



## 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.

### PERMANENT TRANSFERS

- **Family Transfer** – A commercial tidal fish license or authorization can be permanently transferred to an immediate family member provided the transferee (person receiving the license) 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). Both the transferor and transferee must be present with photo identification.
- **Beneficiary Transfer** – A deceased licensee’s commercial tidal fish license or authorization can be permanently transferred to a person who has been designated beneficiary with the Department by the deceased licensee or their authorized representative.
- **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 equipment and assets and the commercial fishing business, or purchased a vessel used for commercial fishing; and
  - paid the license or authorization fees.

The transferor (person transferring license) 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 if the licensee or licensee’s authorized representative had designated transferee as beneficiary with the Department.

A commercial tidal fish licensee (**except a fishing guide or master fishing guide**) who has previously recorded a 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**

(410) 260-3220  
(866) 344-8889 Toll Free in MD  
1804 West St, Suite300  
PO Box 1869  
Annapolis, MD 21404

#### **ESSEX SERVICE CENTER**

667-401-0760  
(866) 535-8319 Toll Free in MD  
1338 Eastern Blvd. A  
Essex, MD 21221  
*(Walk-In Only: M/W/F)*  
*Located inside MVA*

#### **CENTRAL SERVICE CENTER**

(410) 836-4550  
(866) 623-3187 Toll Free in MD  
501 West MacPhail Rd #2  
Bel Air, MD 21014

#### **EAST CENTRAL SERVICE CENTER**

(410) 819-4100  
(866) 439-1708 Toll Free in MD  
120 Broadway Ave #5  
Centreville, MD 21617

#### **WESTERN SERVICE CENTER**

(240) 263-9950  
(866) 679-0906 Toll Free in MD  
1601-A Bowmans Farm Rd  
Frederick, MD 21701

#### **SOUTHERN SERVICE CENTER**

(410) 535-3382  
(866) 688-3823 Toll Free in MD  
6904 Hallowing Ln  
Prince Frederick, MD 20678

#### **EASTERN SERVICE CENTER**

(410) 713-3840  
(866) 812-1678 Toll Free in MD  
251 Tilghman Rd Rm #2  
Salisbury, MD 21804

#### **HOURS**

**8:30 am to 4:30 pm**  
**Monday – Friday**  
**(except State holidays)**