Pond Dewatering Checklist

This printable pond dewatering checklist helps fish farmers, pond owners and managers prepare to drain a pond safely. Tick each item as you go. Keep finished copies with your farm records for easy reference later.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

ITEM	OK	FIX	N/A
Check drain permits and rules	☐	☐	☐
Plan where water will go	☐	☐	☐
Notify downstream neighbors	☐	☐	☐
Plan fish removal or harvest	☐	☐	☐
Check the drain valve and pipe	☐	☐	☐
Control erosion at the outlet	☐	☐	☐
Watch water release rate	☐	☐	☐
Record start and finish	☐	☐	☐

NOTES / REPAIRS NEEDED

TIP Check state rules on releasing pond water before you open any valve.

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