

Fishing regulation on Åland (Landskapslag 1956:39)

Separated into privately-owned waters and common waters

Privately-owned waters

- **Privata vatten** – Privately-owned waters
- **Samfällida vatten** (byavatten) – Jointly-owned waters
 - Residents in the “town” are allowed to fish by angling, and “hook-fishin” except trolling, “gäddrev”, or springhook in the water area. Fishers have to follow other rules designated by the board, such as buying a fishing license or protected seasons.
 - Regulated by “fiskelag” or “fiskevårdsförening”
 - Household fishing is not permitted in areas where it might disturb the other residence or specifically aimed fishing areas (example: Fyke net fishing area (ryssja)).
- **Kommunala vatten** – Municipal-owned waters
 - Residents of the municipality are allowed to fish, by angling, unless specified separately, on municipal-owned waters for household use
- **Landskapets enskilda vatten** – Government-owned “private” waters
 - Regulated by “Landskapets fastighetsverk” (Government of Åland’s Property Board)

Common waters

Landskapets allmänna vatten & water-areas outside the "village-border"

- People from Åland can fish on Ålands common waters for household use, but only professional fishers can use professional equipment (pro. equipment is regulated in the law)
- In water areas located outside the village borders, that are common waters, anyone from the Nordic countries can fish for household use → will be changed that anyone can fish with hand held equipment for household use

Fishing regulation (commercial fishery)

Divided into a 4 nm border and a 12 nm border outside the **Byagräns** –
“Village border”

Bilateral agreement between Finland (including Åland) and Sweden –
Can fish to the 4 nm border of each other)

Åland:

- People from Åland can fish in the common waters to the “Village border”
- People from Finland and Sweden can fish up until 4 nm from the “Village border”
 - Exception: Some swedes can fish in Ålands sea to the “Village border” (old agreement with no direct restriction to how close they can fish)
- Rest of EU can fish to the 12 nm border

Finland:

- People from Finland and Åland can fish to the “Village border”
- People from Sweden can Fish to the 4 nm border
- Rest of EU can fish to 12 nm border

Sweden:

- Sweden can fish to the “Village border”
- Finland and Åland can fish to the 4 nm border
- Rest of EU can fish to the 12 nm border

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