

IMPORTANT UPDATES AND INFORMATION – PLEASE READ!

- As of September 1, 2021, you should now submit applications for new permits, transfers and renewals on line. You can submit and view your application, resolve any deficiencies, and even download for printing your open access permits. It is fast and easy, and in many cases you can submit your required information, documents, and application fees in minutes.
- PLEASE NOTE: Any user name or account created BEFORE 09/01/2021 is no longer valid.
- Only accounts created on or after 09/01/2021 will be allowed access to the new SERO On-Line Permitting System.
- Beginning 02/01/2022 – the permits office NO LONGER accepts checks or money orders as payment for application fees. You are REQUIRED to make your payments through your on line account.
- Beginning 02/01/2022 – The permits office no longer has an operational Fax Machine or Fax Line and will not be accepting supporting documents by fax. Supporting documents will only be accepted through your on line account or via mail, attention to your on-line application ID number.
- To Create a new account or sign into your existing account that was created after 09/01/2021, go to: go.usa.gov/xF7Cu

IF you choose to mail a paper application to our office, your application will be scanned and converted to a digital version and processed as an on-line application. Please be aware, you are still required to have an on-line account to complete your application payment. If you mail your application, you may only make your payment through your on line account AFTER your paper application is converted, processed and found to have no payment and a deficiency email has been sent to you.

If you mail a check or money order as payment - it will be returned to you.



Instructions for the Federal Permit Application for Annual Dealer Permit

Rev 12/27/2023

In addition to the instructions provided herein, applicants with specific questions are encouraged to contact the Permits Office at (727) 824-5326 or toll free at (877) 376-4877 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. ET, or visit the SERO Permits website at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permits-and-forms>.

Please consult the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations whose guidance for application requirements, permit eligibilities, and related information will always prevail. NMFS will return incomplete or illegible applications.

General Instructions:

What Sections do I complete?

Complete all applicable sections of this application form. All application fields should be typed or printed in ink. Specifically,

- ☒ All applicants must fill out Section 1, 2, and 3.
- ☐ If the dealership, as listed in Section 1 and on the applicable state wholesale licenses, is a business that is owned by another business, fill out Section 4.
- ☐ If the dealership, as listed in Section 1, is a business, fill out Section 5 for all individual owners of the dealership listed in Section 1.
- ☐ Also, complete Section 5 for all individual owners of businesses that own dealership, as listed in Section 4. Copy Sections 4 and 5 as necessary to provide information for all owners of the dealership, and owners of businesses that own the dealership.
- ☒ All applicants must fill out Sections 6 and 7.

See pages 2-4 for information about specific sections of this application.

What is the fee?

The application fee is **\$50 for one fishery and \$12.50 for each additional fishery**, as described in the table below. This application fee is collected to cover the administrative cost of processing the application, and is non-refundable.

The fee to replace one or more permits issued to a dealer is \$18. NMFS will not refund money for denied permits. as described in the table below. Payments must be made through your on line SERO Permits account. DO NOT send payment to our office, it will be returned to you.

Permits 1 = \$50 2 = \$62.50 3 = \$75

Where do I send the application?

Mail the complete application, payment, and all required supporting documentation to:

**NMFS Permits Office (F/SER14)
263 13th Avenue South,
St. Petersburg, FL 33701**

What about reporting compliance?

All dealers are required to report purchases electronically. Not all electronic reporting programs can run on all operating systems or platforms. New dealers are encouraged to reach out to the appropriate State and Federal Agencies before obtaining a dealer permit to check on operating system compatibility and other requirements. NMFS will not renew a dealer permit until all reporting requirements for the permit being renewed have been met (e.g., SAFIS, Trip Ticket, HMS electronic dealer reporting, e-1 Ticket, PC-1 Ticket programs). To avoid delays, applicants are encouraged to comply with all reporting requirements before submitting a permit application.

- Communications concerning Atlantic shark and/or swordfish dealer reporting requirements must be directed to the Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Management Division at (301) 427-8590
- Communications concerning Gulf and South Atlantic Dealer (GSAD) reporting requirements must be directed to the SEFSC Quota Monitoring Office at (305) 361-4581. Current reporting status can be viewed at <https://grunt.sefsc.noaa.gov/drsr/>

What supporting documentation do I need?

