

BRITISH COLUMBIA WILD/FWID LICENCE ACCESS CHECKLIST

B.C. Starting Point

B.C. freshwater and B.C. tidal water are separate systems.

- Freshwater: WILD and Fish and Wildlife ID (FWID)

- Tidal water: Fisheries and Oceans Canada tidal licence system

Do not use the freshwater portal for a tidal licence problem, and do not use the tidal portal for a freshwater WILD/FWID problem.

Step 1: Decide Which System Applies

- Inland lakes, rivers, and most non-tidal freshwater: start with WILD/FWID.

- Saltwater, tidal water, or tidal salmon: start with DFO's National Recreational Licensing System.

- A trip can need both systems if it includes both freshwater and tidal fishing.

Step 2: Freshwater WILD/FWID Recovery

- Open WILD.

- Sign in with the account tied to the FWID.

- Use FWID, email, or account recovery if the profile already exists.

- Check current licences, products, and available documents.

- Carry FWID plus photo ID where that is the practical proof path.

Step 3: Stamps And Records

- Check whether the trip includes salmon, steelhead, or another product with a conservation surcharge stamp.

- Check whether the product requires a retention record.

- Carry the paper or digital copy required for the stamp or record.

- Do not assume FWID alone covers every stamp or catch-record situation.

Step 4: Tidal Licence Recovery

- Open the DFO tidal licence system if the problem is tidal water.

- Sign in with the same profile used for purchase.
- Reprint or download the tidal licence from the account area.
- Confirm whether any catch log, salmon conservation stamp, or immediate recording requirement applies.

Step 5: Before Fishing

- Confirm freshwater vs tidal water.

- Confirm FWID, tidal licence, stamp, and record requirements.
- Confirm the region, waterbody, species, season, quota, and bait or gear restriction.
- Save an offline copy before leaving cell service.

Support Message

Subject: B.C. fishing licence access problem

Hello,

I bought a B.C. fishing licence but cannot access or download the proof now. The trip is for [freshwater/tidal/not sure]. I used this email: [email].

Could you help me access the correct WILD/FWID or tidal licence record before my trip?

Thank you,

[name]