Working Outline Example: What Not to Do

**Topic:** Fishing regulations of Montana

**Specific Purpose:** To inform my audience about the fishing regulations.

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**Introduction**

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**Preview:** When a person turns the age of twelve, he or she is required to buy their conservation license. This license is required first in order to buy any other fishing license or hunting license. In order to buy a set of license you must have with you your, social security number, driver’s license or a valid ID for proof of name.

(Transition to body of speech: “I will start off with talking about age and the types of license.”)

**Body**

**First main point:** Age and license regulations

**Subpoint A:** Age regulations

**Subpoint B:** Price of license in Montana

**Subpoint C:** Special license

**Sub-subpoint:** 1. How to get one
2. Who needs them

(Transition to second main point: “Now that you have your entire desired fishing license, before you can take on the fishing challenge you must know about the fishing season and what
Second main point: Fishing seasons and fish that can and can’t be kept
Subpoint A: Fish that live among the Missoula rivers
Subpoint B: Fishing season start and end
Subpoint C: Fish that can be kept during fishing season and fish that can’t be kept

(Transition to third main point: “Also with the certain fish you can and can not keep comes with what bait you can and can not use.”)

Third main point: Regulations of live bait
Subpoint A: Season for use of live bait
Subpoint B: Illegal live bait
Subpoint C: Why live bait is illegal

(Transition: “To Conclude myself”)

Conclusion

Summary statement: I hope you all learned how important fishing is to Missoula and how much money and jobs that comes in during the touring season. I also hope you learned a little about the fishing regulations on licenses, the types of fish that can and can’t be kept, and I also hope you all learned a little about lures and live bait and the affects it has on trout and other predatory fish.

Concluding remark: So if you love fishing as mush as I do, I leave you with this simple message that will never get you in trouble with your family, early to bed early to rise fish all day and make up lies.