



State of California – Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2025 LIVE FRESHWATER BAIT FISH LICENSE APPLICATION**  
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**FEE: \$105.58 - Valid January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025**

**LIVE FRESHWATER BAIT MAY BE SOLD ONLY AS BAIT**

**FISH AND GAME SECTION 1054.2 STATES LICENSE MUST BE IN IMMEDIATE POSSESSION  
WHILE TAKING, POSSESSING OR SELLING LIVE FRESHWATER BAIT FISH.**

**CHECK ONE:** ☐ **NEW** ☐ **RENEWAL**

**SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

FIRST NAME		M.I.	LAST NAME		GO ID#	
GENDER <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/> NONBINARY		DATE OF BIRTH	HAIR COLOR	EYE COLOR	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
BUSINESS NAME			DAY TELEPHONE ( )		BUSINESS TELEPHONE ( )	
MAILING ADDRESS						
CITY		STATE	ZIP	E-MAIL ADDRESS (Voluntary)		
STREET ADDRESS						
CITY		STATE	ZIP	COUNTY		

**1. I PLAN TO SELL THE FOLLOWING SPECIES FOR USE AS LIVE BAIT IN INLAND WATERS (FRESHWATER) (Title 14, CCR, §§ 4.00-4.30).)**

- ☐ GOLDEN SHINERS ☐ RED SHINERS ☐ FATHEAD MINNOWS ☐ MOSQUITOFISH ☐ LONGJAW MUDSUCKERS  
☐ YELLOWFIN GOBIES ☐ ASIAN CLAMS (*Corbicula*) ☐ CRAYFISH ☐ STAGHORN SCULPINS  
☐ Importation of bait species from outside California requires an Importation Permit. Enter your Importation Permit number here \_\_\_\_\_.

**Note: In addition, legally-acquired longjaw mudsuckers, staghorn sculpins and clams may be sold as live bait under provisions of this permit within five miles of ocean waters (Title 14, CCR, §200.13).**

**2. I PLAN TO TAKE (CAPTURE) THE FOLLOWING SPECIES FOR USE AS LIVE BAIT (Title 14, CCR, §200.29).**

- ☐ CRAYFISH (ENTER YOUR CRAYFISH PERMIT NUMBER HERE: \_\_\_\_\_).  
(Any person taking crayfish from the wild for sale as bait must have a valid crayfish permit.)  
☐ ASIAN CLAMS (*Corbicula*) (CANNOT BE SOLD FOR FOOD)  
☐ STAGHORN SCULPIN ☐ YELLOWFIN GOBIES ☐ LONGJAW MUDSUCKERS  
☐ Native species at Lake Tahoe (Lahontan redbreast, tui chub, Tahoe sucker, Lahontan speckled dace, mountain sucker and Paiute sculpin). These species may not be possessed more than one mile from Lake Tahoe.

IF YOU ARE TAKING STAGHORN SCULPIN, YELLOWFIN GOBIES OR LONGJAW MUDSUCKERS, ENTER YOUR COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER HERE: L\_\_\_\_\_

**3. APPROVAL TO TAKE (CAPTURE) REQUIRES THAT YOU COMPLETE PART C ON THE LIVE FRESHWATER BAIT FISH LICENSE ATTACHMENT:  
LIST OF SPECIFIC WATERS WHERE EACH SPECIES WILL BE TAKEN.**

**4. RAISING OF LIVE BAIT REQUIRES AQUACULTURE REGISTRATION. IF YOU ARE A REGISTERED AQUACULTURIST, ENTER YOUR  
PERMANENT REGISTRATION NUMBER HERE:** \_\_\_\_\_

*In the event a license is granted, I hereby agree to abide by all conditions of said license and all laws and regulations of the Fish and Game Code of California, and Section 200-200.31 Title 14, California Code of Regulations. I am eligible for the indicated license and I am not under revocation or suspension, nor is there a case pending that would restrict me from obtaining a license. I hereby certify that all information contained on this application and/or submitted to meet the requirements for issuance of subject license is correct and true. I understand that, in the event that this information is found to be untrue or incorrect, the license issued will be invalid and must be surrendered to the Department of Fish and Wildlife and that I will be subject to criminal prosecution. I understand this license or permit may be suspended or revoked by the Fish and Game Commission if I am convicted of or plead guilty or nolo contendere to a Fish and Wildlife violation.*

SIGNATURE <b>X</b>	DATE
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**FOR DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE ONLY**

