Renewing a Permit

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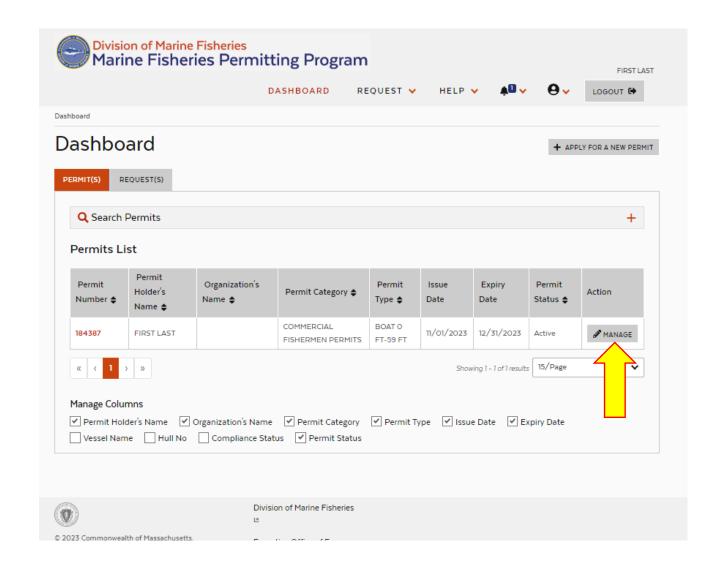
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To make changes to your permit:

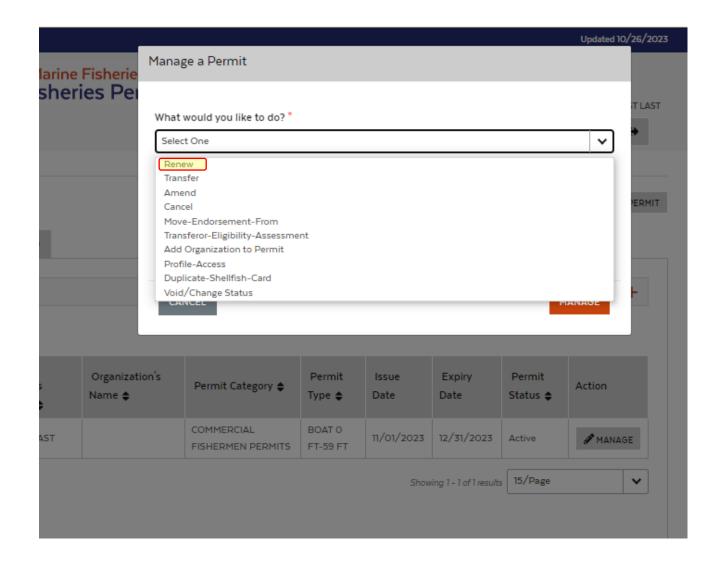
- navigate to your Dashboard.
- Find the permit for which you need to make a change.
- Click "MANAGE" for that permit.

Note that if the "MANAGE" button is missing, there is an issue with your permit, and you will be unable to Renew online until the issue is resolved. Please call DMF at 617-626-1520 to discuss further.



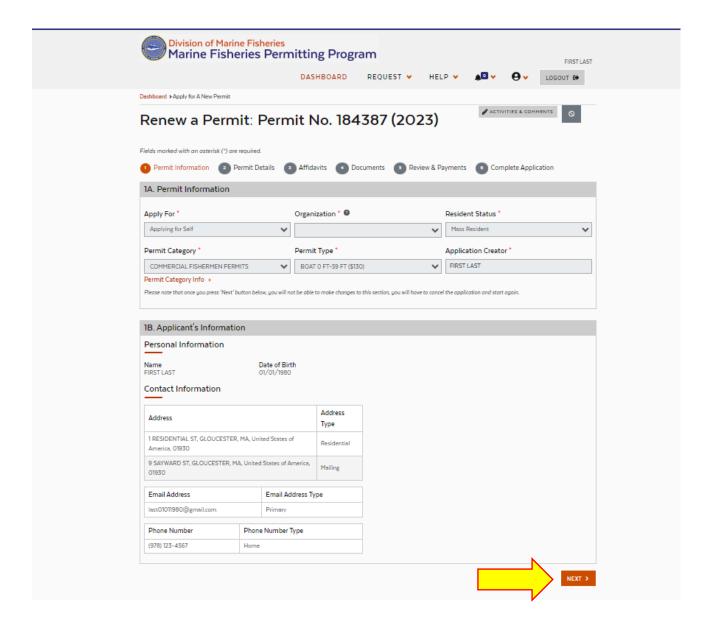
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- From the drop down box asking "what would you like to do?" select "Renew".
- Then click "MANAGE".
- You do not need to write a comment in the comment box.