- ☒ **State Wholesale License:** Provide a copy of the valid state whole sale license for each state in which the dealership has a facility.
- ☒ **Payment:** Payment must be made through your SERO On-Line Permits account. See "What is the Fee" on page 1 of these instructions for more information.
- ☐ **HMS Workshop Certificate:** *Shark dealers* must provide a copy of one of the following HMS Workshop Certificates:
 - (A) Valid Dealer Certificate,
 - (B) Valid Proxy Certificate from an employee of the dealership, or
 - (C) *If the dealer's has an expired shark dealer permit, or if the dealer has never been issued a shark dealer permit,* a General Participant Certificate from an officer or owner of the dealership will also be accepted.



APPLICATION SECTION 1 – DEALER INFORMATION.

Complete all applicable portions of Section 1.

In Section 1a - A dealer that is a registered BUSINESS:

- Enter the dealership name as it appears on the state wholesale license(s). If the dealership uses a fictitious name, or does business as another name, provide the DBA name in the space provided. All dealerships must provide a valid email address, and telephone number.
- Provide the dealership's Federal Employer Tax Identification Number (FEIN) and date the dealership was formed. The date formed is the same as the date the business was FILED for with the Secretary of State in which the business was formed.
- For a brief definition of applicable business types, see our frequently asked questions at http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/operations_management_information_services/constituency_services_branch/permits/permit_fa/index.html
- Provide a mailing and physical address for the dealership.

In Section 1ba - A dealer that is an INDIVIDUAL:

- Enter the dealer's name as it appears on the state wholesale license(s). If the dealer uses a fictitious name, or does business as another name, provide the DBA name in the space provided. All dealers must provide a valid email address, and telephone number.
- Provide the individual's dealership's Federal Tax Identification Number (SSN) and date of birth.
- Provide a mailing and physical address for the dealership.



APPLICATION SECTION 2 – Permits Requested.

Indicate the fishery and transaction type of the permits requested.

APPLICATION SECTION 3 – Receiving Facilities.



Provide all the requested information for each physical address where fish are received directly from fishing vessels. The “physical facility” must be the dealer’s brick and mortar facility. If the facility listed is a marina, boat ramp, dock, or other location where the boat unloads, then the dealer must *own or lease* the marina, boat ramp, dock, or other place. A copy of the lease must be provided. Public docks and boat ramps may not be considered a dealer facility.

Include a copy of the state wholesale license from each state in which the dealer has a facility.

Company B



Company A



APPLICATION SECTION 4 –Businesses that Own Businesses

Complete this section for any business that owns more than 1% of any business within the ownership hierarchy of the dealership.

For every business, the sum of ownership, by either individuals or other businesses, must total 100%. Photocopy this section as necessary to provide information about all businesses within the ownership hierarchy of the dealer.

- For each business, provide the business’s full name, Federal Employer Tax ID number (FEIN), date the business was formed, phone number, physical and mailing address, and business type.
- Indicate if the business was established by the laws of the United States or any state of the United

States. Note, this information will not affect eligibility to obtain a permit.

- Provide an email address or SMS mobile phone number to receive digital updates about your permit and application status (when available).
- For a brief definition of applicable business types, see our frequently asked questions at http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/operations_management_information_services/constituency_services_branch/permits/permit_faq/index.html

Example: If the dealer, as identified by the state wholesale license(s), is owned by Company A, provide information about Company A in Section 4. If Company B owns Company A, also provide information about Company B in section 4.



APPLICATION SECTION 5 – Businesses Officers and Individual Owners

Complete this section for any individual that owns more than 1% of any business within the ownership hierarchy of the dealership, as listed in section 1 and 4. For every business, the sum of ownership, by either individuals or other businesses, must total 100%. Photocopy this section as necessary to provide information about all businesses within the ownership hierarchy of the vessel

- For each individual owner or officer, include the entity’s full name, Individual Tax ID number (SSN), date of birth, phone number, physical address, mailing address, sex, and race/ethnicity information.
- Indicate if the individual is a United States citizen or permanent resident alien. Note, this information will not affect eligibility to obtain a permit.
- Provide an email address or SMS mobile phone number to receive digital updates about your permit and application status (when available).
- **Minor shareholders:** Complete Section 5b if a business listed in Section 1, or 4 has owners that individually own less than 1% of the business. Provide the total percentage of ownership which is individually held by owners who own less than 1%. This section is left blank for most applicants.

Example: If the dealership is owned by Company A, provide information about all owners and officers of Company A. If Company A is also owned in whole or part by Company B, complete section 5 to provide information about all individual owners and officers of Company A *and* Company B.

