

New Rhode Island Commercial Seafood Dealer Information



Commercial Seafood Dealer License Types

What can I buy?

DMPURP

- Multipurpose Dealer License
- Can purchase any marine species

DLOB

- Lobster Dealer License
- Can purchase lobsters, crabs, and shrimp

DSF

- Shellfish Dealer License
- Can purchase shellfish species

DFIN

- Finfish Dealer License
- Can purchase finfish species

To buy from a federal boat you also need a federal dealers license

Know your license type! It determines what you can purchase from fishermen!



What can the fishermen sell?

Commercial Fishing License

MPURP- All marine species

CFL and PEL – Endorsement specific

SFO65 and STUDSF- quahogs only (3 bushel limit)

Restricted finfish species:
Fluke (Summer Flounder)

Tautog

Striped Bass

Black Sea Bass

Scup (Only from May – October)

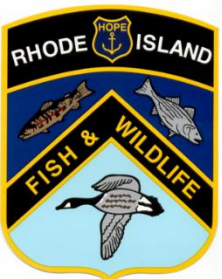


What can the fishermen sell?

PEL and CFL Endorsements

- RFIN- restricted finfish
- NFIN- non restricted finfish and squid
- LOB- Lobster
- NLOB- Non Lobster Crustacean (crabs)
- QUOH- Quahogs
- SSCLAM- Softshell clam (Steamers)
- WLK- Whelk
- SFOTH- shellfish other

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What can the fishermen sell?

Landing Permits

RESLND – All marine species

NRLAND – All species except restricted finfish

NRLNDR – All marine species

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How much can I buy?

**Where to find current
commercial possession limits**

[Marine
Fisheries
Website](#)

Phone Line
(401) 423-
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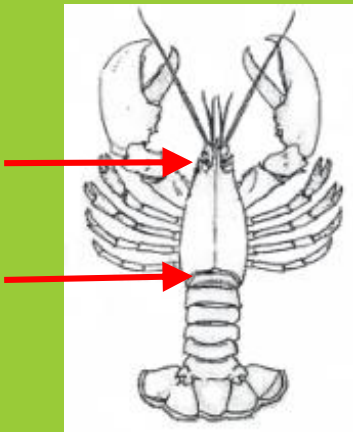
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[Listserv](#)



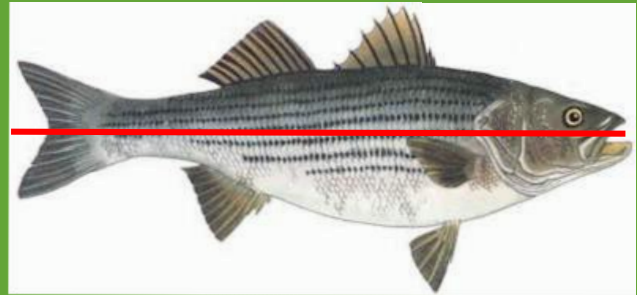
Measuring Marine Species

Lobster



Carapace length, the eye socket to the end of the carapace

Finfish



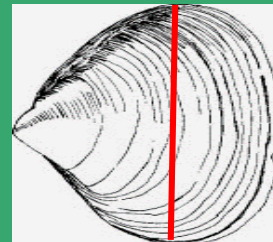
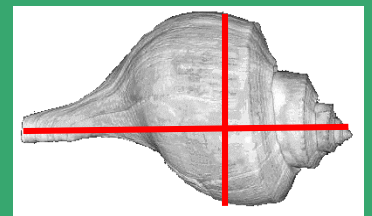
Minimum sizes are in total length, that is the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail

Crabs



Carapace width, for blue crabs it is tip to tip

Shellfish

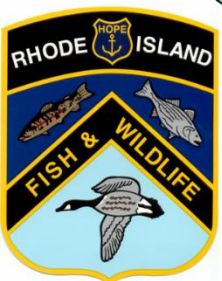
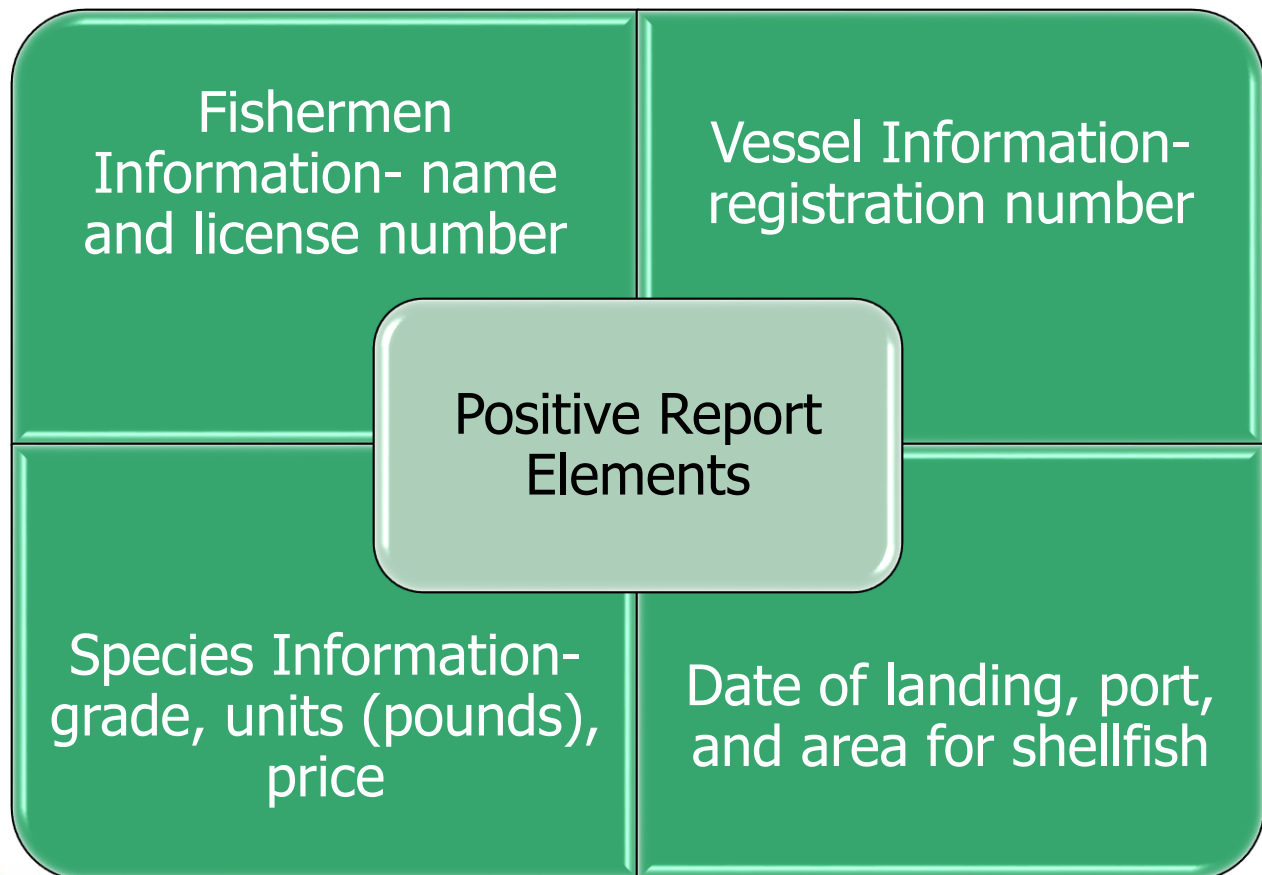


Dealer Reporting

You will need access to a computer and the internet to complete your reporting requirements

Reports are required twice weekly (Monday and Thursday) and all reports are due to SAFIS within 5 days of the purchase.

There are 2 kinds of reports, positive (purchase was made) and negative (no purchases made).



More detailed instructions on data entry are available! [Click here](#)



Dealer Reporting Species Identification

All species must be entered down to the species level, generic groupings are not allowed

Some Species ID

Click for
Herring ID
Key



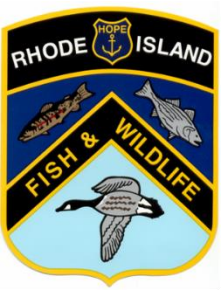
Channeled Whelk

Smooth Shell



Knobbed Whelk

Knobs on outside of shell



Dealer Reporting

How to obtain the information required for the report

Dock Slip

- Get the information on a dock slip for later entry

New Fishermen Form

- Have each new fisherman fill out a profile to have the information on hand. Make sure to check in and make sure nothing changes

Conversation with the Fishermen

- Enter the data right away, and ask the fishermen while it is being entered



Optional Dock Slip

Dealer Name Here	
Fishermen Name:	
License Number:	
Vessel Registration Number:	
Port of Landing:	
Shellfish Management Area:	
Species and grade	Pounds

This form would be filled out by the person taking the product from the fishermen, the data would be entered at a later date into SAFIS



Optional New Fishermen Form

This form would be filled out by the fisherman the first time they sell to you. It is important to communicate with the fishermen to make sure the information does not change, and if it does to update the information

Dealer Name Here

Fishermen Name:

License Number:

Vessel Registration Number:

Port of Landing:

If using this method make sure you get the shellfish management area- it should be on the bag tag, or you can ask the fishermen



Mock Script

Data would be collected at the point of data entry directly into SAFIS.

If shellfish is purchased, make sure to get the shellfish management area!

Dealer

Name and license number please?

Were you fishing from a vessel today?

And where did you land?

Johnny Fisher
MPURP99999

Yes, RI1234AB

Point Judith

Fishermen

Species Specific Requirements

Shellfish

Local Area Fished is required in your dealer report

All shellfish must be tagged with the shellfish management area

Striped Bass

Each bass must be tagged, and reports need to be submitted to RIDEM outside of SAFIS

The right pectoral fin of each fish must be intact. No clipped fins stripers allowed



Resources

**Marine
Fisheries
Website**

**Department of
Health**

**Dealer
Regulations**

**Reporting
Instructions**

**Licensing
Regulations**

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