Renewing a Permit

- In Step 1, confirm the details of your permit and profile are correct. To make any corrections to your personal information you will need to leave this path and go to your user profile.
- If all is correct, click "NEXT".
- This step is the same for all permit categories (commercial, dealer, special).



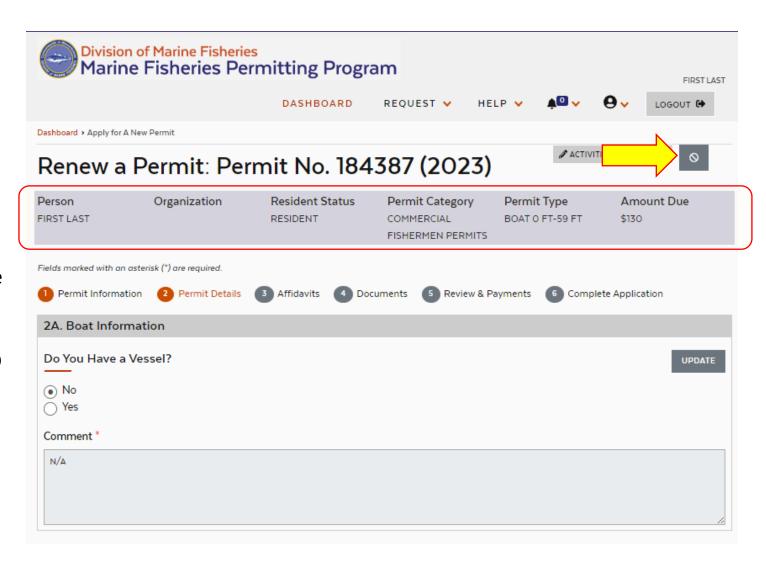
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Permit Details

In Step 2, you can make changes to your permit details such as vessels, trip reporting and endorsements.

For your reference, and across the top of the screen is a gray bar with a summary of your information including the amount due.

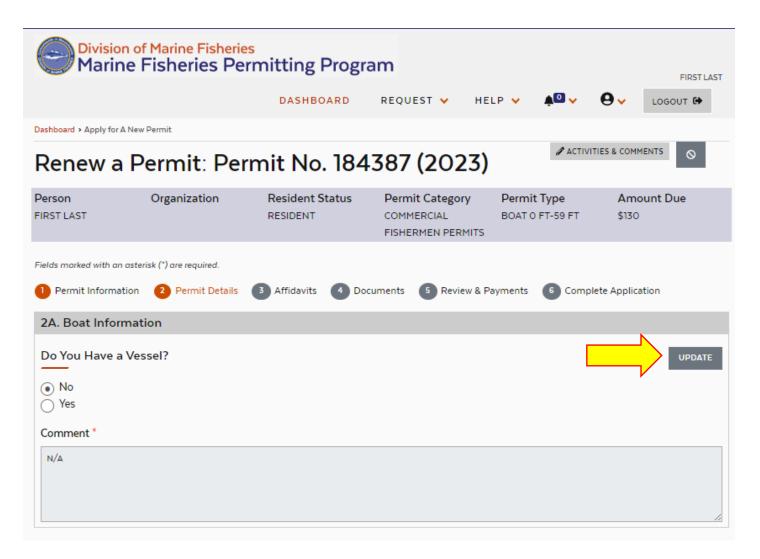
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Commercial: Boat changes

