

BC Record Keeping Requirements for Live Bivalves

Harvester / Farmer

Canadian Shellfish Sanitation Program (CSSP) & Conditions of Licence

Containers holding live bivalves (e.g., oysters) must be "tagged" before leaving the harvest area. Tags must be waterproof, legible and contain specific information that will vary depending on the species and source (farmed vs wild).

Section 53(1)(b) Fish and Seafood Licensing Regulation

Provincially-licensed seafood processors can only accept live bivalves that are in tagged containers.

Provincial Processor

A provincially-licensed seafood processor must:

- only obtain live bivalves from a federally-licensed processor,
- maintain records for all live bivalves received (as outlined in Box A on reverse),
- maintain records for all live bivalves distributed (as outlined in Box B on reverse),
- provide distribution records (as outlined in box B on reverse), for the purpose of tracing live bivalves, to the transporter, &
- keep records for three years.

Federal Processor

Regulated by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). Licences issued by Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) require all harvested live bivalves to go through a federally-licensed processor before any further distribution.

Transporter

Section 60 Fish and Seafood Licensing Regulation

Transporters must carry the records received from the provincially-licensed seafood processor during the transport of live bivalves, and provide those records to the recipient.

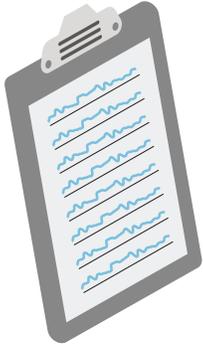
Retail or Restaurant

Section 61 Fish and Seafood Licensing Regulation

Restaurants and retail stores that receive live bivalves from a transporter must:

- Add the date received to the records and.
- Keep the records for one year.

In order to facilitate rapid traceability of live bivalves, the following record-keeping requirements exist.



A Maintaining Records For All Live Bivalves Received

Seafood processor records for all live bivalves **received** must include the:

- licence number of the federal processor that the live bivalves were received from,
- name, address, phone number of the federal processor,
- date of receipt,
- quantity of product (divided by species), and
- amount paid.

B Maintaining Records For All Live Bivalves Distributed

Seafood processor records for all live bivalves **distributed** must include the:

- name, address, phone number of your customer,
- date of distribution,
- quantity of product (divided by species),
- amount paid,
- name, address, phone number of the transporter used for distribution, and information contained from original harvest tag which includes the:
 - harvester's name,
 - harvest location,
 - harvest date, and
 - common name and quantity of live bivalves harvested.

- Keep all records for three years.