

2019-2020 BC Freshwater Fishing Synopsis FAQs

Transporting and Exporting Fish

If you caught the fish yourself, you must:

- keep your angling licence handy while travelling.
- transport no more than your legal limit.
- ensure your fish can be identified, counted and measured if necessary.

If you are transporting fish for someone else:

- obtain and carry a signed letter from that person with the following details: the angler's name, address, telephone number and fishing licence number; when and where the fish were caught; the date and place at which you were given the fish; the number, species and size of the fish that you have been given and the name and address of the person to whom the fish are to be delivered.
- if you will be exporting the fish from B.C., carry the letter and insure that it is available for inspection by fishery enforcement and/or customs officers if requested to do so.

If someone else caught the fish and gave it to you for your personal consumption:

- keep a signed letter from the angler in your possession until you have eaten the fish.
- the letter should list the name, address and telephone number of the angler who gave you the fish; the number, species and size of the fish; and when and where the fish were caught.

Wrap it Right

A guide to cleaning and canning your catch

(all species except salmon in non-tidal waters)

In order to enforce quotas and size limits, our officers must be able to count, measure and identify your catch. To comply with the law, follow these simple guidelines when you clean and transport your fish.

- Leave the head, tail and all fins on your catch until you get them to your permanent (ordinary) residence. We suggest you immediately remove the gills and internal organs of any fish you keep to reduce spoilage.
- Do not freeze fish together in an unrecognizable block.
- Do not can, bottle or fillet fish caught by sport fishing in non-tidal waters except at your permanent residence.