Photocopy this section as necessary to provide information about all businesses and their respective owners and officers that comprise the ownership hierarchy of the vessel.

APPLICATION SECTION 6 – Small Business or Organization Certification

This section is required for ALL applicants. Your revenue and employment estimates for the most recent complete calendar year your business or organization was active should include the revenues and employees of ALL affiliated businesses or organizations. In general, businesses or organizations are affiliated with each other when one business or organization controls or has the power to control another business or organization, or a third party controls or has the power to control both. Specifically, businesses or organizations are considered to be affiliated if they have 50% or more ownership in common. For e.g., if the same individual or individuals own or co-own multiple businesses, those businesses would be considered affiliated and thus should be treated as a single operation for the purpose of estimating annual gross revenues and employment.



APPLICATION SECTION 7 – SIGNATURE FOR APPLICATION

The applicant must sign the application in section 7. If the dealership is a business, the signee must be an officer or owner of the dealership business.

KNOWINGLY SUPPLYING FALSE INFORMATION OR WILLFULLY OVERVALUING ANY FISHING INCOME TO OBTAIN A PERMIT IS A VIOLATION OF FEDERAL LAW PUNISHABLE BY A FINE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT.

Public Burden Statement - A Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with an information collection subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 unless the information collection has a currently valid OMB Control Number. The approved OMB Control Number for this information collection is 0648-0205. Without this approval, we could not conduct this survey or information collection. Public reporting for this information collection is estimated to be approximately 30 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the information collection. All responses to this information collection are required to obtain benefits. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this information collection, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the: PRA Officer, National Marine Fisheries Service, F/SER26, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

Privacy Act Statement - Authority: The collection of this information is authorized under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C 1801 et seq.), the High Seas Fishing Compliance Act, the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950, the Antarctic Marine Living Resources Convention Act, the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act (16 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.), the Marine Mammal Protection Act, the Endangered Species Act and the Fur Seal Act. The authority for the mandatory collection of the Tax Identification Number (TIN) is 31 U.S.C. 7701.

Purpose: In order to manage U.S. fisheries, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) requires the use of permits or registrations by participants in the United States. Information on NMFS permit applicants and renewing holders includes vessel owner contact information, date of birth, TIN and vessel descriptive information. Permit holder information may be used as sampling frames for surveys, as part of Fishery Management Council (FMC) analysis to support FMC decisions.

Routine Uses: The Department will use this information to determine permit eligibility and to identify fishery participants. Disclosure of this information is permitted under the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 552a), to be shared within NMFS offices, in order to coordinate monitoring and management of sustainability of fisheries and protected resources, as well as with the applicable state or regional marine fisheries commissions and international organizations. Disclosure of this information is also subject to all of the published routine uses as identified in the Privacy Act System of Records Notice COMMERCE/NOAA-19, Permits and Registrations for the United States Federally Regulated Fisheries.

Disclosure: Furnishing this information is voluntary; however, failure to provide complete and accurate information will prevent the determination of eligibility for a permit.

The National Marine Fisheries Service requires this information for the conservation and management of marine fishery resources. The data reported will be used to develop, implement, and monitor fishery management activities for a variety of other uses. Responses to this collection are required to obtain or retain a fisheries permit under the Magnuson - Stevens Act. Non-confidential information may be released via a NOAA Fisheries website. Non-confidential information means: Name, Street Address, City, State, Zip code, Effective Date of Permit, Permit Types, Vessel Name, Vessel Identification Number, and in the case of a "for hire" vessel the Passenger Capacity, or individual, corporate and lease holders of permits. All other data submitted will be handled as confidential material in accordance with NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, Protection of Confidential Fishery Statistics. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subjected to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

U.S. Department of Commerce, NOAA

NMFS PERMITS OFFICE, F/SER14

263 13th Avenue South

St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Toll Free 877-376-4877 (9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. ET)

727-824-5326 (9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. ET)

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permits-and-forms>

OMB Control No. 0648-0205; Expiration date: 06/30/2027

**FEDERAL PERMIT APPLICATION FOR
AN ANNUAL DEALER PERMIT****FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

Date Received

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Application ID

Include a copy of the State Wholesale/Dealer license for each state where product will be first received from the commercial fisherman/vessel. The name shown on your State Wholesale License(s) and your Federal Dealer permit must match in ownership. Please provide the name below as it appears on the State Wholesale License. The date formed refers to the date in which the corporation or business was formed (the date the business was filed for with the Secretary of State in the state where the business was formed). The FEIN is the number that was provided to your business by the IRS (if applicable).