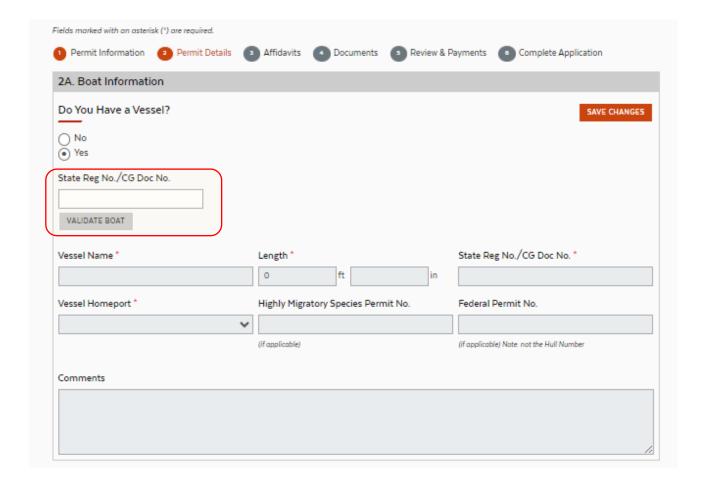
To make updates to your vessel:

 Click "UPDATE" in Boat Information. Note that if the "UPDATE" button is not there, please refresh the page and try again.



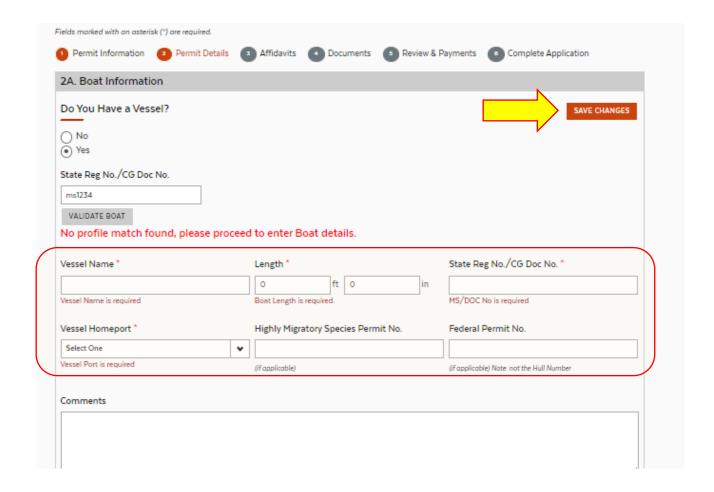
Commercial: Boat changes

- In this case, we went from No Vessel to Yes Vessel. If you are simply changing the vessel attached to the permit, you should be able to leave the yes/no toggle alone.
- Enter the registration/documentation number then click "VALIDATE BOAT"
- If the vessel has been entered in our system before it should prepopulate with the last entered information.
- If it is a new vessel to our system, it will allow you to complete its info (see next slide).



