



Seafood Industry Notice for Sport-caught Seafood Processors

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Sport-caught Fish Labeling Requirements

Fish and Seafood Licensing Regulation

This notice provides information regarding the sport-caught fish labeling requirements for provincially licensed seafood processors. These requirements are found in [section 54](#) of the Fish and Seafood Licensing Regulation.

1. Each container of sport-caught fish must be labeled with the following information as per section 54(2):
 - a) Species of fish in the container,
 - b) Name and address of processing establishment,
 - c) Day/Month/Year of processing, and
 - d) The words “sport-caught fish – not for sale”.

Explanation: These requirements refer to “each container” which is considered to be an individual package. For example, a vacuum-packed fillet of fish is considered a container of fish and therefore, must be labeled with the information listed above.

2. Each carton holding individual containers of sport-caught fish must be labeled with the following information as per section 54(3):
 - a) Name and address of processing establishment,
 - b) Name of sport-fisher that caught the fish; and
 - c) The words “sport-caught fish – not for sale”.

Explanation: Cartons are considered to be the package (e.g., cardboard box) that is holding containers of fish and each carton must be labeled with the information listed above. For example, if 8 vacuum-packed fillets (each labelled as required by section 54(2)) are placed into a cardboard box in your facility, that cardboard box is considered to be a “carton” and therefore must be labelled as required by section 54(3) prior to leaving your facility.

3. A seafood processor is also required to have a tracking system in place that ensures that all processed sport-caught fish are returned only to the sport-fisher who caught the fish as per section 55.

Explanation: A seafood processor must have a tracking system in place that identifies the fish received from the sport-fisher and ensures that those same fish are returned only to that sport-fisher.

In recognition of the importance of the Fish and Seafood Licensing Regulation, penalties are in place to address incidents of non-compliance.

Further Information:

If you have any questions regarding this, or any other issues pertaining to the BC Fish and Seafood Licensing Regulation, you may contact one of the Fisheries Inspectors listed below, or visit our [webpage](#).

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