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REGULATIONS

About licensed fishing and crayfishing in the Salaca river section, which is located in the administrative territory of Salacgrīva region (SECTION „SALACA I”)

Issued in accordance with part five of article 10 of Fishery Law,
And article 13 of Cabinet of Ministers' regulations No. 574 of 14.10.2003. "Licensed amateur fishing – procedures for fishing"

1. General provisions

- 1.1. These regulations apply to the section of Salaca river in the administrative territory of Salacgrīva region, from the Salacgrīva port fence on the left Salaca riverbank and from the yacht marina on the right Salaca riverbank upstream to the sign on the riverbank bordering Aloja region municipality (hereinafter – section “*Salaca I*”).
- 1.2. In accordance with appendix 1 of article 1102 of Civil Law, Salaca river is considered public waterbed, where fishing rights belong to the state.
- 1.3. Licensed fishing and crayfishing is introduced in section “*Salaca I*” to ensure the protection of biological diversity and rationally use the valuable fish resources, as well as reduce the population of signal crayfish (*Pacifastacus leniusculus*) as an invasive species, based on letter No. 04.257 of 11.04.2006 from Latvian Fish Resources Agency regarding fishing limits. The main aim of licensed fishing and crayfishing is to obtain additional financial means for the reproduction and protection of fish resources, as well as develop licensed fishing and related rural tourism and recreation.
- 1.4. Licensed fishing in the section “*Salaca I*” is organized by Salacgrīva region council – Smilšu street 9, Salacgrīva, Salacgrīva region, LV-4033, reg. No. 90000059796, ph. 64071973, fax 64071993, e-mail: dome@salacgriva.lv, homepage: www.salacgriva.lv.
- 1.5. The regulations about licensed fishing and crayfishing in the section “*Salaca I*” become effective after approval from Ministry of Agriculture, Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment “BIOR”, State Environmental Service, Nature Conservation Agency and Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, as well as in accordance with existing legislative requirements about validity of municipal obligatory provisions and regulations.

2. Regulations for licensed fishing and crayfishing

- 2.1. Licensed fishing zones:

