

**Alberta Conservation Association
2024/25 Project Summary Report**

Project Name: Fish Stocking

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Partnerships

Canadian National Railway	NFP
Canadian Tire – Cochrane	Nutrien
CCI Inc.	Saddle Hills County
City of Airdrie	Shell Canada Energy
City of Beaumont	Southern Alberta Outdoorsmen
City of Edmonton	Special Areas Board
City of Fort Saskatchewan	SysGen Solutions Group Ltd.
City of Lacombe	Town of Cochrane
City of Medicine Hat	Town of High River
City of Red Deer	Town of Morinville
County of Grande Prairie	Town of Taber
Government of Alberta	UFA Strathmore and UFA Airdrie
Lethbridge County	

Key Findings

- The Fish Stocking project provides Albertans with angling opportunities in areas of the province where sport fishing opportunities are limited.
- In 2024/25, we stocked 61 waterbodies with 97,160 rainbow trout, 6,320 brook trout, 2,300 brown trout, and 2,170 tiger trout, for a total of 107,950 trout.

- Approximately 84% of the stockings were completed in spring before the May long weekend, 13% in late May or early June, and 3% in the fall.
- We acquired one new Corporate Partner in Conservation.

Details

The project provides Albertans with recreational angling in areas of the province where such fishing opportunities are limited. We stocked sterile (triploid) catchable-sized (approximately 20 cm total length) trout into easily accessible waterbodies to create put-and-take fisheries. We hired two trout suppliers to grow and stock trout and to ensure that the appropriate number and size of trout were stocked into designated waterbodies. Smoky Trout Farm Limited, a private grower, provided rainbow trout and the Government of Alberta fish hatchery provided four species: rainbow trout, brook trout, brown trout, and tiger trout. Spring stockings occurred between mid-April and the May long weekend, and late spring stockings occurred by the middle of June. Fall stockings occurred in September and October.

Due to ongoing drought conditions in some areas, we inspected 31 sites prior to stocking to determine whether they had sufficient water levels to sustain fish. Two waterbodies, Oyen Reservoir and Two Hills Pond, were deemed to be too shallow and were not stocked. Granum Pond was not stocked due to invasive fish species rehabilitation by the Municipal District of Willow Creek which drained the waterbody and removed goldfish.

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A complete list of rainbow trout, brook trout, brown trout, and tiger trout stockings was posted and updated frequently on our website.

Photos



Photo 1. A 30-cm rainbow trout from Smoky Trout Farm. Photo: Diana Rung



Photo 2. Anglers at Mitchell Pond. Photo: Charmaine Brunos