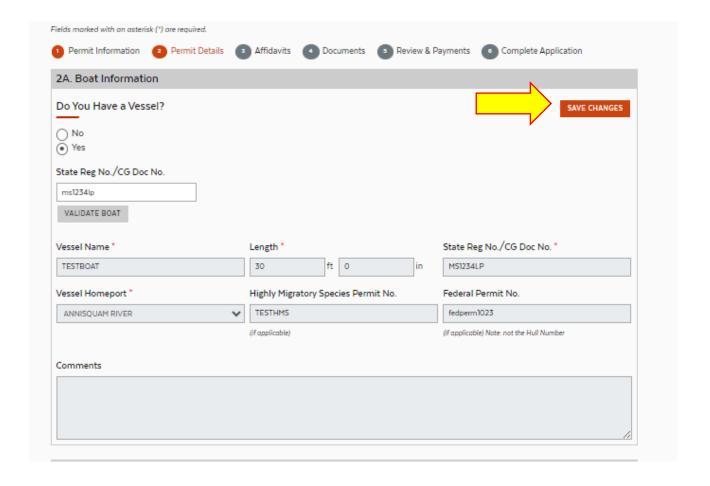
Commercial: New Vessel

- If no Vessel match is found, it will require you to complete the vessel profile.
- Enter Vessel Name if she has one, o, if not, enter "Not Named".
- Enter length and Registration/Documentation number.
- Enter Homeport. Sometimes the body of water is listed rather than the Town name (e.g., Bourne, MA as Phinney's Harbor).
 - If the vessel is trailered, select 'unknown'.
 - If the vessel is kept out of state, select 'Out of State'.
- Enter HMS (Tuna/shark) or Federal permit numbers, if applicable.
- Click "SAVE CHANGES".



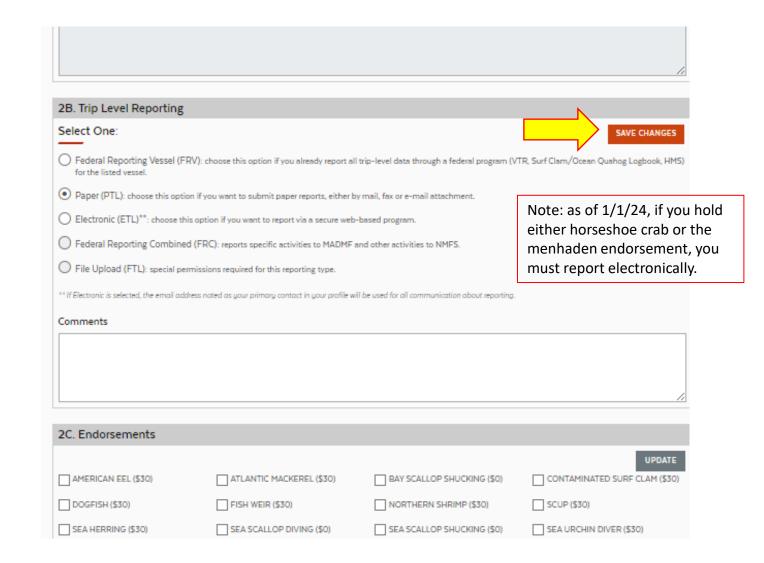
Commercial: Preexisting Vessel

- If the vessel already exists in our system, it should auto populate all fields.
- If any of the information that populates is incorrect, please contact us (see last slide) to make the applicable changes.
- Click "SAVE CHANGES".



Commercial: Changes to Reporting Type

- Click "UPDATE" in the trip level reporting segment.
- Select the correct reporting type.
- Federal Reporting requires an active Federal Permit that requires VTRs or an HMS Permit with NO State level endorsements. A copy of the federal permit is required to be uploaded in the documents section if this is selected.
- Paper Reporting allows you to report using paper reports via mail, email, or fax.
- Electronic reporting allows you to report using the SAFIS website or app.
- You will not be able to select FRC or FTL. Please call DMF if you believe those are relevant to you.
- Click "SAVE CHANGES".