- 2.1.1. Licensed fishing in the section “*Salaca I*” may occur in the Salaca river section from Salacgrīva port fence on the left Salaca riverbank and from the yacht marina on the right Salaca riverbank upstream to the sign on the riverbank bordering Aloja region municipality.
- 2.1.2. Brown trout (and salmon) fishing in the section “*Salaca I*” is allowed only in the Salaca river section from bridge across Salaca river in Salacgrīva upstream to the sign on the riverbank bordering Aloja region municipal territory and is split in the following zones (see river section diagram in appendix No. 1):
 - 2.1.2.1. Zone “A” – from the bridge across Salaca river in Salacgrīva upstream to Korģe river mouth in Salaca river,
 - 2.1.2.2. Zone “B” – from Korģe river mouth in Salaca river upstream to Ainažu county real property “Senču klintis” (below house “Polāri”);
 - 2.1.2.3. Zone “C” – from Ainažu county real property “Senču klintis” (below house “Polāri”) to Iron bridge across Salaca river;
 - 2.1.2.4. Zone “D” – from Iron bridge across Salaca river to the sign on the *Salaca riverbank* bordering Aloja region.
- 2.1.3. Fishing of *other fish species* (except brown trout and salmon) fishing is allowed in the Salaca river section from Salacgrīva port fence on the left Salaca riverbank and from the yacht marina on the right Salaca riverbank upstream to the sign on the riverbank bordering Aloja region municipal territory and is split in the following zones (see river section diagram in appendix No. 1):
 - 2.1.3.1. Zone “1” – from Salacgrīva port fence on the left Salaca riverbank and from the yacht marina on the right Salaca riverbank upstream to bridge across Salaca river in Salacgrīva;
 - 2.1.3.2. Zone “2” – from bridge across Salaca river in Salacgrīva upstream to first high voltage electric power lines across Salaca river in Salacgrīva.
 - 2.1.3.3. Zone “3” – from first high voltage electric power lines across Salaca river in Salacgrīva upstream to Korģe river mouth in Salaca river.
 - 2.1.3.4. Zone “4” – from Korģe river mouth in Salaca river upstream to the sign on the riverbank bordering Aloja region.
- 2.2. Fishing seasons and their durations:
 - 2.2.1. Winter-spring season: from January 1st until June 30th;
 - 2.2.2. Summer-autumn season: from July 1st until December 31st;
 - 2.2.3. Brown trout and salmon fishing season: from January 1st until April 30th.
- 2.3. Licensed fishing in section “*Salaca I*” is subject to existing Cabinet of Ministers’ regulations regarding fishing tools and their use, permitted fishing amount and permitted fish size, general fishing restrictions and fishermen’s obligations, as well as these additional provisions:
 - 2.3.1. From March 1st until May 31st a fish species conservation day must be observed – Monday of every week (except state holidays), when all types of fishing are forbidden.
 - 2.3.2. Spin fishing and fly fishing is forbidden from October 1st until April 30th, except for “Brown trout fishing licence” holders, to whom this restriction does not apply from January 1st until April 30th;
 - 2.3.3. Spin fishing and fly fishing are only allowed during daytime (from sunrise to sunset);
 - 2.3.4. Brown trout (and salmon) fishing is only allowed with spin fishing and fly fishing, using 1 (one) fishing tool, using artificial lure, which has only one hook of any type;
 - 2.3.5. During the time period from October 1st until May 31st wading in the water in zones “3”, “4”, as well as “A”, “B”, “C” and “D” is allowed only up to one metre from the riverbank, there are no such restrictions for the rest of the year;
 - 2.3.6. Fishing from boats is only allowed from June 1st until September 30th, except for the port aquatorium (from bridge across Salaca river in Salacgrīva to the sea);
 - 2.3.7. Underwater hunting is forbidden;
 - 2.3.8. It is forbidden to crayfish without special crayfishing licence;

- 2.3.9. It is forbidden to use tip-ups;
- 2.3.10. It is forbidden to use a fishing gaff for catching fish;
- 2.3.11. In all licensed fishing seasons, in zones “1” to “4”, the single fishing session limit for “single-use”, “season” or “yearly free” licence holders is no more than 2 (two) vimbas and the weight of other species fishes (as determined by article 18.7 of CM regulations No. 1498 of 22.10.2009) at the end of each fishing session may not exceed 10 kg, except for silver crucians (*Carassius auratus*), whose weight is not limited;
- 2.3.12. “Brown trout fishing one day licence” and “brown trout season fishing licence” gives its holders the right to catch and keep 1 (one) brown trout or 1 (one) salmon per day per licence from January 1st until April 30th, taking into account that from January 1st to April 30th the minimum permitted length for salmon fishing is 60 cm and for brown trout – 50 cm;
- 2.3.13. Holders of other fishing licences, who do not hold a “Brown trout fishing licence”, are forbidden to catch and keep brown trout or salmon in all licensed fishing seasons;
- 2.3.14. The number of fishermen in 1 day is limited by zone and season, and is indicated in article 4 of these regulations.
- 2.4. In the licensed crayfishing Salaca river section it is permitted to only keep signal crayfish, all other crayfish species must be immediately released. Respective written and visual information for identifying signal crayfish can be obtained together with the crayfishing licence on the website <https://www.epakalpojumi.lv> under the section e-catch (“e-loms”) and on the Salacgrīva region homepage – under the section “Useful information for Fishermen”, as well as in legislation regulating fishing, crayfishing and underwater hunting.
 - 2.4.1. The Salaca river section permitted for licensed crayfishing is indicated in appendix 2 of these regulations.
 - 2.4.2. Licensed crayfishing in the Salaca river section is allowed all year round for the duration of these regulations, which the licensed crayfisher considers as suitable for crayfishing, and at any time during the day, in accordance with the indicated licence expiry dates (appendix No. 25).
 - 2.4.3. Licensed crayfishing (only catching of signal crayfish) may occur with the following derogations from existing legislation regulating fishing, crayfishing and underwater hunting:
 - 2.4.3.1. Number of traps or fish baskets for each crayfisher – up to 30;
 - 2.4.3.2. Number of crayfish kept at end of one crayfishing session (limit) – no limits;
 - 2.4.3.3. It is allowed to keep female signal crayfish with visible roe.
 - 2.4.4. It is strictly forbidden to sell or transport signal crayfish or any other crayfish to other bodies of water no matter what their status.
 - 2.4.5. The crayfisher is responsible for his/her personal safety during crayfishing.

