



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Division of Marine Fisheries
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Boston, Massachusetts 02114-2152

(617) 626-1520

APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING and/or FOR-HIRE VESSELS

Please complete both sides of the application and return to the above address.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT INFORMATION CLEARLY:				e-mail: Informational and regulatory updates are often sent via e-mail notification. If your e-mail address changes, please remember to update with DMF.	
Last Name		First Name		Initial	
Street		City/Town		State, Zip Code Country	
Mailing Address (If different than above)		City/Town		State, Zip Code Country	
Residency Status: Ma Resident: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		U. S. Citizen: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		e-mail address: _____	
				Date of Birth: ____/____/____	
				Telephone #: (____) ____-____	
				SSN: ____-____-____	

Boat Information (if applicable):

Vessel Name: _____ Length: ____ ft ____ in MS/DOC No.: _____

Vessel Homeport: _____

NMFS Northeast Federal Permit Number for this vessel: _____ (note: not the Hull Number)

DOR Affidavit

By statutory mandate of C. 233 of the Acts of 1983, the Dept. of Revenue is requiring the enclosed affidavit certifying your compliance with the Revenue Laws of the Commonwealth. Failure to accurately execute the enclosed affidavit will result in the non-issuance of your license. Should you have any questions you may contact the Dept. of Revenue at 1-800-392-6089.

Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 62c, s. 49A, I certify under the penalties of perjury that I, to my best knowledge and belief, have filed all state tax returns and paid all state taxes required under law.

Social Security No. or Federal ID No. _____

Signature of Individual or Corporate Name _____

Corporate Officer (if applicable) by: _____

Commercial Affidavit

I acknowledge March 6, 2008 as a control date for commercial fisheries conducted using hook-and-line, longline or other hand gear within waters under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth, excluding the commercial striped bass fishery. I understand that future access to fisheries conducted using hooks (longlines, rod & reel, or hand gear) may not be guaranteed and may be subject to eligibility criteria for determining levels of access to and allowable harvest of these fisheries based on historic harvest levels of a vessel, person or other criteria.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Use the following checklist to reduce the risk of making errors in completing this application, and a subsequent delay in processing. Please allow 3 weeks for processing by mail.

- Complete all the requested information above, including the DOR & Commercial affidavits.

On the back of this form:

- Select the license type and endorsement(s) for which you are applying.
- Select a Primary Gear Code. Select a Secondary Gear Code if applicable.
- Fisheries marked with an asterisk (*) require additional information; submit information as required.
- Calculate your total fee, and submit a check or money order made payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- Return your application to the Division of Marine Fisheries at the address listed above. Thank you!

If this is a permit renewal, please use this form to make any changes to your permit (e.g. add an endorsement, change permit type)

COMMERCIAL PERMIT: Please select only one commercial permit type from the list below (Rod & Reel and Student Lobster permit types cannot be endorsed for shellfish or scallop shucking).

	MASS RESIDENT	NON- RESIDENT
BOAT 99+ FT	<input type="checkbox"/> \$260	<input type="checkbox"/> \$520
BOAT 60-99FT	<input type="checkbox"/> \$195	<input type="checkbox"/> \$390
BOAT 0-59 FT	<input type="checkbox"/> \$130	<input type="checkbox"/> \$260
INDIVIDUAL	<input type="checkbox"/> \$65	<input type="checkbox"/> \$130
ROD & REEL	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100
SHELLFISH & ROD & REEL	<input type="checkbox"/> \$55	<input type="checkbox"/> \$130
SHELLFISH & SEAWORMS	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80
OFFSHORE LOBSTER (non-trap) *	<input type="checkbox"/> \$260	<input type="checkbox"/> \$520
STUDENT LOBSTER **	<input type="checkbox"/> \$65	<input type="checkbox"/> \$130

* You must submit a copy of your federal permit. Please contact DMF for further information (617) 626-1520

** Student lobster permit holders must affix trap tags to their gear. Trap tags for student lobster permit holders will be supplied by DMF.

Student Lobster Buoy Colors: _____

TRIP-LEVEL REPORTING DESIGNATION:

To obtain a MA commercial permit, you must **select one** of the following reporting methods. **Failure to select a method will result in the return of your application.** For more information, please refer to the enclosed material on Trip-Level Reporting.

- Federal Reporting Vessel (FRV):** choose this option if you already report trip-level data through a federal program (VTR, HMS Logbook, Surf Clam / Ocean Quahog Logbook).
- Paper (PTL):** choose this option if you want to submit paper PRTLs, either by mail or fax.
- Electronic (ETL):** choose this option if you want to report via a secure web-based program

PERMIT ENDORSEMENTS: Your commercial permit must be endorsed if you wish to participate in any of the regulated fisheries listed below. Select each species you want authorization to commercially harvest by marking the corresponding box.

Endorsements not allowed on student lobster permits

	MASS RESIDENT	NON- RESIDENT
AMERICAN EEL	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60
BLACK SEA BASS	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60
DOGFISH	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60
New applicants must submit an affidavit, which are available online at: http://www.mass.gov/marinefisheries		
NORTHERN SHRIMP	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60
SCUP	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60
SEA HERRING	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60
SEA URCHIN	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60
STRIPED BASS	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60
SURF CLAM (contaminated)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60
SHELLFISH ENDORSEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0	
Must have town permit		
SEA SCALLOP SHUCKING	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0	
SEA SCALLOP DIVER	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0	
Residency restrictions		
BAY SCALLOP SHUCKING	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0	
If you select Bay Scallop shucking, you must submit a copy of your Certified Sanitary Inspection approved by the Mass DPH.		
SURFACE GILLNET	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60
To harvest menhaden, sea herring and/or mackerel from state waters requires a Surface Gillnet endorsement on your commercial permit. The maximum net length is 300 linear feet. See 322 CMR 4.14 for closure dates.		
INSHORE NET	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60
The harvest of bait fish from inshore net areas (harbors and estuaries) using a net other than a gillnet or cast net requires an Inshore Net endorsement on your commercial permit. Special restrictions apply. Contact DMF for information regarding this endorsement 617-626-1624.		

FOR HIRE VESSELS: Any commercial permit type, except for student lobster, may be endorsed to become a for-hire vessel. However, a commercial permit is not required. Check the appropriate box below, and submit with a copy of your **current Coast Guard License**.

	MASS RESIDENT	NON- RESIDENT
HEAD BOAT - vessels carrying 7 or more paying customers.	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20
CHARTER BOAT - vessels carrying up to 6 paying customers.	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20
GUIDE BOAT - vessels carrying up to 2 paying customers.	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20

LIMITED ENTRY: New permits and endorsements are no longer being issued for the categories listed below. However, they may be available by transfer. For more information on the transfer of limited entry permits contact DMF at (617) 626-1520.

Commercial Permits:

- Coastal Lobster
- Offshore Lobster (trap)

Endorsements:

Bottom Gillnets	Bluefish Gillnet	Mobile Gear Coastal Access	Bluefin Tuna Purse Seine
Fish Pot-Scup	Fish Pot-Conch	Fish Pot-Sea Bass	Quahog-Dredge
Fluke	Surf Clam	Ocean Quahog	Horseshoe Crab
Groundfish Endorsement*			

*Groundfish Endorsement (GE) –This endorsement is required for any commercial operation catching, landing and possessing groundfish in state waters, but not fishing under a federal Multispecies or monkfish permit. In addition to monkfish, the ten federally managed groundfish species covered by the GE are cod, haddock, pollock, redfish, white hake, yellowtail flounder, winter flounder, windowpane flounder, American plaice and witch flounder.