

**Alberta Conservation Association  
2023/24 Project Summary Report**

**Project Name:** Fish Stocking Evaluation

**Fisheries Program Manager:** Peter Aku

**Project Leader:** Kevin Fitzsimmons

**Primary ACA Staff on Project:** NA

**Details**

Evaluation of our Fish Stocking Project suggests that poor water quality (high temperatures and low dissolved oxygen) and avian predation at some of our ponds may limit their ability to support stocked trout throughout the summer months. To remain accountable to our stakeholders, we continue to evaluate our stocking program and our stocked ponds to increase efficiencies where possible. Beginning in 2010, we have evaluated various aspects of our stocking project including physical and chemical properties of ponds, angler effort, avian predation, and trout survival and abundance. The goal for 2023/24 was to investigate angler effort and abundance of fish prey at select ponds. However, the project was deferred to 2024/25 due to the departure of key project staff from Alberta Conservation Association.