



Department of Marine Resources

Bureau of Public Health

Application for Certified Dealer New Bulk Tagging Permit

Scan and email completed applications to: DMRPublicHealthDiv@maine.gov

To allow time for processing, please submit applications 30 days prior to the requested date of activity. If you have questions, please call the DMR Seafood Technology Supervisor at (207) 592-8934.

“Bulk tagging” means a specified written agreement between a harvester(s), a certified Maine Shellfish Dealer and the Department; or between two certified dealers and the Department under which mussels, quahogs, surf clams or oysters that are harvested from one harvest area on a single day by one licensed harvester may be landed or transported between dealers bearing one tag per lot (if loose) or per pallet (if bagged, stacked and shrink wrapped).

Each dealer’s bulk tagging permit must be evaluated and approved annually by the Department. The evaluation will include, but not be limited to, an evaluation of written application and standard operating procedures as submitted by the dealer and an inspection of the record keeping associated with the permit. Any violation of this regulation and/or the terms of a permit or any other shellfish sanitation law may result in the suspension of the permit in accordance with 12 M.R.S.A. § 6371(3). Additional conditions may be added to a permit at the discretion of the Commissioner.

The following information must be submitted to the Department as part of the initial application package (including but not limited to):

- **Dealer Name (as it appears on certificate), address, telephone number and certification number included as part of a signed letter requesting a permit for bulk tagging.**
- **A written standard operating procedure which includes:**
 - **How product is handled and tagged when it is harvested, or comes out of wet storage;**
 - **How it is to be transported;**
 - **A description of how shellstock is tagged during transport and intermediate processing (in plant handling) before final shipment; and**
 - **A list of the harvesters and/or certified dealers, and their license numbers, that will be participating in bulk tagging.**

A dealer receiving bulk tagged shellstock must have an intermediate processing plan approved by the Department. Please contact your Seafood Technologist for more information about this plan.