



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF)

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Gloucester, Massachusetts 01930

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Application for Commercial Saltwater Fishing Permits

Please complete all pages of the application and return the application to the above address. Type or print all information clearly. Please allow 3 weeks for processing.

I am applying as a:

☐ Fisher

☐ Business/Organization

☐ Fisher and Business

Fisher Information (if applicable, leave blank if not applicable):

First Name Middle Initial Last Name Suffix

Residency Address City/Town State Zip Code Country

Mailing Address (If different than above) City/Town State Zip Code Country

Massachusetts resident? ☐ Yes ☐ No Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Home phone: (____) ____-____ Cell phone: (____) ____-____

Email Address: _____

(Required for permit issuance. If your email changes, update the Division)

Business Information (if applicable, leave blank if not applicable):

Business Name: _____

Location Street Address City/Town State Zip Code Country

Mailing Address (If different than above) City/Town State Zip Code Country

Telephone: (____) ____-____ Email: _____

Is the Business Owner the same as the fisher above? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, skip the remainder of this section.

If no, Owner Name: _____

Owner Street Address City/Town State Zip Code Country

Owner Mailing Address (If different than above) City/Town State Zip Code Country

Owner Telephone: (____) ____-____ Owner Email: _____

Vessel Information (if applicable, leave blank if not applicable):

Vessel Name: _____

Length: _____ feet _____ inches Vessel Homeport: _____

Boat Registration or Coast Guard Documentation Number: _____

Northeast Federal Permit (if applicable; note: not the Hull Number): _____

Highly Migratory Species Permit Number (if applicable): _____

Commercial Affidavit:

I hereby certify under the pains and penalties of perjury that all information contained in this application is true and accurate, and that I have read and agree to comply with all application statutes contained in MGL c. 130, and the regulations contained in 322 CMR. 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: _____

Department of Revenue (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.

Federal ID No. (if applicable): _____

Signature of Individual or Corporate Name: _____

Corporate Officer (if applicable) by: _____

Application Checklist:

Use the checklist to reduce the risk of making errors resulting in a subsequent delay in processing.

- ☐ Complete all the requested information on pages 1 and 2, including the DOR & Commercial affidavits.
- ☐ On pages 3 and 4:
 - ☐ Select the permit type and endorsement(s) for which you are applying.
 - ☐ Select a Trip-Level Reporting Designation.
 - ☐ Answer any applicable supplemental questions.
- ☐ Calculate your total fee and submit a check or money order made payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with the application.
- ☐ Review the printed information and return your application to the Division of Marine Fisheries at the address listed at the top of page 1.

Commercial Permit Type:

Please select **Only One** Massachusetts (MA) commercial permit type from the list below.

Permit Type	MA Resident Price	Non-Resident Price
Boat 99+ FT	<input type="checkbox"/> \$260	<input type="checkbox"/> \$520
Boat 60-99 FT	<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 and Reel	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100
Shellfish and Rod and Reel	<input type="checkbox"/> \$55	<input type="checkbox"/> \$130
Shellfish and Seaworms	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80
Offshore Lobster, Non-Trap You must submit a copy of your federal permit with your application.	<input type="checkbox"/> \$310	<input type="checkbox"/> \$570
Student Lobster You must submit verification of full-time student status and parental consent (17 and under) with your application. Endorsements are not allowed on Student Lobster permits.	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80	<input type="checkbox"/> \$145

Supplemental Offshore Lobster, Non-Trap Questions:

Please fill out this section if Offshore Lobster, Non-Trap is selected. Circle the Lobster Management Area(s) (LMA) to be fished (OC = Outer Cape Cod).

LMA1 LMA2 LMA3 OCLMA

Supplemental Student Lobster Questions:

Please fill out this section if Student Lobster is selected.

- 1) Initial this statement noting that you have read the following: Student lobster permit holders must affix trap tags to their gear; trap tags will be supplied by DMF. _____
- 2) List up to 3 Student Lobster Buoy Colors:
Color 1: _____ Color 2: _____ Color 3: _____
- 3) LMA to be fished (circle one; see [LMA map](#) for area definitions):

LMA1 LMA2 OCLMA

Important Notice Governing Permit Renewals:

All regulated fishery endorsements, approved for any commercial fishing permit, renewed by the Division may not be transferred by the holder of his/her business from one commercial fishing permit or fishing vessel to another during the fishing year. Applicants are advised to pay particular attention to which permitted fishing vessel they intend to apply the regulated fishery endorsement(s). Once renewed by the holder, regulated fishery endorsements are not transferable from one commercial fishing permit or fishing vessel to another during the fishing year.

Permit renewal applicants are reminded that all renewal applications and related forms, including but not limited to catch reports, must be fully and accurately completed by the permit holder, must include all of the information that is being requested on the form(s), and may not be changed or altered in any way. Failure to fully and accurately complete any renewal application and related forms, or changing or altering any part or parts thereof shall automatically result in the disapproval of a renewal of the permit. The permit renewal application, related forms and payment fee will be returned to the applicant by USPS along with a brief description of those specific parts of the renewal application that are incomplete, incorrect or have been changed or altered by the applicant. In such a case, the applicant will need to complete and submit an application for a new commercial fishing permit.

Permit Endorsements:

Your commercial permit must be endorsed if you wish to participate in any regulated fisheries listed below. Select each species you want authorization to commercially harvest by marking the corresponding box. Rod & Reel and Student Lobster permit types cannot be endorsed for shellfish or scallop shucking.

Endorsement Type	MA Resident Price	Non-Resident Price
Atlantic Mackerel	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60
Dogfish*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60
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
Contaminated Surf Clam This is for the harvest of surf clams from a vessel in contaminated areas only and for the purpose of bait only.	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60
Shellfish* Must have a town permit.	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0
Sea Scallop Shucking	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0
Sea Scallop Diver	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0	Not Available
Bay Scallop Shucking You must submit a copy of your Certified Sanitary Inspection approved by the MA Department of Public Health with your application	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0
Surface Gillnet To harvest menhaden, sea herring, and/or mackerel from state waters with a gillnet 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.	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60

*New applicants must submit an affidavit which is available on the [commercial permitting website](#).

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 and Offshore Lobster (trap)

Endorsements:

Sink Gillnets	Bluefish Gillnet
Fish Pot–Scup	Fish Pot–Conch
Fish Pot–Sea Bass	Bay Quahog–Dredge
Fluke	SC/OQ Dredge
Horseshoe Crab	Black Sea Bass
Menhaden	Tautog
American Eel	Striped Bass
Bluefin Tuna Purse Seine	Groundfish
Mobile Gear Coastal Access	

Note: the Groundfish Endorsement (GE) 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, ocean pout, wolffish and witch flounder.

Trip-Level Reporting Designation:

To obtain a MA commercial permit, you must **select one** of the following reporting methods. For more information, please visit [the trip-reporting website](#).

- ☐ **Federal Reporting Vessel (FRV):** choose this option if you report all trip-level data through a federal program (Vessel Trip Report (VTR), Surf Clam and Ocean Quahog Logbook, Highly Migratory Species (HMS) for the listed vessel.
- ☐ **Paper (PTL):** choose this option if you want to submit paper reports, either by mail or email.
- ☐ **Electronic (ETL):** choose this option if you want to report via a secure web-based program. **Please remember to include your email address on the front of this form.**