



MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
2025-2026 COMMERCIAL TIDAL FISH LICENSE APPLICATION

 New Renewal Resident Non-Resident Permanent Transfer Other _____

DNR ID	COMPANY/FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	LAST NAME	WATERMAN ID NO. (REQUIRED)
IF COMPANY/CONTACT NAME		EMAIL ADDRESS		DAYTIME PHONE NO. (REQUIRED)
MAILING ADDRESS	CITY	COUNTY	STATE	ZIP

LICENSE TYPES AND FEES

Check license type(s)

Permits can be added by filling out supplemental form

Section A

<input type="checkbox"/> Harvester Registration.....	215.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing Guide *	Fishing Guides must ATTACH copy of current USCG Captains License
<input type="checkbox"/> Resident	100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Nonresident	200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Finfish - Hook and Line	100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Unlimited Finfish Harvester.....	150.00

**** Indicate Crabbing Day Off: Sunday Monday**

<input type="checkbox"/> Limited Crab Harvester **	100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Limited Crab Harvester: Male Only**	100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Crab Harvester - up to 300 pots **	150.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 600 pot Authorization **	100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 900 pot Authorization **	150.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Clam Harvester.....	100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Oyster Harvester	100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Oyster Dredge Boat	250.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Conch, Cancer Crab, Turtles and Lobster Harvester.....	100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Chesapeake Channa	15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue & Flathead Catfish Finfish Trotline License	15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Unlimited Tidal Fish **	300.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Master Guide (per vessel) *	100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Bait Harvester Permit	25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Seafood Landing License	350.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Tidal Fish Dealer (only)	250.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Tidal Fish Dealer (with harvester license) ..	50.00

Total Section A _____**Section B**

<input type="checkbox"/> Marketing Surcharge (Dealer)	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Marketing Surcharge (Non Dealer)	20.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer Fee (per Item)	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Late Fee	50.00
If renewed between 9/03/25 and 3/31/26	
<input type="checkbox"/> Nonresident Surcharge	_____

TOTAL SECTION B _____**GRAND TOTAL (SECTIONS A + B) _____*****Complete below to add an authorized user******Must be updated yearly**

License Holders Vessel Registration Number: _____

The individual indicated below is allowed to engage in fishing activities using this license and vessel under Natural Resources Article § 4-701(k)(7). (Vessel must be owned by the licensee.)

Name (print) _____ DNR ID No. _____

**TO COMPLY WITH THE
MARYLAND WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT (check one)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Insurance attached	
<input type="checkbox"/> Insurance binder number	
Effective date _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt – no employees	

Designated Beneficiary

DNR ID No. _____ Name (print) _____

Date of Birth _____ Last 4 Digits of Social Security No. _____

 Check here if changing beneficiary

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2) Will you be dealing in shellfish for human consumption? (oysters, hard-shell clams, soft-shell clams of the species Mya arenaria) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3) If yes, what is your Maryland Department of Health certification number? _____

I hereby acknowledge that failure to submit reports to the Department of Natural Resources as required under Natural Resources Article §4-206 may result in loss of my license. I further certify under penalty of perjury that the statements herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Driver's License No. _____ State _____

