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eServices now available for anglers and campers

WHITEHORSE—Yukon angling licences and resident annual campground permits can now be purchased by anyone with an internet-connected computer thanks to an online system launched today by the Department of Environment.

"This new service allows you to not only purchase an angling licence or annual campground permit at any time, but also 'carry' it on your mobile device as well as print it out on paper," Minister of Environment Wade Istchenko said.

The service starts this week on a limited basis through a self-serve computer kiosk at the Department of Environment office at 10 Burns Road in Whitehorse. This will allow real-time troubleshooting to take place if needed. The service will be fully functional starting Tuesday, May 19.

"This government recognizes that many Yukoners prefer to conduct digital transactions because they are fast, effective and convenient," Minister of Highways and Public Works Scott Kent said. "To this end we are developing a range of eServices, starting with this initiative."

The Department of Environment sells about 17,000 angling licences and 2,100 resident annual campground permits each year through its offices and a network of vendors across Yukon. Paper licence and permit sales will continue through vendors for now.

Benefits of the new eServices include:

- Individuals can purchase an angling licence or annual campground permit at any time rather than during the hours kept by the vendor or department office.
- Once they have an account in place, individuals no longer have to enter their personal information for each subsequent licence and/or permit.
- Individuals can access their licence/permit history at any time and, if they should lose a hard copy, they can simply print out a new one rather than pay for a replacement.

Work on the eServices initiative began in the spring of 2014 and is led by the Department of Highways and Public Works' eServices branch. Over time the Yukon government will increase the number of services available online.

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