



Selling Your Catch To The Public

COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN CAN SELL THEIR OWN SEAFOOD ONE OF TWO WAYS: to a wholesale/retail dealer (such as a dock or processor), or directly to Louisiana consumers with a Fresh Products License. If you plan on selling your catch combined with the catch of other commercial fishermen, you will need additional licenses.



LICENSES AND PERMITS

Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries (LDWF)

<https://louisianaoutdoors.com/commercial-license>

(renewals only) 225-765-2887 and 225-765-2898

Commercial Fisherman's License

Required for any fisherman selling seafood in any form.

Fresh Products License

Only covers the sale of your own catch (excluding oysters) direct to consumers in Louisiana. You can designate another individual to sell your catch (see below).

Fresh Products License – Other

New license allows a designated individual to sell a Fresh Product License holder's catch.

A Wholesale/Retail Dealer License is required:

- if you want to purchase seafood directly from a commercial fisherman for resale (retail or wholesale)
- if you want to purchase seafood from another wholesaler and resell wholesale

Note: Additional permits are needed from the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) if you plan to sell oysters, process seafood, or distribute processed and packaged seafood products from other approved vendors. If you are selling your own catch directly from your boat, home, or automobile, you will not need a LDH Mobile Food Vendor's Permit.



Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry / Weights & Measures 225-925-3780

State-inspected Scale

If selling seafood by weight you must have a legal-for-trade scale, which must be inspected and certified annually.

Local City/Parish Government

Various Permits and Licenses

These include general occupational, health and mobile vendors permits.



RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS

Fresh Products License holders need to keep two kinds of records for LDWF:

- Records of Sales to the Consumer: You must keep records in English, of the quantity and species of seafood caught, the date the seafood was caught and that the seafood was sold directly to the consumer (not necessary to record other consumer information). Keep these records for at least three years.
- Reports via Trip Tickets: You must also maintain trip ticket records and submit monthly reports to LDWF. If no trips are taken for a given month, you must still send a monthly submission sheet indicating '0' trips.

TAXES

Most parishes require that each fisherman selling his catch register with the parish to collect and file sales taxes; check with your city/parish government for more details. You can file parish sales taxes online at: <http://parish-file.revenue.louisiana.gov>



Let consumers know your seafood is fresh, local and Certified Louisiana Wild Seafood; enroll in the program today at <http://louisianacertifiedseafood.com>