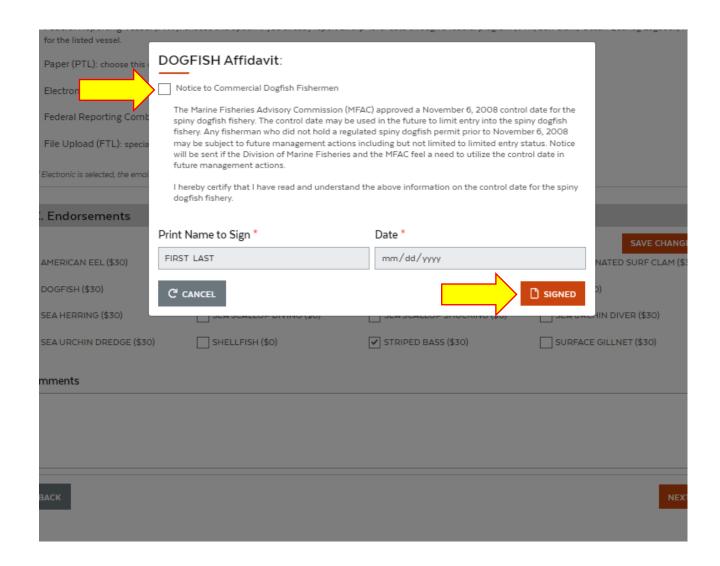
Commercial: Changes to Endorsements

- Click "UPDATE" in the Endorsements segment.
- Click the applicable boxes for the endorsements you wish to add.
 - Please note you will not be able remove endorsements outside of renewals.
 - You may call DMF to cancel an endorsement at any time.
- If the endorsement(s) requires an affidavit, a pop-up will occur (see next slide).
- Once you have made your selections click "SAVE CHANGES".
- Click "NEXT" to move to the next section.

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Federal Reporting Combined (FR	C): reports specific activities to MADMF and	d other activities to NMFS.	
File Upload (FTL): special permissi	ions required for this reporting type.		
** If Electronic is selected, the email address n	oted as your primary contact in your profile will b	e used for all communication about reporting	ı.
2C. Endorsements			N
			SAVE CHANGES
MERICAN EEL (\$30)	ATLANTIC MACKEREL (\$30)	BAY SCALLOP SHUCKING (\$0)	CONTAMINATED SURF CLAM (\$30)
DOGFISH (\$30)	FISH WEIR (\$30)	NORTHERN SHRIMP (\$30)	SCUP (\$30)
SEA HERRING (\$30)	SEA SCALLOP DIVING (\$0)	SEA SCALLOP SHUCKING (\$0)	SEA URCHIN DIVER (\$30)
SEA URCHIN DREDGE (\$30)	SHELLFISH (\$0)	▼ STRIPED BASS (\$30)	SURFACE GILLNET (\$30)
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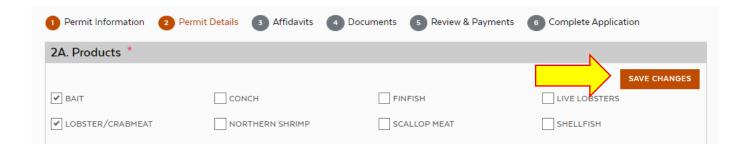
Endorsement Affidavits

- Read the affidavit.
- To certify you have read the affidavit, check the box indicated.
- Click "SIGNED" to complete.
- Once signed you will return to the Permit Details page where you can click "Next".



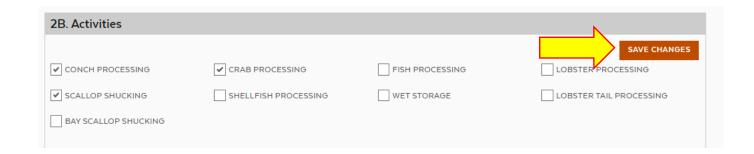
Dealer: Changes to Products

- Click "UPDATE" in the Products segment.
- Click the applicable boxes for the products you wish to add.
- Once you have made your selections click "SAVE CHANGES".
- Please upload a new inspection in the Documents step if required.



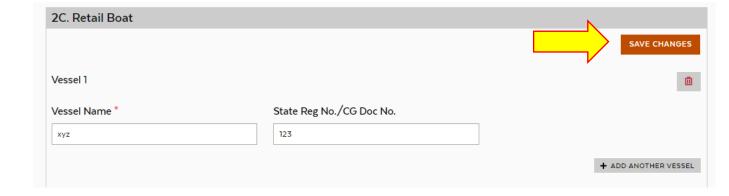
Dealer: Changes to Activities

- Click "UPDATE" in the Activities segment
- Click the applicable boxes for the activities you with to add.
- Once you have made your selections click "SAVE CHANGES".
- Please upload a new inspection in the Documents step if required.



