

**A Preliminary Examination  
of a  
Reciprocal Angling Licence Fee  
(for Non- Residents)**

**Alberta Fisheries Management Round Table  
Providence Renewal Centre  
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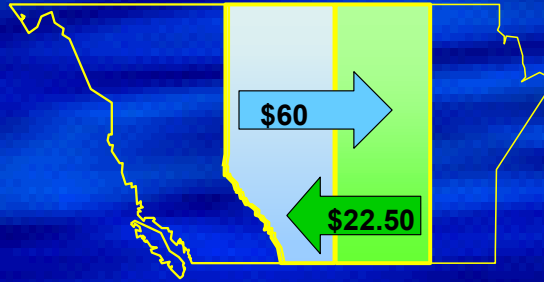
**ACTION (11):** *“ASRD will examine licence fees for non-residents with a move towards fairness”*  
(May 27/06)

*“Reciprocal licencing appears okay and makes sense”*

*“Status quo is unacceptable for non-resident licencing fees”*

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## CONCEPT

An Alberta Sportfishing Licence would cost an angler from another jurisdiction (non-resident or non-resident alien) the equivalent amount that an Albertan is charged for a licence to fish in the non-resident's Province, State, or Country

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## GOALS:

- Fairness in Licencing costs (“create a level playing field”)
- Revenue generation (“for management of fisheries”)
- Increase non-resident fees (perceived to be too low)
- Not to be a retaliatory action (e.g. BC Classified Waters)

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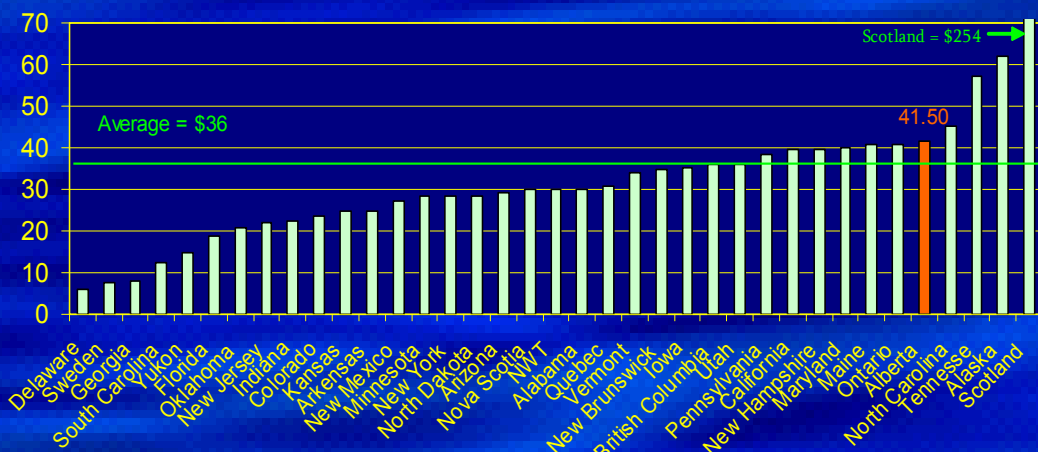








### Comparison of 1 "week" license/fees (5-10 days)

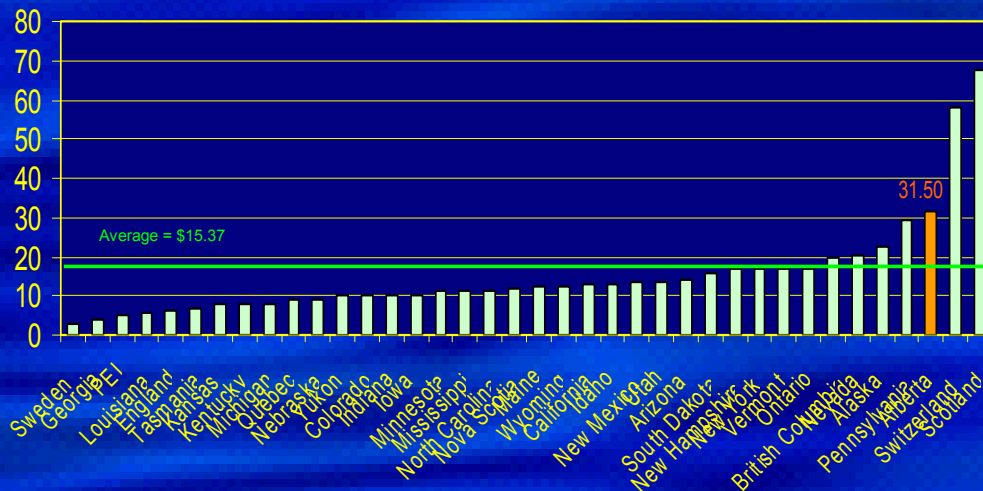


37 jurisdictions; 4 countries; 7 provinces; 28 states

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### Comparison of one day license fees (Non-resident Alien)



38 jurisdictions; 7 provinces; 27 states; 5 countries

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## Is RALF feasible?

- **COST** – Unknown but significant
- **LOGISTICS** – Complex, decisions for each jurisdiction
  - one year for consultation and approval
  - one more year to implement once approved

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## How much revenue would potentially be generated?

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			Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value
2002	209,783	\$ 6,398,381	-	-	2,359	\$ 163,950	5,103	\$ 252,589	-	-
2003	213,659	\$6,516,599	-	-	1,772	\$ 123,154	2,626	\$ 129,987	2,913	\$ 91,759
2004	202,936	\$6,189,548	-	-	1,653	\$ 114,883	2,392	\$ 118,404	2,844	\$ 89,586
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**If we double the cost of non-resident licences ...**

**i.e. Resident Canadian:           \$22.50 → \$ 45.00 = \$157,500**  
**Resident Alien:**  
     Annual    \$61.50 → \$123.00 = \$110,991  
     5 day     \$41.50 → \$ 83.00 = \$110,781  
     1 day     \$23.50 → \$ 47.00 = \$ 85,239

**Total:    \$464,511**



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## CONCLUSIONS...

- Alberta's licence for non-resident aliens is at or above average
- Alberta's licence for non-resident Canadians well below average
- Revamping the licencing system would be costly
- Has significant revenue potential

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