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!
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 calm (Steamers)
- WLK - Whelk
- SFOTH - shellfish other

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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) 423-1920

SAFIS

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
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).

Positive Report Elements:
- Fishermen Information: name and license number
- Vessel Information: registration number
- Species Information: grade, units (pounds), price
- Date of landing, port, and area for shellfish

More detailed instructions on data entry are available! Click here
All species must be entered down to the species level, generic groupings are not allowed.

Some Species ID

- 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

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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.

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.
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!

Name and license number please?

Johnny Fisher
MPURP99999

Were you fishing from a vessel today?

Yes, RI1234AB

And where did you land?

Point Judith
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
- Dealer Regulations
- Licensing Regulations
- Department of Health
- Reporting Instructions
- Listserv

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