3. Requirements for protection of environment and natural resources

- 3.1. The section “*Salaca I*”, where licensed fishing and licensed crayfishing is organized, is located in the Northern Vidzeme Biosphere Reserve neutral and scenery protection zone.
- 3.2. All licensed fishing and licensed crayfishing holders must abide by CM regulations No. 228 of March 10th, 2009, “Individual protection and usage regulations for “Salaca valley” nature park”, which includes the following restrictions:
 - 3.2.1. To travel on the river (except the neutral zone) with shipping vehicles or any other floating vehicles, whose mechanical engine or motor power exceeds 3.7 kilowatts, un jet skis, except for employees of state and municipal institutions as well as travel of authorized persons for work duties’ purposes;
 - 3.2.2. Pollute or litter the environment with waste;
 - 3.2.3. Make fires in places other than indicated;
 - 3.2.4. Damage trees or bushes, damage grass.
- 3.3. Parking of transport vehicles on the road in the vicinity of Salaca river is only allowed in accordance with existing Transport and traffic regulations, but on private land – only with the

permission of landowner. Driving in the 10m towpath or pulling over off the road is strictly forbidden.

4. Types, number, prices and purchase of fishing and crayfishing licences

Brown trout fishing licences			
Types of licence	Number of licences	Cost of 1 (one) licence, incl. VAT 21%	Fisherman's catch size limit (number of fishes and weight per one 1 licence)
4.1. "Brown trout fishing single 1 day licence" in section "Salaca I", zones "A", "B", "C" or "D"	Zones "A", "B", "C" and "D" <u>from 1.01. to 30.04.</u> – 1650 licences per season (20 licences per 1 day in each zone)	EUR 15	During brown trout fishing season 1 (one) of any type of licence allows to catch and keep 1 (one) brown trout or salmon per 1 (one) licence.
4.2. "Brown trout fishing season licence" In section "Salaca I" All zones ("A", "B", "C" and "D")	10 licences per season	EUR 450	
"Winter-spring season" fishing licences			
4.3. "Winter – spring season" Season licence" in section "Salaca I" zone „1"	30 licences	EUR 10	In accordance with Cabinet of Ministers' regulations regulating fishing, taking into account the catch size limits for vimbas and other species fishes determined in article 2.3.11 of these regulations.
4.4. "Winter – spring season single 1 day licence" in section "Salaca I" zone „2"	1800 licences (40 licences per 1 day)	EUR 5	
4.5. "Winter – spring season single 1 day licence" in section "Salaca I" zone "3"	200 licences (20 licences per 1 day)	EUR 5	
4.6. "Winter – spring season single 1 day licence" in section "Salaca I" zone "4"	1300 licences (60 licences per 1 day)	EUR 5	
"Summer – autumn season" fishing licences			
4.7. "Summer – autumn season seasonal licence" in section "Salaca I", zone "1"	30 licences	EUR 10	In accordance with Cabinet of Ministers' regulations regulating fishing, taking into account the catch size limits for vimbas and other species fishes determined in article 2.3.11 of these regulations.
4.8. "Summer – autumn season single 1 day licence" in section "Salaca I", zone "2"	1000 licences (40 licences per 1 day)	EUR 5	
4.9. "Summer – autumn season single 1 day licence" in section "Salaca I", zone "3"	200 licences (20 licences per 1 day)	EUR 5	

