

APPLICATION TO SHUCK SURFCLAMS/OCEAN QUAHOGS AT SEA

In order to receive authorization to shuck surf clams or ocean quahogs at sea, please provide the information requested below and mail to:

Regional Administrator
National Marine Fisheries Service
One Blackburn Drive
Gloucester, MA 01930

This application is required under 50 CFR 648.74 in order to obtain a shucking-at-sea permit for the Atlantic surfclam and ocean quahog fishery. Information provided on the application will allow the Regional Administrator to determine if a vessel has the capability to calculate the amount of surfclams or ocean quahogs harvested in the shell. This information is needed to execute the individual transferable quota system which uses unshucked bushels as a standard unit of measure.

1. Owner's Name: _____

2. Street: _____

City, St., Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

3. Vessel Name: _____

4. NMFS Permit Number: _____

5. On an attachment, or the back of this form, please describe the method to be used to calculate the amount of surf clams or ocean quahogs harvested in the shell.

6. Vessel Dimensions: Gross Tons _____ Length _____

7. Accommodations (for observer) : _____

8. Length of Fishing Trip: _____

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

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