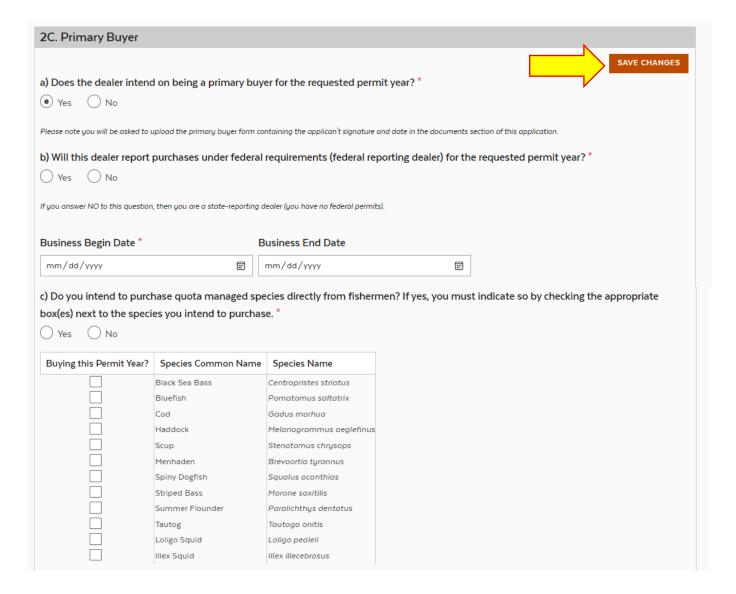
Dealer: Changes to Vessels (Retail Boat Only)

- Click "UPDATE" in the Retail Boat segment
- Edit or fill in the vessel name and registration or documentation number.
- If you need add an additional vessel, click 'ADD ANOTHER VESSEL' and fill in the requested information.
- Once you have made your selections click "SAVE CHANGES".



Dealer: Changes to Primary Buyer

- Click "UPDATE" in the Primary Buyer segment
- If you are going from 'No' to 'Yes', you will be prompted to sign the primary buyer affidavit (see next slide).
 - After signing, the screen will look like the image to the right. Please fill out all fields.
- If you are already a primary buyer, and need to update just one element, make the change to the necessary.
- If you are a 'Yes' going to a 'No', then make the change and all nested questions will disappear.
- Once you have made your selections click "SAVE CHANGES".
- Click "NEXT" to move to the next section.



Dealer: Primary Buyer Affidavit

- Read the affidavit.
- To certify you have read the affidavit, check the box indicated. Note that you may need to click the word Massachusetts for the box to click.
- Click "SIGNED" to complete.

Primary Buyer Reporting Affidavit(s):



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-midDattantic/resources-fishing/greater-atlantic-region-forms-and-applications-summary. If you will be a stateDreporting dealer and have questions about reporting your purchases, contact the MA Division of Marine Fisheries at 978-282-0308 x117.

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:

- 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)

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 978-282-0308 x117, or visit the DMF website at www.mass.gov/marinefisheries and follow the link for Seafood and Bait Dealers.

By answering 'Yes' to the question "Does the dealer intend on being a primary buyer for the requested permit year?" and signing this Primary Buyer Reporting Affidavit, I certify that I ve read and understand all requirements pertinent to the primary purchase of any marine species, including the requirements detailed above and will abide by those requirements. Intentionally falsifying primary buyer status constitutes the act of perjury and may result in the loss of permit.



Commercial and DOR Affidavits

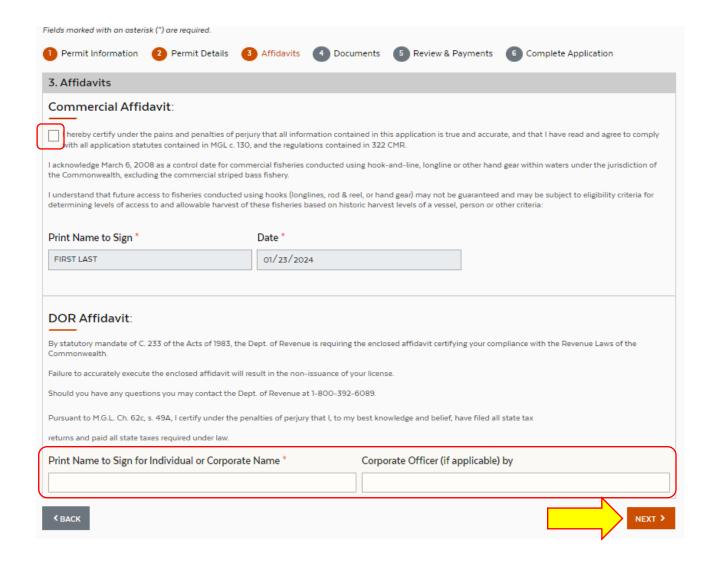
These affidavits are required for each initial application and renewal.