4.10. "Summer – autumn season single 1 day licence" in section "Salaca I", zone "4"	700 licences (60 licences per 1 day)	EUR 5	In accordance with Cabinet of Ministers' regulations regulating fishing, taking into account the catch size limits for vimbas and other species fishes determined in article 2.3.11 of these regulations.
Yearly fishing licences			
4.11. "Free yearly fishing licence" in section "Salaca I", zones "2", "3" and "4"	250 licences	Free of charge	Catch size limit (weight, count) in accordance with article 2.3.11 of these regulations.
4.12. <i>Young fisherman certificate-licence in section "Salaca I"</i>	250 licences	Free of charge	In accordance with Cabinet of Ministers' regulations regulating fishing, taking into account the catch size limits for vimbas and other species fishes determined in article 2.3.11 of these regulations.
Crayfishing licences			
4.13. "Single crayfishing licence"	unlimited	EUR 8	unlimited
4.14. "Family crayfishing licence"	unlimited	EUR 15	unlimited
4.15. "Yearly crayfishing licence"	unlimited	EUR 50	unlimited

5. Free fishing licences

- 5.1. "Free yearly fishing licences" may only be received by owners of land on the Salaca river riverbanks in Salacgrīva region administrative territory and their family members, repressed and disabled persons, as well as members of fishermen unions in Salacgrīva region who have made significant contributions in the protection of natural and fish resources – in accordance with lists provided by the union boards, which identify reasons for reduced fees.
- 5.2. Children and adolescents up to 16 years living in the Salacgrīva region administrative territory are allowed to fish in the section "Salaca I" in accordance with the requirements of these regulations (except crayfishing and fishing of brown trout and salmon), without purchasing the licence mentioned in article 4.11 of these regulations, if they have received the "Young fisherman certificate-licence" from Salacgrīva region council (see example of "Young fisherman certificate-licence" – appendix No. 4 of these regulations), which indicates the person's name, surname, place of residence, signature of chairman of Salacgrīva region council and seal. Certificates are issued in accordance with a list prepared by Salacgrīva region council.

6. Design of licences

- 6.1. All licences (appendixes No. 3; No. 4 and No. 5) must indicate: type of licence, issue date, serial number, price, expiration date, fishing or crayfishing zone(-s), name, surname and identity No. of licensee, signatures of licensee and licensor, information about licensed fishing and licensed crayfishing organizer, catch tracking table (appendix No. 6 and No. 7) or its example, information about important fishing regulations.

7. Procedure for implementation of licences

- 7.1. Sales location, addresses, contact phone numbers, working hours:
 - 7.1.1. Electronic licences, except for free yearly licence and “Young fisherman certificate-licence”, can be purchased in SIA “ZZ Dats” internet services homepage www.epakalpojumi.lv, under section eCatch (eLOMS), at any time of the day;
 - 7.1.2. Paper licences can be purchased in the Salacgrīva regional tourist information centre, Riga street 10a, Salacgrīva during its working hours (from Monday to Saturday from 10:00 until 18:00, phone +371 64041254 and +371 26463025);
 - 7.1.3. “Free yearly licences” and “Young fisherman certificate-licences” can be received in the Salacgrīva region unified customer service centre for state and municipal services, in Smilšu street 9, Salacgrīva, during its working hours (Mondays from 8:00 to 18:00, Tuesdays to Thursdays from 8:00 to 17:00, Fridays from 8:00 to 16:00, phone number +371 64071973).
- 7.2. Any natural person has the rights to purchase 1 (one) single 1 (one) day license of any type or reserve it on his/her own name no more than 9 (nine) days before, indicating type of licence, fishing zone and fishing date, without rights to move (change) reserved date, zone or type of licence. Payment for the reserved licence must be made no later than until 18:00 of the day before the licence starting date, otherwise the licence reservation is cancelled. Licence reservation can also be done through the web page www.epakalpojumi.lv, under section eCatch (eLoms).
- 7.3. Fishermen have the right to purchase and simultaneously use no more than 1 (one) single 1 day licence for brown trout fishing.
- 7.4. Organizer of licensed fishing and crayfishing registers the fishermen and crayfishers, who have violated article 9 of these regulations regarding return of the licence and catch tracking table, and who have not submitted licences in current and next year.
- 7.5. It is the responsibility of each participant of licensed fishing and crayfishing to read these regulations and act in accordance with their requirements, which is certified with a signature upon receiving the licence.
- 7.6. The value of fishing of crayfishing licences not used or cancelled due to violations is not reimbursed to the fisherman.
- 7.7. Fishermen and crayfishers must always carry a personal identification document during fishing or crayfishing.

