

Montana Invasive Species Summit 2018

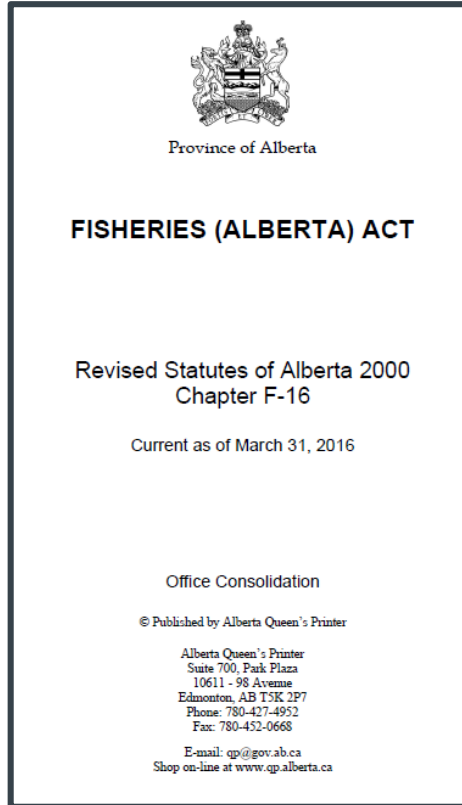
Panel: Regulatory & Enforcement

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Alberta Legislation



Intent of this Act, to facilitate and enhance the detection, suppression, elimination and, at least, prevention of the spread, of aquatic invasive organisms in Alberta.

Fisheries (Alberta) Act Amendments

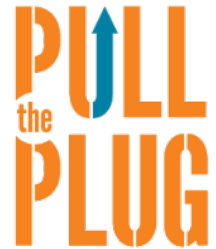
2015

- Prohibited Species List
- Mandatory Inspection Stations
- Enhanced authority & quarantine provisions



2016

- Pull the Plug
- Mandatory reporting of AIS



2018

- Specified Penalties



Alberta

Enforcement of Fisheries (Alberta) Act



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Fisheries (Alberta) Act Fines

- Individual - a fine of not more than \$100 000 or to imprisonment for a term of not more than 12 months, or both the fine and imprisonment,
- Corporation - a fine of not more than \$500 000

Prior to June 1 2018, ALL fines, regardless of amount, required a mandatory court appearance

Fisheries (Alberta) Act Court Appearances



Fisheries (Alberta) Act Specified Penalties

Bypassing an
Inspection Station
Fisheries (Alberta)
Act (RSA 2000 cF-
16) Section 33.2(3)
\$310

Failing to pull lower
hull or bilge in
transporting a boat.
Fisheries (Ministerial)
Reg. (AR220/97)
Section 6.1
\$172

Alberta Specified Penalties 2018 (5 months)

(Bypassing Inspection Station)	84 Enforcement Actions
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PROSECUTION	13
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WARNING	71
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(Fail to Pull Plug)	79 Enforcement Actions
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VERBAL NOTICE	9
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WARNING	70
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In 2019, we will be encouraging officers to issue more enforcement actions. 2018 was approached as a learning year for the public.

Protect Alberta Waters



Questions?

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