If your State Wholesale/Dealer license is issued to a **BUSINESS**—Complete section 1a to start the application.

If your State Wholesale/Dealer license is issued to an **INDIVIDUAL**—Go to section 1b to start the application.

SECTION 1a - BUSINESS DEALER INFORMATION

Provide the name below as it appears on the state wholesale or dealer license.

1a. Dealer's Name as it appears
on the State Wholesale License

Do you use a DBA
name?

☐

Yes

☐

No

If yes, What is the DBA name?

Area Code

Phone Number

E-Mail Address (REQUIRED—See Instructions)

This Email Address is the same one you will use for reporting purposes.

Dealer is

(check one):

☐

C Corporation

☐

Limited Liability Co.

☐

Partnership

☐

S Corporation

☐

Cooperative

☐

Other _____

Federal Employer Tax ID Number (FEIN)

Date Business Formed (MM/DD/YYYY) - the date you FILED with the Secretary of State to form this business.

Was this Business properly established by
the laws of the United States or any state
of the United States?

☐

YES

☐

NO

1.a. Address Information for Business Dealer:

Mailing Address

Apt #

City

State

County/Parish

Zip Code

Country

☐ Check box if the Physical Address is the same as the mailing address—OR:

Physical Address (PO Box not acceptable)

Apt #

City

State

County/Parish

Zip Code

Country

SECTION 1B - INDIVIDUAL DEALER INFORMATION

Provide the name below as it appears on the state wholesale or dealer license.

1a. Dealer's Name as it appears
on the State Wholesale LicenseDo you use a DBA
name?☐

Yes

☐

No

If yes, What is the DBA name?

Area Code

Phone Number

E-Mail Address (REQUIRED—See Instructions)

This Email Address is the same one you will use for reporting purposes.

Is this individual a United States Citizen
or permanent resident alien?☐

YES

☐

NO

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

Suffix - Jr, Sr, etc.

Individual Tax ID Number (SSN)

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

1.b. REQUIRED—Address Information for the Individual Dealer:

Mailing Address

Apt #

City

State

County/Parish

Zip Code

Country

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Check box if the Physical Address is the same as the mailing address—OR:

Physical Address (PO Box not acceptable)

Apt #

City

State

County/Parish

Zip Code

Country

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What is this individual's
Sex?☐

Male

☐

Female

What is this
individual's race
or ethnicity?
Mark all
that apply☐

White

☐

Black or African American

☐

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

☐

Hispanic or Latino

☐

American Indian or Alaska Native

☐

Other _____

☐




Asian

☐

Middle Eastern or North African

SECTION 2 - PERMITS

Indicate which permit(s) you are applying for by checking the box adjacent to the corresponding fishery. Also indicate if this is a new or renewal of a permit.

		NEW	RENEW	
	Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Dealer (GSAD)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	FEE SCHEDULE 1 Permit = \$50.00 2 Permits = \$62.50 3 permits = \$75.00
	Domestic Atlantic Swordfish (SD) (Includes the Gulf of Mexico and the U.S. Caribbean)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Atlantic Shark (SK) (Includes the Gulf of Mexico and U.S. Caribbean)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Applicants for an Atlantic Shark Dealer permit must provide a copy of the unexpired Shark Identification Workshop Certificate for each facility listed below OR have a copy of the unexpired certificate on file with the permits office at the time of

SECTION 3 - RECEIVING FACILITIES

List the names and physical addresses for facilities where product is received (fish is off loaded from the fishing vessels directly to the permit holder shown in section 1). You do not need to list facilities where product is received then shipped to the permit holder. Please copy this page as needed to provide information on all facilities where fish are directly offloaded to the permit holder. If you receive product in different states, you must provide a copy of your valid State Wholesale License for each state.

☐ Check here if a location where you receive product directly from fishermen is the same as the physical address shown in section 1b. If checked, you do not need to re-list that location here.

