The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Division of Marine Fisheries
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Boston, Massachusetts 02114-2152 **(617) 626-1520**

APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL SALTWATER FISHING PERMITS

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

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT INFORMATION CLEARLY:

_____
Last Name First Name Initial

_____
Street City/Town State, Zip Code Country

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

Residency Status: Ma Resident: ☐ Yes ☐ No U. S. Citizen: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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.

e-mail address: _____

Date of Birth: _____/_____/_____

Telephone #: (_____) _____-_____

Cell phone #: (_____) _____-_____

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 certify under the pains and penalties of perjury that all information contained in the application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. 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 permit type and endorsement(s) for which you are applying.

☐ Select a Trip-Level Reporting Designation. Failure to select a method will result in the return of your application.

☐ Some fisheries require additional information to be submitted. Refer to the notes in the Endorsements section.

☐ Calculate your total fee, and submit a check or money order made payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

☐ Review the printed information, and then 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	☐ $260	☐ $520
BOAT 60-99FT	☐ $195	☐ $390
BOAT 0-59 FT	☐ $130	☐ $260
INDIVIDUAL	☐ $65	☐ $130
ROD & REEL	☐ $35	☐ $100
SHELLFISH & ROD & REEL	☐ $55	☐ $130
SHELLFISH & SEAWORMS	☐ $40	☐ $80
OFFSHORE LOBSTER (non-trap) *	☐ $310	☐ $570
STUDENT LOBSTER **	☐ $80	☐ $145

* You must submit a copy of your federal permit.

** **Student lobster permit applicants must submit verification of full-time student status & parental consent. Student lobster permit holders must affix trap tags to their gear; trap tags 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 all trip-level data through a federal program (VTR, Surf Clam / Ocean Quahog Logbook, HMS)for the listed vessel.

☐ **Paper** (PTL): choose this option if you want to submit paper reports, either by mail, fax or e-mail attachment.

☐ **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.**

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
TAUTOG New applicants must submit an affidavit which is available online at: http://www.mass.gov/marinefisheries	☐ $30	☐ $60
AMERICAN EEL	☐ $30	☐ $60
DOGFISH New applicants must submit an affidavit which is available online at: http://www.mass.gov/marinefisheries	☐ $30	☐ $60
NORTHERN SHRIMP	☐ $30	☐ $60
SCUP	☐ $30	☐ $60
SEA HERRING	☐ $30	☐ $60
SEA URCHIN New applicants must submit an affidavit, which is available online at: http://www.mass.gov/marinefisheries	☐ $30	☐ $60
STRIPED BASS **Application deadline February 28th** New applicants must submit an affidavit which is available online at: http://www.mass.gov/marinefisheries	☐ $30	☐ $60
CONTAMINATED SURF CLAM DREDGE: This endorsement is for the harvest of surf clams from contaminated areas only and for the purpose of BAIT only.	☐ $30	☐ $60
SHELLFISH ENDORSEMENT New applicants must submit an affidavit which is available online at: http://www.mass.gov/marinefisheries. Must have a town permit	☐ $0	
SEA SCALLOP SHUCKING	☐ $0	
SEA SCALLOP DIVER Residency restrictions	☐ $0	
BAY SCALLOP SHUCKING If you select Bay Scallop shucking, you must submit a copy of your Certified Sanitary Inspection approved by the Mass DPH.	☐ $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.	☐ $30	☐ $60

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: (1) Coastal Lobster, and (2) Offshore Lobster (trap)

Endorsements:

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

*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, ocean pout, wolfish and witch flounder.

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.