APPROVED BY	REGION	DATE
ISSUE BY LRB/DATE	TRANSACTION #	

**NEW APPLICANTS MUST INCLUDE VALID ID AND/OR BUSINESS DOCUMENTATION WITH THIS APPLICATION**



**INSTRUCTIONS: Type or print clearly. This is part of your permit and must be attached to your original permit.**

BUSINESS NAME		DAY TELEPHONE (    )
FIRST NAME	M.I.	LAST NAME

A. LIST THE BUSINESS NAME, STREET ADDRESS, CITY AND COUNTY OF EACH BAIT HOLDING FACILITY. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

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B. LIST THE BUSINESS NAME, STREET ADDRESS, CITY AND COUNTY WHERE BAIT WILL BE SOLD. (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

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C. LIST THE SPECIFIC WATERS, COUNTY (IES), SITE SPECIFIC LOCATION WHERE EACH SPECIES WILL BE TAKEN. (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

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D. LIST OF SPECIFIC VENDORS WHO WILL SUPPLY THE BAIT

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SIGNATURE 	DATE
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Incomplete applications will be returned and could delay the issuance of your license. Contact the License and Revenue Branch at (916) 928-5822 if you need additional information regarding Live Freshwater Bait Fish Licenses.

**Any person taking crayfish from the wild for human consumption must have a valid California Commercial Fishing License and Crayfish Permit.**

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. It is mandatory to complete all items unless specified as voluntary.
2. List the bait holding facilities, the locations where bait will be sold, and the list of specific waters where each species will be taken on the Live Freshwater Bait Fish License Attachment. A Live Freshwater Bait License is required for each live bait outlet and the specific location must be shown on the license.
3. Sign and date the application.
4. Mail the application with a cashier's check, money order, personal check or credit card authorization form with the appropriate fee to:

**California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
License and Revenue Branch  
PO BOX 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090**

### DO NOT SEND CASH

**IMPORTANT!** Please allow **4-6** weeks to process your application.

## IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Section 700.4(c), Title 14, of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) states any applicant applying for any license, tag, permit, reservation or other entitlement issued via the Automated License Data System (ALDS) shall provide valid identification. Acceptable forms of identification include:

- Any license document or Get Outdoors identification number (GO ID) previously issued via ALDS.
- A valid driver's license or identification card issued to him or her by the Department of Motor Vehicles or by the entity issuing driver's licenses from the licensee's state of domicile.
- US Military Identification Cards (Active or reserve duty, dependent, retired member, discharged from service, medical/religious personnel)
- US Birth Certificate
- US Certificate or Report of Birth Abroad
- Tribal Identification Card, as defined by each sovereign tribal nation
- US Passport
- A foreign government-issued photo identification
- Certificate of Naturalization or Citizenship
- Birth Certificate or passport issued from a US Territory

Any applicant less than 18 years of age applying for any license, tag, permit, reservation or other entitlement issued via the ALDS shall provide valid identification. Acceptable forms of identification include any form of identification described above; or a parent or legal guardian's identification as described above.

At all times when engaged in any activity for which a commercial fishing license is required, the licensee shall have in his or her possession, or immediately available to the licensee, a valid driver's license or identification card issued to him or her by the Department of Motor Vehicles or by the entity issuing driver's licenses from the licensee's state of domicile. A current passport may be used in lieu of a valid driver's license or identification card by a holder of a valid nonresident commercial fishing license issued pursuant to FGC Section 7852(b). The licensee's driver's license, identification card or, if applicable, passport, shall be exhibited upon demand to any person authorized by the Department to enforce this code or regulations. (FGC Section 7852.27)

## NOTICE

**Disclosure Statement** — Pursuant to FGC Sections 8460 – 8463 and CCR, Title 14, Sections 4.00-4.30, and 200-200.31, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is authorized to collect information from applicants. All information requested on this application is mandatory unless otherwise indicated. The CDFW may exchange or release to appropriate federal, state, or local agency or agencies in other states, for the purposes of law enforcement, any information collected or maintained by the CDFW.

A licensee may obtain a copy of his/her license records maintained by the CDFW by submitting a written request to the Custodian of Records, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Attention: License and Revenue Branch, PO Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090 or [LRB@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:LRB@wildlife.ca.gov). All requests must include the requester's name, address, and telephone number.

## PAYMENT POLICY

Personal Checks will be accepted if name and address are imprinted on the check. Checks returned to the CDFW due to insufficient funds will render your license invalid. The CDFW may also deny the issuance or renewal of a license if a person has failed to reimburse the CDFW for the amount due. Any activity performed without a valid license is a violation of the FGC and therefore subject to enforcement action.

Credit Cards - Licenses, permits, and other entitlements may be purchased with debit or credit cards displaying the Visa or MasterCard logo.

Cash is not accepted at CDFW license sales offices.