



Release Criteria Checklist - Open Government Canada

This form is a tool to ensure that an analysis of legal and policy requirements has been completed prior to the release of data to the public and internally. It also documents the approvals required for the release of the resource on open.canada.ca (Open Data, and Open Maps - OGP Open Government Portal available to the public) or Federal Geospatial Platform (FGP) only for spatial records, internal to GC.

Metadata/Resource Name	Description	Release Platform
eDNA-based distribution assessment of Smallmouth Bass (<i>Micropterus dolomieu</i>) in the Miramich River Watershed from 2019 to 2024 a9728eea-5a0d-11ed-aed7-1860247f53e3	This dataset contains the results of work undertaken from 2019 to 2024 to scope the extent of the spread of Smallmouth Bass in parts of the Miramichi River Watershed using an eDNA-based species-specific qPCR approach.	OGP FGP

Release Criteria Checklist - Mandatory		
Legal / Licensing / Copyright	True	False
1. There are no known legal, licensing, or copyright restrictions to prevent the data or information from being released by the department or agency under the terms of the Open Government Licence – Canada .	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Authority to Release	True	False
2. The department or agency has the departmental mandate, legislative authority or permission from a third party provider to publish the data or information resource under the Open Government Licence – Canada .	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ATIP and Privacy	True	False
3. The data or information resource does not contain any personal information, third party information, confidential information, or any information that would be protected under the Access to Information Act or the Privacy Act . Please consult Appendix B of the SME Checklist and the Guidelines for the Informal Release of Information for further guidance.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Security	True	False

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4. A) A security category (Unclassified, Protected A, Protected B, Confidential, Secret, etc.), has been assigned to the data or information, commensurate with the degree of injury that could reasonably be expected as a result of its compromise. Please refer to Directive on Security Management – Appendix J: Standard on Security Categorization for further guidance.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. B) The information or data that will be released is not Protected (A, B or C) or Classified (Confidential, Secret or Top Secret).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost	True	False
5. The data or information resource can be released to the public without fee.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Format	True	False
6. A) Datasets / information are provided in machine-readable / machine-processable format.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. B) Information resources are provided in open, non-proprietary formats.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Metadata in both official languages conforming to the applicable Government of Canada metadata standard is provided for each dataset or information resource.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Is this dataset associated with a publication? If yes, please provide details:

LeBlanc, F., Steeves, R., Irlich, U., Bourque, D., Akaishi, F. and Gagné, N.. 2021. Scoping the distribution of Smallmouth Bass (*Micropterus dolomieu*) in the Miramichi River Watershed in 2019 and 2020 using environmental DNA.. Canadian manuscript reports of fisheries and aquatic sciences 3222: v + 22 p..

Irlich, U., LeBlanc, F., Bourque, D. and Akaishi, F.. 2022. Scoping the distribution of Smallmouth Bass (*Micropterus dolomieu*) in the Miramichi River Watershed using environmental DNA, 2021. Canadian data reports of fisheries and aquatic sciences 1353: v + 9 p..

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