



NOTICE TO SEAFOOD INDUSTRY LICENCE APPLICANTS

Effective November 15, 2024, the Canada Post labour dispute continues to impact mail delivery.

During this time, we encourage applicants to submit licence applications, supporting documents and payments via **FrontCounter BC** or **Service BC** to ensure processing in a timely manner. If your application and payment were sent via Canada Post after November 1, 2024, and you have not yet received your licence, please email BCSeafoodInspection@gov.bc.ca or call our office at 778 405-1552.

Please note that operating without a valid licence is a contravention of the *Fish and Seafood Act*. To obtain a licence, fully complete and sign the application form and ensure that it includes:

- all supporting documents; and
- the appropriate fee.

Incomplete applications will not be processed and will be returned.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

- **Electronic submission:**
 - ✓ Select a FrontCounter office at <https://portal.nrs.gov.bc.ca/web/client/locations>
 - ✓ Submit application to the selected office's email
 - ✓ Submit credit card payment by phone to that office
- **In-person submission:**
 - ✓ Select a Service BC office at www.servicebc.gov.bc.ca
 - ✓ Submit application and payment in-person to the selected office via cash, cheque, debit or credit card

Additional Information:

- You may require an inspection prior to your licence being issued. A Ministry of Agriculture and Food Inspector may contact you to arrange an inspection once your completed application form and payment have been received in our office.
- The Ministry collects important economic data (e.g., through the Annual Fisheries Production Schedule) from your industry. Reporting requirements are available at www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/statistics/reporting-requirements. Questions regarding these requirements can be directed to Sector Insights and Corporate Initiatives Unit at Fishstats@gov.bc.ca
- Information on seafood industry licensing can be found at www.gov.bc.ca/seafoodlicensing.

If you have any questions regarding licensing, please email BCSeafoodInspection@gov.bc.ca or call our office at 778 405-1552. To eliminate long-distance charges, you may call Enquiry BC at 1-800-663-7867 and ask to be transferred to our office.