

Before submitting, complete sections 1 & 2, complete section 3 if applicable, and be sure to sign and date.

***** This Form Must be Submitted with your 2023 Permit Application ***
2023 MA Seafood Dealer - Primary Buyer & Quota Managed Species Application Form**

**** This includes all retail stores, farmer's markets, boats & trucks and all wholesale brokers, dealers & trucks. ****

Definition of Primary Buyer: Any MA Seafood Dealer who purchases marine species, even if for bait purposes, directly from fishermen, is considered a primary buyer, and must indicate so on this application. For businesses with multiple locations, this application must be completed for each location or dealer permit the business has. All primary buyers are required to report all purchases of species bought directly from fishermen, including those caught and sold by fishermen acting as their own dealer. For a description of the reporting requirements, see opposite side of this page. ***If you have questions about being a primary buyer and/or the reporting requirements, call the DMF Statistics Project in Gloucester at 978-491-6213.***

Section 1 – Dealer Location Information.

Dealer Name: _____

Permit #: _____ **Federal Dealer Permit # (if applicable):** _____

Month location expects to: Open for business in 2023: _____ **Close in 2023:** _____

Section 2 – Dealer Intention. If you intend on being a primary buyer in 2023, answer **YES** to question 2A below, answer question 2B, and complete section 3 before returning the form to the Division with your dealer permit application. If you don't intend on being a primary buyer in 2023, answer **NO** to question 2A and return the form to the Division with your dealer permit application. Note that if you don't intend to be a primary buyer at this point, and change your mind after obtaining a 2023 permit, you must notify the Division of Marine Fisheries of the primary buyer status change.

2A. Does the dealer with permit number and location identified above intend on being a primary buyer in 2023?
Circle One: YES NO

2B. If you answered YES to question 2A, will this Dealer report purchases under federal requirements (federal-reporting dealer) in 2023?
Circle One: YES NO

If you answered NO to question 2B, then you are a state-reporting dealer (you have no federal permits).

By answering question 2A and signing this authorization application, I certify that I've read and understand all requirements pertinent to the primary purchase of any marine species, including the requirements detailed on the back of this page and will abide by those requirements. Intentionally falsifying primary buyer status constitutes the act of perjury and may result in the loss of permit.

Signature _____

Date _____

Section 3 – Quota Managed Species. Complete only if you answered YES to question 2A. Please be sure your contact email address is correct on your dealer permit application. All notifications concerning quota managed species (closures, trip limit changes, etc.) will be sent to that address.

If you intend to purchase any of the below listed quota managed species directly from fishermen, you must indicate so by checking the appropriate box(es) next to the species you intend to purchase.

Check box if buying in 2023	Species Common Name	Latin Name	Check box if buying in 2023	Species Common Name	Latin Name
<input type="checkbox"/>	Black Sea Bass	<i>Centropristes striata</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Squids	<i>Loligo pealeii, Illex illecebrosus</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bluefish	<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Spiny Dogfish	<i>Squalus acanthias</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cod	<i>Gadus morhua</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Striped Bass	<i>Morone saxatilis</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Haddock	<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Summer Flounder	<i>Paralichthys dentatus</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scup	<i>Stenotomus chrysops</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tautog	<i>Tautoga onitis</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Menhaden	<i>Brevoortia tyrannus</i>			

MASSACHUSETTS PRIMARY BUYER REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

All MA dealers who are primary buyers are required to report their purchases of any marine species (including lobster, shellfish, or those intended for bait purposes) from fishermen. Primary buyers also include fishermen who have a dealer's permit and are acting as their own dealer and selling product that they've caught (essentially, they are "buying from themselves", and must report their transactions). This reporting requirement covers **all dealers in Massachusetts**, whether federally permitted or not. All reported data are entered electronically into a coast wide database system run by the Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program (ACCSP). This is a joint program managed by ACCSP in conjunction with all the Atlantic States and the Federal Government. For more information on ACCSP, visit the ACCSP website at www.accsp.org.

Federally permitted primary buyers in Massachusetts are "*federal-reporting*" dealers. All other primary buyers in Massachusetts are "*state-reporting*" dealers. **Regardless whether you are a federal-reporting or a state-reporting dealer, all transactions of all species will be electronically submitted to the Standard Atlantic Fisheries Information System (SAFIS) via its web-based application or other software.** For example, if you are a federal-reporting dealer and you purchase groundfish as well as shellfish, you will report both your groundfish and shellfish transactions to SAFIS. Approved SAFIS dealer reporting applications include the free SAFIS eDR online, SAFIS eDR mobile, and SAFIS file upload, and a third-party software, Trip-Ticket, which is available for purchase.

For information about federal permits and reporting, contact the National Marine Fisheries Service in Gloucester at 978-281-9370 or go to their website at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/resources-fishing/greater-atlantic-region-forms-and-applications-summary>. If you will be a state-reporting dealer and have questions about reporting your purchases, contact the MA Division of Marine Fisheries at 978-491-6213.

Note that all transactions made directly with fisherman must be reported, regardless of the species purchased or whether the fisherman is federally permitted or not. All vessels and/or fishermen selling any marine species in Massachusetts must have a MA commercial fishing permit. Each commercial permit has a unique Permit ID number (formerly called the DMF ID), which must be included with each transaction. Requirements for all primary buyers include:

1. All transactions with fishermen, or primary purchases, must be reported. This includes purchases of bait products as well as species caught and sold by fishermen acting as their own dealer.
2. Transactions are trip-based. Information collected and submitted by the dealer is as follows:
 - ❖ Date landed and purchased
 - ❖ Fisherman purchased from, including the state Permit ID Number (not the 4-digit permit number)
 - ❖ Species and amount (in lbs, bushels, etc.)
 - ❖ Disposition
 - ❖ Price paid
 - ❖ If shellfish, designated shellfish growing area the species of shellfish was harvested from
 - ❖ Catch source (aquaculture, wild-harvest, research, carred)
3. Each week's transactions, beginning 00:01 on Sunday and ending at 24:00 on the following Saturday, will be due by 24:00 on Tuesday of the following week, or within 3 days of the end of the week.

Further information including primary buyer packets (instructions, FAQ's, etc.) will be emailed after the receipt of this primary buyer application. For questions about reporting requirements, call the DMF Statistics Project at 978-491-6213, or visit the DMF website at www.mass.gov/marinefisheries and follow the link for Seafood and Bait Dealers.