1. Facility Name

				Area Code	Phone Number	
Physical Address (PO Box not acceptable)	Apt #	City	State	County/Parish	Zip Code	Country

2. Facility Name

				Area Code	Phone Number	
Physical Address (PO Box not acceptable)	Apt #	City	State	County/Parish	Zip Code	Country

3. Facility Name

				Area Code	Phone Number	
Physical Address (PO Box not acceptable)	Apt #	City	State	County/Parish	Zip Code	Country

4. Facility Name

				Area Code	Phone Number	
Physical Address (PO Box not acceptable)	Apt #	City	State	County/Parish	Zip Code	Country

5. Facility Name

				Area Code	Phone Number	
Physical Address (PO Box not acceptable)	Apt #	City	State	County/Parish	Zip Code	Country

6. Facility Name

				Area Code	Phone Number	
Physical Address (PO Box not acceptable)	Apt #	City	State	County/Parish	Zip Code	Country

SECTION 4 - BUSINESSES THAT OWN THE DEALER

Complete this section for each business that owns 1% or more of the dealer shown in section 1. Copy this section as needed.

Section 4a: Business owner:

Business for which this business is an owner of:

Percent of Business Owned:

Type of business: ☐ S Corporation ☐ Cooperative ☐ Other _____
☐ C Corporation ☐ Limited Liability Co. ☐ Partnership

Was this Business properly established by the laws of the United States or any state of the United States?

☐ YES
☐ NO

Registered Name of Business

Federal Employer Tax ID Number (FEIN)

Date Business Formed (MM/DD/YYYY)

Area Code

Phone Number

Mailing Address

Apt #

City

State

County/Parish

Zip Code

Country

☐ Check box if the Physical Address is the same as the mailing address, OR:

Physical Address (PO Box not acceptable)

Apt #

City

State

County/Parish

Zip Code

Country

☐ OPTIONAL: Check here if you would you like to receive digital updates (texts & emails). Provide your digital contact information below.

Email

Cell Phone number and provider:

Section 4b: Additional Business owner:

Business for which this business is an owner of:

Percent of Business Owned:

Type of business: ☐ S Corporation ☐ Cooperative ☐ Other _____
☐ C Corporation ☐ Limited Liability Co. ☐ Partnership

Was this Business properly established by the laws of the United States or any state of the United States?

☐ YES
☐ NO

Registered Name of Business

Federal employer Tax ID Number (FEIN)

Date Business Formed (MM/DD/YYYY)

Area Code

Phone Number

Mailing Address

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Email

Cell Phone number and provider:

SECTION 5 - BUSINESS OFFICERS AND INDIVIDUAL OWNERS (Cont.)

Complete this section by providing information on all individual officers and owners that own 1% or more of any business listed in section 1 (the dealer) and/or section 4 (businesses that own the dealer).

Copy this page as needed to provide information on ALL other officers or shareholders that own 1% or more of the business. The ownership must total 100%

Section 5a: Individual Officer/Owner:

Business for which this individual is an officer/owner of:

Position Held - Check ALL That Apply

☐ President/CEO ☐ Vice President ☐ Secretary ☐ Treasurer ☐ Director/ Manager ☐ Shareholder ☐ Other

Percent of Business Owned:

Is this individual a United States citizen or permanent resident

☐ YES ☐ NO

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

Suffix - Jr, Sr, etc.

Individual Tax ID Number (SSN)

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

Area Code

Phone Number

Mailing Address

Apt #

City

State

County/Parish

Zip Code

Country

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What is this individual's Sex?

☐

Male

☐

Female

What is this individual's race or ethnicity? Mark all that apply

☐

White

☐

Black or African American

☐

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

☐

Hispanic or Latino

☐

American Indian or Alaska Native

☐

Other _____

☐

Asian

☐

Middle Eastern or North African

Section 5b: Minor Shareholders: Complete this section by providing information on all individual officers and owners that own less than 1% of any business listed in section 1 (the dealer) and/or section 4 (businesses that own the dealer).

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MINOR OWNERS - Check here if one or more owners (individual OR business) holds shares that are less than 1% of the total business shares.

TOTAL PERCENTAGE of the business shares held by minor owners.

SECTION 6 - SMALL BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION CERTIFICATION

ALL applicants must complete this section

- For vessels that are leased, complete this section for business(es), including sole proprietorship(s), or organization(s) that lease the vessel.
- For vessels that are not leased, complete this section for business(es), including sole proprietorship(s), or organization(s) that own the vessel (i.e., the business(es), including sole proprietorship(s), or organization(s) that appear on the vessel's USCG documentation or state registration).