8. Use of funds obtained from sale of licences

- 8.1. 40% of the total amount obtained for sale of licences for section “*Salaca I*” is transferred by the Salacgrīva region council once every six months (until July 31st for first six months and until January 31st – for second six months) to the government core budget as funds for subsidies to Fisheries Fund.
- 8.2. 60% of the total amount obtained for sale of licences for section “*Salaca I*” is transferred to the Salacgrīva region council account, which it uses for the reproduction of fish resources or recultivation (restoration) of fish spawn locations, in accordance with “Regulations for use of Salaca river fisheries” developed by the Latvian Fish Resources Agency, as well as protection of fish and crayfish resources, control measures of fishing and crayfishing, organization of licensed fishing and licensed crayfishing and development of fishing tourism.
- 8.3. The Salacgrīva region council is responsible for the distribution and use of the funds in the “*Salaca I*” section. The council ensures that the Rural Support Service receives a pre-defined format report about the number of fishing *and* crayfishing licences sold, types of

licences, total sales amount and their use twice a year – until July 15th and January 15th for the previous six months.

9. Procedure for catch tracking

- 9.1. Holders of all licences for “Salaca I” section (except young fisherman certificate-licence) must submit information about all catches, by filling in a special catch tracking table, where total catch of each day must be registered in the catch tracking form (appendixes No. 6 and No. 7). Data must be submitted in the SIA “ZZ Dati” internet services home page www.epakalpojumi.lv, under section eCatch (eLoms) or by leaving it in the Salacgrīva region council’s mailbox at Smilšu street 9, Salacgrīva.
- 9.1.1. Requirements of article 9.1 must be completed by holders of “Single 1 day” fishing or crayfishing licences within 24 hours after the expiration date of the licence.
- 9.1.2. Requirements of article 9.1 must be completed by holders of “Season” and “Yearly” licences and Young fisherman certificates-licences within 10 (ten) days after the licence expiration date.
- 9.2. Salacgrīva region council ensures a timely submission of reports to the Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment “BIOR” about all catches and results of fishing competitions.
- 9.3. Holders of all licences (of any type), who do not return licences and catch tracking tables within the due dates determined in article 9.1. of these regulations, or who have violated any other regulations, will be prohibited from purchasing any further licences for licensed fishing or crayfishing in Salaca river section “*Salaca I*” in the current or next year.