To sign the commercial affidavit, check the box.

To sign the DOR affidavit, type your name to sign or type the corporate name with the corporate officer.

Note that the Commercial Affidavit is only applicable to commercial permits. The DOR is applicable to all permits.

Proceed to the next step using "NEXT".



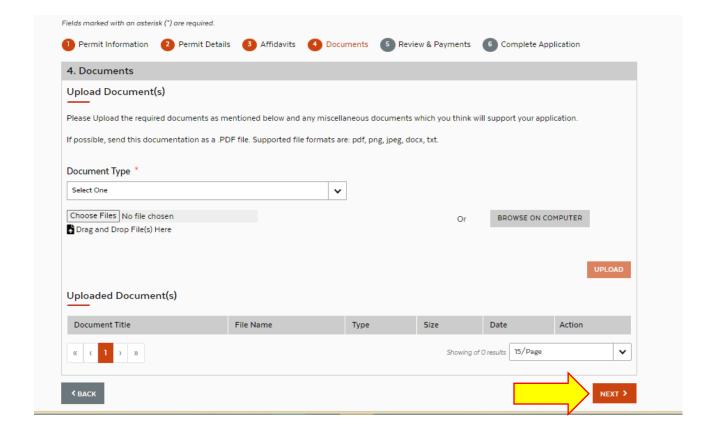
Documents

Most documents would have been uploaded during the initial application, however, if you made a change to some fields, further documents may be needed.

To upload a document, select the document type. Then browse on your computer or drag and drop the document to the page. Add a name for your file and click Upload.

To proceed to the next page click "NEXT".

If you are missing any required documents, the application will throw an error detailing what is missing.



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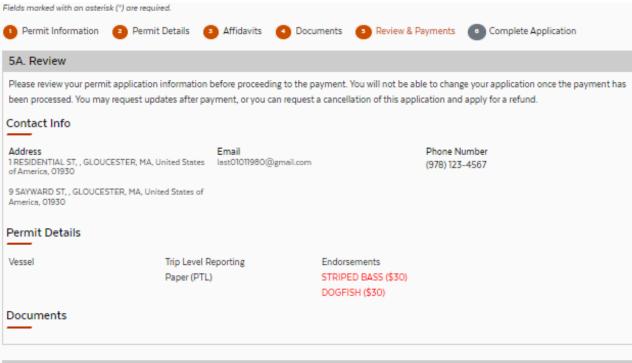
Review and Payments

Confirm and review the charges.

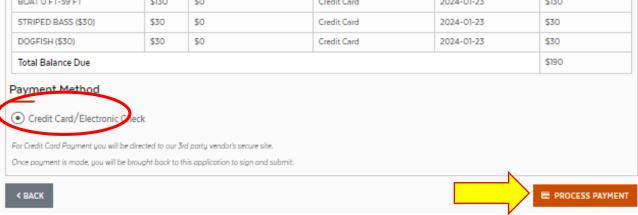
If applicable (only for added endorsements on a commercial permit), select the payment method, then select 'Process Payment' and proceed to the 3rd party payment site.

Otherwise, select 'Next'.

Payment instructions can be found in a separate guide (volume 6).



