



Instructions for the Federal Permit Application for Annual Dealer Permit

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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. A check or money order payable to the U.S. TREASURY must accompany each application.

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**

To receive permits via overnight carrier, enclose a completed, pre-paid air bill and envelope. Please note using the prepaid overnight delivery option does not expedite permit processing; it only expedites delivery of your completed permit package.

What about reporting compliance?

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/dsr/>

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:** Include a check or money order made out to the US Treasury. 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

- 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.
- If the dealership is a business, provide the dealership’s Federal Employer Tax Identification Number (FEIN) and date the dealership 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_faq/index.html
- If the dealership is an individual, provide the dealer’s Individual Tax ID Number (SSN) and date of birth.

In Section 1B

- Provide a mailing and physical address for the dealership in Section 1b.



APPLICATION SECTION 2 – Permits Requested.

Indicate the fishery and transaction type of the permits requested.

APPLICATION SECTION 3 – Receiving Facilities.



Provide information for each physical address where fish are received. 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, than the dealer must *own or leases* the marina, boat ramp, dock, or other place. 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

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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 reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 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 collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other suggestions for reducing this burden to: PRA Officer, National Marine Fisheries Service, F/SER26, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

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, Vessel length, Vessel tonnage (gross and net), Vessel horse power, 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.

For Privacy Act information related to SERO Permits and Permit Applications go to [goo.gl/1Zwvbh](https://www.google.com/search?q=1Zwvbh).

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)

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FEDERAL PERMIT APPLICATION FOR AN ANNUAL DEALER PERMIT

<p>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY</p> <p>Application ID</p>
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
Reviewer's Initials and Date			
Check or Money Order Number and Amount			
SERO Dealer Number			
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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 you by the IRS (if applicable).

SECTION 1 - DEALER INFORMATION (PERMIT HOLDER)

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.

➔ If the dealer is a Business:

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) Was this Business properly established by the laws of the United States or any state of the United States? YES NO

➔ If the dealer is an Individual:

Is this individual a United States Citizen or permanent resident alien? YES NO

What this individual's Sex? Male Female Is this Individual of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? Yes No

What is this individual's race? White Black or African American American Indian or Alaska Native Asian American Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Other _____

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 either Business Or Individual 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 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 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 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

What this individual's Sex? Male Female

Is this Individual of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? Yes No

What is this individual's race? White Black or African American American Indian or Alaska Native Asian American Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Other _____

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Suffix - Jr, Sr, etc.
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Individual Tax ID Number (SSN)	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	Area Code	Phone Number
<input style="width: 95%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 40%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>

Mailing Address	Apt #	City	State	County/Parish	Zip Code	Country
<input style="width: 95%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 30px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 30px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>

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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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 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).

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.

<p>Box 1. Is the business primarily involved in harvesting seafood (commercial fishing)?</p> <p>Yes No</p> <p>If the answer is yes, go to question 1A to the right. Otherwise, go to Question 2 below.</p>	<p>1A) Was the business active prior to this year?</p> <p>Yes No</p> <p>If yes, go to question 1B. If no, you are done. Go to Section 7 of the application.</p>	<p>1B) What was the most recent year the business was active prior to this year?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Did the business have more than \$11 million in gross receipts in that year? Yes No</p> <p>You are done. Go to Section 7 of the application.</p>
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<p>Box 2. Is the business primarily involved in for-hire fishing services (charter, party/headboat)?</p> <p>Yes No</p> <p>If the answer is yes, go to question 2A to the right. Otherwise, go to Question 3 below.</p>	<p>2A) Was the business active prior to this year?</p> <p>Yes No</p> <p>If yes, go to question 2B. If no, you are done. Go to Section 7 of the application.</p>	<p>2B) What was the most recent year the business was active prior to this year?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Did the business have more than \$7.5 million in gross receipts in that year? Yes No</p> <p>You are done. Go to Section 7 of the application.</p>
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<p>Box 3. Is the business primarily involved in buying and selling seafood (seafood dealer/wholesaler)?</p> <p>Yes No</p> <p>If the answer is yes, go to question 3A to the right. Otherwise, go to Question 4 below.</p>	<p>3A) Was the business active prior to this year?</p> <p>Yes No</p> <p>If yes, go to question 3B. If no, you are done. Go to Section 7 of the application.</p>	<p>3B) What was the most recent year the business was active prior to this year?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Did the business have more than 100 employees? Yes No</p> <p>You are done. Go to Section 7 of the application.</p>
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<p>Box 4. Is the business primarily involved in processing seafood (seafood processor)?</p> <p>Yes No</p> <p>If the answer is yes, go to question 1A to the right. Otherwise, go to Question 5 on the next page.</p>	<p>4A) Was the business active prior to this year?</p> <p>Yes No</p> <p>If yes, go to question 4B. If no, you are done. Go to Section 7 of the application.</p>	<p>4B) What was the most recent year the business was active prior to this year?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Did the business have more than 750 employees? Yes No</p> <p>You are done. Go to Section 7 of the application.</p>
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