artificial bait and lures;

6.2.3. fishing by trolling, and in winter – fishing with artificial winter lures;

6.2.4. removal and preservation of pike, pike perch (zander), eel and perch in the catch.

6.3. holders of all types of licenses are prohibited from trolling from a boat equipped with an internal combustion engine or an electric motor from May 1 to June 15.

7. When fishing from a boat, the angler must comply with the Regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers dated 09.02.2016. No. 92 "Rules for the movement of watercraft in inland waters".

8. Catch reporting is carried out in accordance with Chapter IV of these Regulations.

### **III. Types, number and prices of fishing licenses**

9. License types:

| License types   | Number of licenses per year | Fee for 1 (one) license, incl. VAT 21% |
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| 9.1. Monthly license for fishing on Lake Burtnieku from the shore*, from ice or from a boat, except for fishing from a boat in the month of May                     | 1000                        | 15,00 euro                             |
| 9.2. One-day license in May for fishing from a boat on Lake Burtnieku.  | 3000                        | 6,00 euro                              |
| 9.3. One-day license for fishing on Lake Burtnieku from the shore*, from ice or from a boat, except for fishing from a boat in the month of May                     | 9000                        | 3,00 euro                              |
| 9.4. Annual free license for whitefish fishing** on Lake Burtnieku from the shore*, from the ice or from a boat, except for fishing from a boat in the month of May | -                           | -----                                  |
| 9.5. Annual free license for fishing on Lake Burtnieku from the shore*, from ice or from a boat, except for fishing from a boat in the month of May                 | 500                         | -----                                  |

*\* Shore fishing also includes the right to fish from the boardwalk located in the lake or by wading into the water from the shore.*

*\*\* Roach, bream, silver bream, bleak, ruff, rudd, tench, carp and crucian carp are considered white fish within the framework of these regulations.*

10. After issuing the number of licenses specified in subparagraphs 9.1-9.3 of this regulation, the sale of the corresponding type of license in the corresponding year is terminated.
11. The free licenses referred to in subsections 9.4 and 9.5 of this regulation are issued electronically subject to the following conditions:
  - 11.1. Free licenses specified in paragraph 9.5 of this regulation can be obtained by applying on the sites specified in paragraph 14 of this regulation:
    - 11.1.1. Land owners and members of their families, children and adolescents under the age of 16 and persons over 65 years of age, persons with disabilities and politically repressed persons;
    - 11.1.2. fishermen who have made a significant contribution to the protection of fish resources, cleanup of the lake environment and promotion of fishing in Lake Burtnieku, according to the list of relevant fishermen approved by the executive director of the municipality, which contains the rationale for reducing the license fee;
    - 11.1.3. persons using the certificate of the Honorary Family of Latvia
  - 11.2. the recipient of the free license specified in subparagraph 9.5 of this regulation must have a document certifying the right to use this license for fishing;
  - 11.3. free licenses specified in paragraph 9.4 of this regulation may be issued to any angler without age or other restrictions.
  - 11.4. after using the total license limit specified in sub-clause 9.5 of these regulations, additional annual free licenses, with the exception of the free licenses referred to in sub-clause 9.4 of these regulations, are not issued, and the angler must purchase a license with full payment, valid for the relevant period, on general terms.

#### **IV. Catch reports**

12. Holders of all types of licenses must submit a catch report at the place where the license was purchased within five days after the expiration of the license. A catch report is also provided in cases of no catch/released catch or the fishing license was not used.
13. If the fisherman did not submit a catch report within the period specified in paragraph 12 of these regulations, a notification is sent to the phone number or e-mail address specified in the license about the need to submit a catch report within 14 days. If the catch report is not submitted within this specified time period, the local government shall refer the administrative proceeding case to the competent authority, which is authorized to review the administrative proceeding.

#### **V. Registration and sale of licenses**

14. Licenses, including free ones, are sold electronically. Information about sites for the sale and submission of licenses is available and regularly updated on the Internet at [www.valmierasnovads.lv](http://www.valmierasnovads.lv).
15. All licenses indicate the type of license, serial number, price, validity period, information about the municipality, the licensee and his/her personal code, telephone number and e-mail address used for communication, name of the water reservoir and date of issue of the license.
16. One person can have no more than three active one-day licenses at the same time without submitted catch reports.
17. Each participant in licensed fishing is obliged to familiarize himself with these regulations and comply with its requirements, which he confirms by making a note, acquiring a license in electronic form.
18. Fees for licenses not used for fishing or revoked due to violations shall not be refunded to the fisherman.

#### **III. Environmental Protection**

19. Licensed fishing participants must comply with the Regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers dated 16.01.2007. No. 60 "Individual Rules for the Protection and Use of the Nature Reserve "Meadows of Lake Burtnieku"" and Regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers dated 19.04.2011. No. 303 "Rules for the individual protection and use of the North Vidzeme Biosphere Reserve", as well as it is prohibited to fish in specially designated areas from May 1 to June 15 according to the map in Appendix 1 and the following coordinates of points that are connected in series by an imaginary line. These lines form the following quadrangular restricted areas on Lake Burtnieku, which are marked with orange buoys on the water:

26.1. Rūjas sēris:

- 1) Latitude: 57°45.515"Z; Longitude: 25°14.339"A
- 2) Latitude: 57°45.352"Z; Longitude: 25°14.084"A
- 3) Latitude: 57°45.458"Z; Longitude: 25°13.719"A
- 4) Latitude: 57°45.661"Z; Longitude: 25°13.988"A

26.2. Kūkuris:

- 1) Latitude: 57°43.015"Z; Longitude: 25°15.059"A
- 2) Latitude: 57°43.128"Z; Longitude: 25°13.677"A
- 3) Latitude: 57°43.480"Z; Longitude: 25°13.326"A
- 4) Latitude: 57°43.472"Z; Longitude: 25°14.793"A

26.3. Ezerpiežu akmeni:

- 1) Latitude: 57°44.057"Z; Longitude: 25°16.798"A
- 2) Latitude: 57°44.073"Z; Longitude: 25°16.712"A
- 3) Latitude: 57°44.019"Z; Longitude: 25°16.692"A
- 4) Latitude: 57°44.006"Z; Longitude: 25°16.778"A

26.4. Briedes paugurs:

- 1) Latitude: 57°42.956"Z; Longitude: 25°14.880"A
- 2) Latitude: 57°42.814"Z; Longitude: 25°14.599"A
- 3) Latitude: 57°42.646"Z; Longitude: 25°14.957"A
- 4) Latitude: 57°42.766"Z; Longitude: 25°15.176"A

26.5. Baunu muižas sēris:

- 1) Latitude: 57°45.456"Z; Longitude: 25°11.863"A
- 2) Latitude: 57°45.522"Z; Longitude: 25°11.799"A
- 3) Latitude: 57°45.503"Z; Longitude: 25°11.683"A
- 4) Latitude: 57°45.424"Z; Longitude: 25°11.745"A

## **II. Control of licensed fishing and environmental protection requirements**

27. Control over compliance with the rules of licensed fishing and environmental protection on Lake Burtnieku is carried out by the Municipal Police and the State Environmental Service.
28. Officials of the institutions referred to in paragraph 27 of these regulations have the right to check the catch of fishermen and the fishing gear they use in Lake Burtnieku, in its immediate vicinity, as well as to perform other actions in accordance with the current regulatory enactments.

ANNEX 1  
TO REGULATIONS  
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Place of licensed fishing – Lake Burtnieku