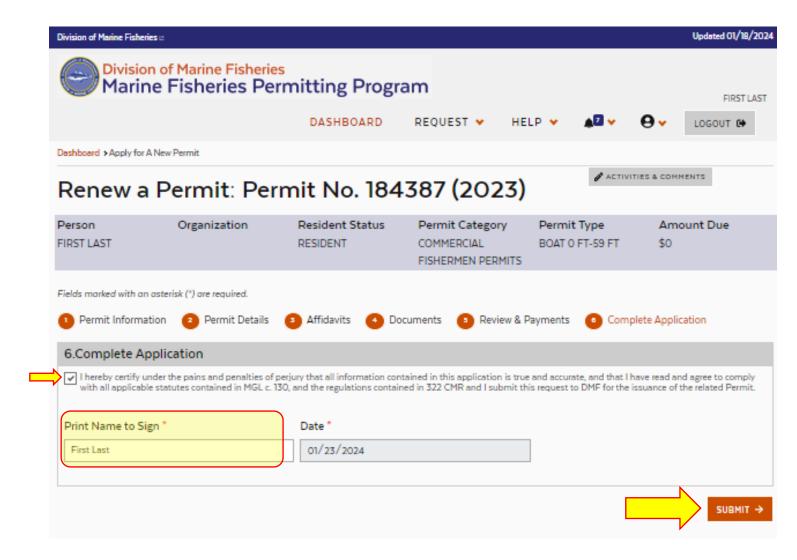
Payment For	Cost	Amount Received	Payment Method	Date and Time	Balance Due
BOAT 0 FT-59 FT	\$130	\$0	Credit Card	2024-01-23	\$130
STRIPED BASS (\$30)	\$30	\$0	Credit Card	2024-01-23	\$30
OOGFISH (\$30)	\$30	\$0	Credit Card	2024-01-23	\$30



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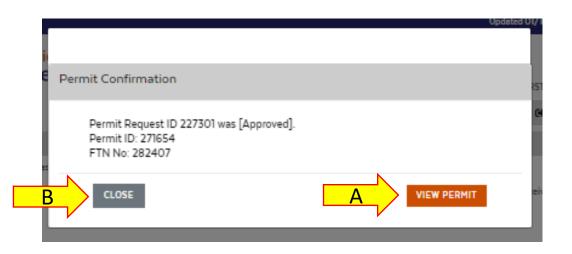
Submitting your request

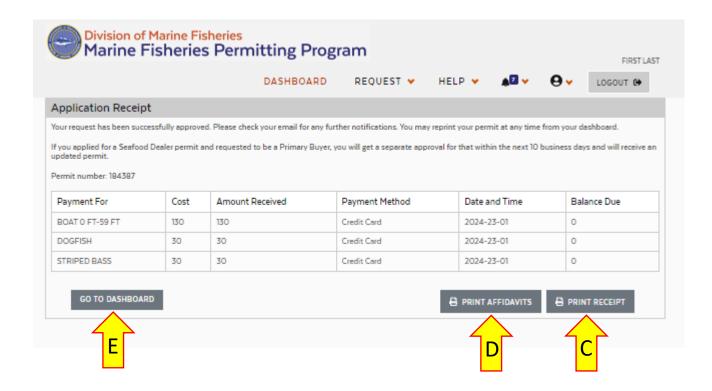
- Note that this step is required to fully submit your application. Submitting payment is not sufficient.
- Check the certification box.
- Type your name in the box to sign.
- Click "SUBMIT".



Confirmation Page

- After submission, if the permit was automatically approved, the permit confirmation box will pop up.
 - To print your permit, click the View Permit button (A).
 - Click "CLOSE" to close the confirmation box.
 - Upon clicking "CLOSE", the Application Receipt will display.
- If your permit application requires further review, you will go directly to the Application receipt. You will receive a notification when your permit is reviewed and processed.
- From here, you can (C) print a copy of your Affidavits, (D) print a copy of this receipt, or (E) navigate back to your dashboard.





Questions?

- Contact DMF's permitting help desk at
 - Phone: 617-626-1520
 - Email: <u>marine.fish@mass.gov</u>
- See more user guides on our website!
 - Creating an Account and Claiming permits
 - Managing your user profile and organizations
 - Applying for a new permit
 - Amending a permit
 - Paying for a permit