

Aquaculture License and Reporting Requirements



Important Reminders

- Your LPA only authorizes the activities listed in the decision (i.e. cultivation of authorized organisms, using authorized gear).
- You are responsible for obtaining other applicable licenses that authorize the sale of organisms from your site.
- You are responsible for complying with reporting requirements and other regulations governing the use of your site and any product harvested from your LPAs.



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Aquaculture License (§6810-B)

- ▶ The Aquaculture License (AL) allows the holder to sell product from their lease site (sales of cultured shellfish are not permitted on LPA sites).
- ▶ Any individual listed as a helper on your LPA does not need to obtain their own AL. *However, helpers who have their own LPA sites need to have their own AL.*
- ▶ LPAs held for personal use are exempt from having to obtain an AL, because they can't sell product.
- ▶ ALs can be obtained through DMR's online licensing system (LEEDs) or by calling 207-624-6550. You can also access the form on the DMR website at:
<https://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/forms/additionalforms.html>
- ▶ Questions or concerns about the AL can be sent to
DMR.rulemaking@maine.gov

Changes to Aquaculture Reporting

- ▶ Effective January 1, 2021, AL holders need to report harvesting activity on their aquaculture sites, to DMR's Landings Program, on a monthly basis.
- ▶ All data needs to be submitted to the Landings Program by the 10th day of the following month. For example, reports for the month of April must be received by DMR on or before May 10th.
- ▶ The specific reporting elements can be found in Chapter 8.20(S) of DMR's regulations:
<https://www.maine.gov/dmr/laws-regulations/regulations/index.html>

Changes to Reporting and Confidentiality

- ▶ These changes are intended to improve and streamline the reporting process, so that the State of Maine can better represent and demonstrate the value of the aquaculture sector.
 - ▶ Information collected as part of reporting is kept confidential as required by statute and regulation. DMR cannot disclose to the public any statistics unless they are in aggregate or summary form, which protects the identity of the business, or individual.
 - ▶ The disclosure of price and landings data for individual growers is prohibited by law.
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Questions?

- ▶ If you have questions about how to report your harvest activities as outlined in Chapter 8.20(S), please contact Les White with the Landings Program at 207-633-9509 or Lessie.L.White@maine.gov
- ▶ If you have questions or concerns about this regulatory change, please contact DMR.rulemaking@maine.gov