Information needed to complete this section: Please estimate your annual gross revenues (sales) for the most recent calendar year your business or organization was active prior to this year. Your primary activity is the activity that generated the greatest percentage of annual gross revenues in the most recent complete calendar year the business or organization was active. Review the business/organization descriptions in Boxes 1 through 7 and identify the one that describes the applicant's primary activity. If the business is primarily a seafood dealer or processor, estimate the number of employees for the most recent calendar year your business or organization was active prior to this year. Include all full-time, part-time, and temporary employees in your estimate, but do not include crew that work on any vessels owned by the business or organization or its affiliates. Your estimates should account for the revenues and employees of ALL businesses and organizations with which your business or organization is affiliated. See the instructions at the beginning of the application package for more information about affiliation. **If you have questions about affiliation and how it applies in your case, please call 727-824-5305 and ask for one of our Office's economists.**

How to fill out the form: Start with Box 1. If the answer to the question in Box 1 is "Yes," check "Yes" and answer the questions in the box to the right and follow the instructions in that box. If the answer to Question 1 is "No," check "No" and go to Box 2. Continue this process until you have either: (1) answered "Yes" to ONE of the questions in Boxes 1 through 6 AND the applicable questions in the boxes to the right, OR (2) answered all questions in Box 7.

Box 1. Is the business primarily involved in harvesting seafood (commercial fishing)? Yes No If the answer is yes, go to question 1A to the right. Otherwise, go to Question 2 below.	1A) Was the business active prior to this year? Yes No If yes, go to question 1B. If no, you are done. Go to Section 7 of the application.	1B) What was the most recent year the business was active prior to this year? _____ Did the business have more than \$11 million in gross receipts in that year? Yes No You are done. Go to Section 7 of the application.
Box 2. Is the business primarily involved in for-hire fishing services (charter, party/headboat)? Yes No If the answer is yes, go to question 2A to the right. Otherwise, go to Question 3 below.	2A) Was the business active prior to this year? Yes No If yes, go to question 2B. If no, you are done. Go to Section 7 of the application.	2B) What was the most recent year the business was active prior to this year? _____ Did the business have more than \$14 million in gross receipts in that year? Yes No You are done. Go to Section 7 of the application.
Box 3. Is the business primarily involved in buying and selling seafood (seafood dealer/wholesaler)? Yes No If the answer is yes, go to question 3A to the right. Otherwise, go to Question 4 below.	3A) Was the business active prior to this year? Yes No If yes, go to question 3B. If no, you are done. Go to Section 7 of the application.	3B) What was the most recent year the business was active prior to this year? _____ Did the business have more than 100 employees? Yes No You are done. Go to Section 7 of the application.
Box 4. Is the business primarily involved in processing seafood (seafood processor)? Yes No If the answer is yes, go to question 1A to the right. Otherwise, go to Question 5 on the next page.	4A) Was the business active prior to this year? Yes No If yes, go to question 4B. If no, you are done. Go to Section 7 of the application.	4B) What was the most recent year the business was active prior to this year? _____ Did the business have more than 750 employees? Yes No You are done. Go to Section 7 of the application.

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SECTION 6 - SMALL BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION CERTIFICATION

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Box 5. Is the organization an Environmental, Conservation and Wildlife, or Professional Non-Profit Organization?

Yes No

5A) Was the organization active prior to this year?

Yes No

If yes, go to question 5B.

If no, **STOP! You are done.**

5B) What was the most recent year the organization was active prior to this year?

Did the organization have more than \$19.55 Million in gross receipts? Yes No
STOP! You are done.

6) The business or organization must be primarily involved in another industry not related to fishing or seafood.

Refer to SBA's list of North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes

(see <https://www.sba.gov/document/support--table-size-standards>) and enter the NAICS code for your primary activity here:

Based on the applicable SBA size standard, check the appropriate box to indicate if the business or organization is Large or Small and report the year on which that conclusion was based.

Large Small Year: **STOP! You are done.**

SECTION 7 - SIGNATURE FOR APPLICATION - REQUIRED

The undersigned certifies under penalty of perjury that the foregoing information is true and correct (28 U.S.C. section 1746; 18 U.S.C. section 1621; 18 U.S.C. section 1001).

Please note: The applicant who signs below must be the dealer identified in Section 1 unless the dealer is a partnership, corporation, or other business entity, in which the applicant must be an individual named as an officer or shareholder of the business as listed in Section 5.

Applicant Signature

Printed Name

Date

Position In Company (if applicable)

Payment Reminder:

All applications must include payment of a non-refundable application fee in the form of a check or money order made payable to the U.S. Treasury. The fee required is \$50.00 for the first permit and \$12.50 for each additional permit requested with this application.