Signature _____ Date _____

DESCRIPTION OF LICENSES

Harvester Registration		
Fishing Guide	FGR or FGN	Allows licensee to provide services as a fishing guide in the tidal waters of Maryland, including the Atlantic Ocean within state waters <i>A Resident Fishing Guide may <u>not</u> be changed to a Nonresident Fishing Guide.</i> * Must attach a copy of current USCG Captains License
Finfish – Hook & Line	HLI	Allows the use of hook & line gear to harvest finfish for sale.
Unlimited Finfish Harvester	FIN	Allows the use of all legal equipment to harvest finfish for sale.
Limited Crab Harvester	LCC	Allows the use of up to 50 crab pots, trotlines, nets, dip nets, traps, pounds and scrapes to harvest blue crabs for sale. **Must specify crabbing day off.
Limited Crab Harvester (Male only)	LCCM	Allows the use of up to 50 crab pots, trotlines, nets, dip nets, traps, pounds and scrapes to harvest male blue crabs only for sale. **Must specify crabbing day off.
Crab Harvester -up to 300 pots	CB3	Allows the use of up to 300 crab pots, trotlines, nets, dip nets, traps, pounds and scrapes to harvest blue crabs for sale. **Must specify crabbing day off.
Clam Harvester	CLM	Allows residents of Maryland the use of all legal equipment to harvest clams for sale.
Oyster Harvester	OYH	Allows residents of Maryland to harvest oysters for sale by diving, tonging, handscraping, and power dredge.
Oyster Dredge Boat	ODB	Allows residents of Maryland the use of a dredge boat (skipjack/sail dredge) to harvest oysters for sale.
Conch, Cancer Crab, Turtles & Lobster Harvester	CTL	Allows the harvest of conch, cancer crabs, turtles, or lobsters for sale.
Chesapeake Channa		Authorizes the holder to catch for sale Chesapeake Channas in the tidal waters of the state using a bow and arrow attached to a retrieval line or hook and line.
Blue & Flathead Catfish Finfish Trotline License		Authorizes the holder to catch for sale Blue and Flathead Catfish in the tidal waters of the state using a finfish trotline.
Unlimited Tidal Fish	TFL	Comprehensive license available to residents of Maryland, covering all authorizations described above. If using this license as a Fishing Guide, you must attach a copy of your current USCG Captains License. An Unlimited Tidal Fish license may be permanently converted to its component authorizations described above. **Must specify crabbing day off.
Master Fishing Guide		May employ other persons to guide fishing parties on a vessel owned by the master fishing guide or out of a marina owned and operated by the master guide. * Must attach a copy of current USCG Captains License
Bait Harvester		Allows individuals who do not have a commercial tidal fish license to catch and sell certain species of finfish and shellfish for bait.
Crab Harvester 600 Pot Authorization	CB6	Applicant with a 300 pot Crab Harvester License or an Unlimited Tidal Fish License may increase the number of pots to 600 or 900. **Must specify crabbing day off.
900 Pot Authorization	CB9	(Applicant must file an application and pay a fee to be placed on a waiting list).
Nonresident surcharge		Additional fee required for all nonresidents of Maryland. Varies by State of residence.
Oyster Harvesting Surcharge	OYS	Additional fee required to harvest oysters. Applicant must apply in person, by appointment only, at a DNR Service Center. Visit https://dnr.maryland.gov/Pages/License-Licensing-Appointment-Information.aspx for locations.
Seafood Landing License		May land fish caught in out-of-state tidal waters without a harvester's license or registration.
Marketing Surcharge		Additional fee required of all commercial harvesters and dealers. If applicant is a harvester and dealer, the higher dealer surcharge will be applied.
Tidal Fish Dealer License		May process, pack, resell, market or otherwise deal in fish caught in tidal waters. Harvesters must either sell to a licensed dealer, or be a licensed dealer in order to sell their catch. The dealer license is discounted for these harvesters.
Late Fee		\$50 if renewed between 9/03/25 and 3/31/26. <u>No license may be renewed after 3/31/26.</u>

Customers seeking reasonable accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, should contact MD DNR Office of Fair Practices at 410-260-8058.

Annotated Code of Maryland, Natural Resources Article, §4-701(k)(7) allows the licensee to designate an individual that may use the licensee's vessel and license. The individual indicated may be changed once in the license year. The licensee is legally responsible for all activities performed by the individual whom they have designated. Indicate the individual and their DNRid number in the appropriate box on the front of this application.

DESIGNATING A BENEFICIARY

A licensee may designate a person (does not need to be a family member) as a beneficiary of the license by indicating their name and DNRid on the front of this application. If the beneficiary holds the same license type, they will have to transfer their license in order to accept the license of the deceased. Upon licensee's death, if no beneficiary is named, an authorized representative (Letter of Administration required) may indicate a person eligible for a permanent business transfer regardless of the number of seasons the deceased held a valid tidal fish license.