

Canada Fishing Licence Checklist

Printable field audit for licences, waters, species, and proof

1. Authority and licence

- Confirm province, territory, national park, or tidal/federal authority.
- Choose resident, Canadian non-resident, or non-resident category correctly.
- Check whether you need Outdoors Card, WiN, FWID, WILD profile, stamps, or permits.

2. Waterbody and species

- Find the exact zone, region, lake, river, park, or tidal area.
- Check open season, size limits, slot limits, and possession limits.
- Look for emergency closures, sanctuaries, conservation orders, and park rules.

3. Proof and field backup

- Save licence proof as required and carry government ID when required.
- Keep a printed copy or screenshot if remote cell service is unreliable.
- Use a waterproof phone pouch or notebook for licence numbers and zone reminders.

Regulation-Ready Gear Notes

Use gear to support compliance, not to replace official rules

4. Hooks, bait, and handling

- Confirm bait, live bait, barbed hook, single hook, and lead restrictions before rigging.
- Carry pliers and line cutters for fast hook removal and safer release.
- Measure fish before keeping them and release fish quickly where required.

5. Safety and conservation

- Check weather, wind, cold water risk, and PFD guidance before launching.
- Drain live wells and clean gear to reduce invasive species transfer.
- Never move live baitfish or fish between waterbodies unless official rules clearly allow it.

6. Final rule

- Official sources beat memory, social media, old PDFs, and tackle-shop rumours.
- If a rule is unclear, do not fish that waterbody until you verify it.
- CanadaFever helps plan the trip; agencies control the final legal rule.