

COMMERCIAL TIDAL FISH LICENSE TRANSFERS

All transfers are subject to Departmental approval. All licenses must be current to complete a transfer. Forward the license being transferred, the completed application and supporting documents to any DNR Service Center.

The following commercial tidal fish licenses and activities are restricted to Maryland residents: clam harvester, oyster harvester and unlimited tidal fish. The resident fishing guide may not be transferred to a non-resident.

Striped bass harvest permits may be transferred with the fishing license or they may be transferred to another tidal fish licensee without transferring the fishing license. If a licensee transfers a striped bass permit with this license, a permit transfer form must be reviewed and approved by Fisheries and Boating Services prior to the transfer. Please contact Fishing and Boating Services to complete the transfer of the permit. They may be reached at fisheriespermittedspecies.dnr@maryland.gov.

PERMANENT TRANSFERS

- **Family Transfer** – A commercial tidal fish license or authorization can be permanently transferred to an immediate family member provided the transferee pays all license and authorization fees. Immediate family includes spouse, child, stepchild, grandchild, step-grandchild, parent, sibling, grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, or in-law (father-, mother-, son-, daughter-, sister- or brother-in-law).
- **Beneficiary Transfer** – A deceased licensee’s commercial tidal fish license or authorization can be permanently transferred to the person designated as the beneficiary with the Department by the deceased licensee or their authorized representative. If not being transferred to the beneficiary designated by the Department, attach original Letter of Administration of the Executor of the Estate.
- **Business Transfer** - A tidal fish license or authorization can be transferred permanently to a person who:
 - provides this notarized form evidencing the purchase from the transferor of the commercial fishing license; and
 - paid the license or authorization fees.

The transferor must have held a valid commercial tidal fish license in each of the two immediately preceding license years except, upon the death of the licensee, to the beneficiary designated to the Department.

A commercial tidal fish licensee (**except a fishing guide or master fishing guide**) who has previously recorded their commercial vessel’s state registration or official USCG number with the Department may allow another person to use the vessel (and license) for the authorized commercial activities. The vessel number must be printed on the face of the license and the license must be in the possession of the person using the vessel at all times while engaged in the activities authorized by the license. If an individual chooses to register their vessel on their license, the licensee shall indicate to the Department the assigned individual that may use their license and vessel when the licensee is not on board. The individual assigned to the license may be changed only once during a license year.

The Commercial Tidal Fish License Renewal Application (DNR C-2) is used to record a vessel number as well as to indicate an individual that may use the license and vessel to engage in fishing activities.

All individuals issued a license or authorization(s) under Natural Resources Article, §4-701, Annotated Code of Maryland are subject to all the privileges, rights, laws, and penalties under Natural Resources Article, Title 4, Annotated Code of Maryland.

YOUR APPLICATION CAN BE PROCESSED AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING DNR LICENSING & REGISTRATION SERVICE CENTERS

Please have your commercial tidal fish license number available when calling

ANNAPOLIS SERVICE CENTER

160 Harry S Truman Pkwy
PO Box 1869
Annapolis, MD 21404
410-260-3220
Located inside MVA

ESSEX SERVICE CENTER

1338 Eastern Blvd. A
Essex, MD 21221
667-401-0760
No Mail: Open M/W/F
Located inside MVA

SOLOMONS SERVICE CENTER

14175 Solomons Island Rd. S
PO Box 1309
Solomons, MD 20688
410-535-3382
Located inside Visitor Center

CUMBERLAND SERVICE CENTER

13300 Winchester Rd. SW
Cumberland, MD 21502
301-777-2134
No Mail: Open T/T
Located inside MVA
Credit Card only at this Location

BEL AIR SERVICE CENTER

501 W. MacPhail Rd. #2
Bel Air, MD 21014
410-836-4550
Located inside MVA

SALISBURY SERVICE CENTER

251 Tilghman Rd. Room #2
Salisbury, MD 21804
410-713-3840
Located inside MVA

CENTREVILLE SERVICE CENTER

120 Broadway Ave.#5
Centreville, MD 21617
410-819-4100

FREDERICK SERVICE CENTER

1601-A Bowmans Farm Rd.
Frederick, MD 21701
240-236-9950
Located inside MVA

HOURS

8:30am to 4:30pm
(except State holidays)

1-866-344-8889
Any Location