Ice shack rentals and outfitting – what you need to know.



As an ice shack owner who may rent out angling equipment, including your shack, it's important to know what an outfitter is to make sure you are following *The Outfitter and Guide Regulations, 2004.*

If you provide any of the services of a guide, this is considered outfitting and require an outfitter's licence.

There are currently no new outfitting opportunities available in Saskatchewan. If you are interested in an outfitter's licence, you need to buy an existing licence from a current outfitter.

Outfitter

An outfitter is a person who receives financial gain or reward for providing or organizing the following services for clients who are angling or hunting:

- (1) the services of a guide; and or
- (2) equipment and accommodation.

Requires an outfitting licence

Examples of activities considered to be the services of a guide can include:

- Providing angling advice to improve client success;
- Renting an ice shack already in place on the lake;
- Drilling ice fishing holes;
- Starting fires in ice shacks;
- Providing transportation to or from ice shacks; or
- Moving ice shacks at the request of the client.

No outfitting licence required

There are activities in ice shack rentals that do not require an outfitter's licence. These can include:

- Renting an ice shack for the client to pick up, take on the lake, use for the rental period and return;
- Renting angling equipment such as fishing rods and ice augers;
- Providing direction on operation of equipment (e.g. tutorials on ice auger, heaters, electronics);
- Providing food to clients; or
- Providing angling season information.

