



Trip Tickets: The Basics

A trip ticket must be filled out when the commercial fisherman transfers his or her catch to a wholesale/retail dealer or fresh products licensee. The information you provide on trip tickets is completely confidential, and protected under state and federal laws. Fishery scientists use gear and area-specific catch information to improve the accuracy of stock assessments.



WHO

All wholesale/retail dealers and fresh products licensees must, by law, report landings to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) Trip Ticket Program.

WHAT

Wholesale/retail dealers, fresh products licensees must fill out the following reports:

- Trip Tickets
- Monthly Submission Sheet

Trip Ticket Form Types:

- 677 Oyster purchases only
- 776 One-day shellfish trips only
- 875 Multiple day shellfish trips, including oyster, within same month
- 974 Generic trip ticket (daily fish and shellfish trips)

Wholesale/Retail Dealers that shed crabs or operate a shedding facility must also complete:

- Monthly Crab Shedder Sheet

WHEN

Trip Tickets, Monthly Submission Sheets and Monthly Crab Shedder Sheets are due by the 10th of the month for the preceding month. For example, January's trip tickets, monthly submission sheets and crab shedder sheets (if applicable) are due February 10. If no trips are taken for a given month, you must at least send a monthly submission sheet indicating "0" trips were obtained for that month.

The Monthly Crab Shedder Sheet records the number of peelers put into the shedder and the number of soft shells produced. If no peelers are taken in for a given month and there are no soft shells produced, you are still required to send a monthly crab shedder sheet indicating "0" for number of peelers and "0" for number of soft shells produced.



WHERE AND HOW

Trip tickets are assigned to a dealer and cannot be shared.

Paper forms: LDWF provides all trip ticket forms, monthly submission sheets, and crab shedder sheets to dealers at no cost. Trip tickets are assigned to a dealer and cannot be shared.

Contact the Department at (225) 763-3588 to request more forms—do not wait until you run out of forms before requesting new ones, keep a six-month supply on hand.

All trip ticket forms, crab shedder sheets and monthly submission sheets **must be submitted in their original form, completed in (all) blue or (all) black ink; no copies accepted.** The department will supply self-addressed envelopes, and dealers are responsible for the postage.

Electronic software: Specialized software for data entry of trip ticket information can be installed at no cost. The dealer must still mail LDWF a copy of the monthly submission sheet generated by the electronic program and a completed electronic signature log by the 10th of the month for the preceding month. If you are interested in this program, please contact our contractor, Claude Peterson, Bluefin Data, LLC at (225) 744-0807.

Note: Though these reports are the responsibility of the dealer, commercial fishermen must supply accurate information including: name and commercial license number, vessel name and vessel license and registration numbers, area fished, gear used, and trip time. Price, unit, condition, quantity, date, and signatures are also required. **Oyster landings must be reported on trip tickets in either whole sacks, bushels, barrels or pounds. Any other size sack must be converted to either whole sacks, bushels, barrels or pounds.**

 This is only a summary of trip ticket requirements, which are subject to change. Get the latest details at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/fishing/trip-ticket>.