10. Fishing competitions

- 10.1. The following competitions may be organized in the Salaca river section “*Salaca I*” during one calendar year:
 - 10.1.1. No more than 5 (five) brown trout fishing competitions can be organized in zones “A”, “B”, “C” and “D”, as determined in article 2.2 of these regulations, during *brown trout (or salmon) fishing season*;
 - 10.1.2. During “*Winter – spring*” and “*Summer – autumn*” seasons, 5 (five) angling competitions per season (total 10 competitions) and 3 (three) ice fishing competitions can be organized.
- 10.2. The competitions can only occur in accordance with the number and price of licences determined in these regulations, as well as any other requirements and conditions outlined in these regulations.
- 10.3. Singled day licences are not sold to non-participants of brown trout (and salmon) fishing competitions on the day of competition for the same fishing zones, if the organizer of the competition has informed the Salacgrīva region council in writing at least 10 (ten) days before the competition.
- 10.4. Participants of competitions, who have purchased single day brown trout fishing licences, can fish in all the zones indicated for the competition.
- 10.5. In addition to consideration of all requirements and conditions determined in these regulations, the organizer of the competition undertakes to take scale samples from all salmon and brown trout caught during the competition, to ensure that scale samples can be provided to the Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment “BIOR”.
- 10.6. Regulations of the specific competitions must be aligned with the existing terms and conditions of Cabinet of Ministers’ regulations regarding fishing, and coordinated with the Salacgrīva region council, if the council itself is not the organizer.

11. Responsibilities of organizers of licensed fishing and crayfishing

- 11.1. The responsibilities of organizers of licensed fishing and crayfishing are as follows:

- 11.1.1. to submit information about licensed fishing and crayfishing locations, organizer of licensed fishing and crayfishing, and purchase options of fishing and crayfishing licences to the journal "Latvijas Vēstnesis" and local newspapers, and ensure that zone marks are placed throughout the licensed fishing and crayfishing section "Salaca I";
- 11.1.2. to ensure the availability of fishing and crayfishing licences in accordance with articles 7.1 and 7.2 of these regulations;
- 11.1.3. to register, track and sell fishing and crayfishing licences in accordance with legislative requirements, and register the issued fishing licences in the tracking journal; ensure that the limits of licences determined in article 4 of these regulations is not exceeded in the respective fishing zones, days and seasons;
- 11.1.4. to ensure that all funds received for sale of fishing and crayfishing licences are used in accordance with article 8 of regulations;
- 11.1.5. track all fishermen and crayfishers in accordance with procedure outlined in article 9 of these regulations;
- 11.1.6. to acquaint the fishermen and crayfishers with these regulations;
- 11.1.7. to designate a responsible person, who participates in the protection and supervision measures of environmental and fish and crayfish resources after receiving status as an authorized person of State Environmental Service or municipality, and once a year to submit information about all measures taken whilst managing the bodies of water, including the measures indicated in article 8.2 of these regulations – reproduction and protection of fish resources, and organization of infrastructure required for development and maintenance of licensed fishing and crayfishing – to the State Environmental Service;
- 11.1.8. to submit reports to Rural Support Service about payments to the state budget as funds for subsidies to Fisheries Fund, and total use of income received for sale of licences, twice a year on July 15th and January 15th – for the previous six months;
- 11.1.9. to submit completed and returned fishermen licences to the Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment "BIOR" until February 1st of next year for further data processing to evaluate fish and crayfish resources;
- 11.1.10. to increase the total fish resources in accordance with the written recommendations from the Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment "BIOR".

12. Supervision of licensed fishing, crayfishing and environmental protection

- 12.1. Observance of licensed fishing and crayfishing regulations is controlled by authorized persons of the Salacgrīva region council.

13. Final provisions

- 13.1. The duration period of these regulations is 3 (three) years and the end date is December 31st, 2018.

14. Appendixes to regulations

- 14.1. Appendix No. 1 – Diagram with indications to respective fishing zones.
- 14.2. Appendix No. 2 – Diagram for licensed crayfishing.
- 14.3. Appendix No. 3 – Examples of licensed fishing licences.
- 14.4. Appendix No. 4 – Salacgrīva region council "Young fisherman certificate-licence" (example).
- 14.5. Appendix No. 5 – Examples of licensed crayfishing licences.
- 14.6. Appendix No. 6 – Catch tracking table.
- 14.7. Appendix No. 7 – Catch tracking table.

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