

# NOVA SCOTIA SPORTFISHING LICENCE REPLACEMENT CHECKLIST

## Nova Scotia Starting Point

**Nova Scotia freshwater sportfishing uses a General Fishing Licence for most freshwater fishing except salmon. Salmon uses a separate licence.**

### Official sportfishing application:

**<https://sportfishing.novascotia.ca/>**

### Official general fishing licence page:

**<https://www.novascotia.ca/apply-general-fishing-licence-sportfishing>**

## Step 1: Confirm The Licence Type

### - General Fishing Licence: freshwater species except salmon.

- Salmon Fishing Licence: Atlantic salmon in fresh water.
- Tidal or salt water: a provincial licence may not be required, but rules still apply.
- National parks and special waters can have separate requirements.

## Step 2: Find The Licence Proof

### - Check the email used during online application.

- Search for 'Nova Scotia sportfishing', 'General Fishing Licence', 'salmon licence', or the purchase date.
- Open the online application path if you need account or application support.
- Save the licence to your phone or print a paper copy.

## Step 3: Replace A Lost Licence

**Nova Scotia says lost licences can be replaced at a local Department of Natural Resources and Renewables office.**

### Use a local office when:

- the online application is not enough to recover the licence

- the licence was issued through an in-person path
- the trip is close and you need a person to help

#### **Step 4: What To Carry**

**- Printed licence or phone-accessible licence.**

- Photo ID if useful to match your licence details.
- Salmon licence if the trip is for Atlantic salmon.
- General Fishing Licence Report Card or Salmon Fishing Licence Report Card obligations if they apply.

#### **Step 5: Before Fishing**

**- Confirm the season and waterbody.**

- Confirm species rules, gear rules, size limits, and bag limits.
- Confirm whether the water is freshwater, tidal, salt water, national park, or private/special water.
- Remember that General Fishing Licence holders need to submit the report card after the season.

#### **Support Message**

**Subject: Nova Scotia sportfishing licence replacement problem**

**Hello,**

**I bought or need to access a Nova Scotia sportfishing licence but cannot find the licence now.** The purchase may be tied to this email: [email]. The trip is for [general freshwater/salmon/not sure].

**Could you help me replace or access the licence before my trip?**

**Thank you,**

[name]