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Seafood Dealer's License

All seafood purchased commercially in Maryland must go through a dealer that is licensed with the State of Maryland. In order to keep harvesters aware of recent changes, the Department has reminded commercial licensees of this requirement through handouts with their license renewals. These handouts have been included in mailings of renewal applications since 2013.

Explanation

- A harvester must sell to a licensed dealer or be a licensed dealer.
- If you are always going to sell your catch to a dealer then you do not need a dealer's license. If you sell your catch or other people's catch to neighbors, restaurants, stores, or any place that is not licensed as a dealer by the Department, then you must also purchase a dealer's license for yourself.
- The dealer's license is provided at a discount to anyone that has a harvester authorization (fish, crabs, clams, oysters, turtles, lobsters, conch).
- If you have the dealer's license but only sell your own catch, you can opt out of submitting dealer reports. The Department will use your harvest reports for the dealer records.
- If you have the dealer's license and you sell other people's catch, you are required to fill out monthly dealer reports in addition to your harvest reports.

Cost

Tidal Fish Dealer - \$250 *Note- the marketing surcharge is \$50 for a dealer that is not a harvester.

Discounted Tidal Fish Dealer for TFL Holder - \$50 *Note – the marketing surcharge is \$20 for a harvester.

Reporting

Dealer reports are due monthly by the 10th day following the end of the month. You MAY have the option to 'OPT OUT' of the dealer reporting requirements.

You may OPT OUT if you:

- Do NOT commercially purchase seafood products for resale...AND
- Do NOT receive seafood products for free (\$0) from a spouse or fishing partner that you plan to resell.