



United States Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Marine Fisheries Service
Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office
55 Great Republic Drive
Gloucester, MA 01930

Permit Application for Vessels Fishing in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)

Greater Atlantic Region

General Information

If you are a new owner of a vessel or your vessel is new to our region, please review and complete the initial vessel application provided herein.

Applicants with specific questions are encouraged to contact the Permit Office at **(978) 282-8438** between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. ET or by email at: NMFS.GAR.Permits@noaa.gov. Applicants are also encouraged to visit our website at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/resources-fishing/greater-atlantic-region-forms-and-applications-summary>



What to include with your application

1. Signed and dated **initial application**;
2. Signed and dated **owner form** with the names of each owner and/or shareholder of the vessel and;
3. A copy of the vessel's valid **Coast Guard Documentation or State Registration**. Expired USCG Documentation or State registrations will not be accepted.
4. If the vessel is owned by a company or LLC, include a copy of the articles of incorporation or organization showing the members of the business.
5. **If applying for a NE multispecies category A, E, or F or a limited access monkfish** permit and you intend to fish with gillnets or you need to order more tags, request a gillnet tag form.
6. If applying for a **letter of authorization (LOA)**, complete and request an LOA Form.

If your application is not complete when we receive it, we will return it to you for completion or correction. This will delay the issuance of your permit. You cannot fish without an active permit.



Where to send your completed application (email or mail)

Mail completed forms to: NMFS Permit Office
55 Great Republic Drive
Gloucester, MA 01930

Email scanned forms to: NMFS.GAR.Permits@noaa.gov

Reporting Requirements

The owner or operator of a fishing vessel that has been issued a Greater Atlantic Region Fishing Vessel Permit has eVTR reporting requirements for all fishing trips taken, regardless of species targeted or waters fished. Federal surf clam and ocean quahog permit holders must complete clam/quahog log reports when fishing for those species. Vessels that are issued only an American lobster permit are not required to submit eVTRs. For more information, please call the Vessel Reporting Office at (978) 281-9246 or contact your local Port Agent <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/contact/port-agents-greater-atlantic-region>.

Federal Vessel Operator Permit

It is the responsibility of the vessel owner to ensure that his/her vessels issued Greater Atlantic Region permits are operated by an individual with a valid Federal Vessel Operator Permit. Any individual operating a vessel issued Greater Atlantic Federal Fishing Vessel Permit is subject to the vessel operator permit requirements. Vessel operators are required to report their operator permit number when completing their eVTRs.

The Federal Vessel Operator Permit is a photo ID that must be carried by the operator of the vessel. Operator permits are issued for a 3-year period and online renewal notices are mailed 35 to 45 days before the expiration of the permit.

Be sure to keep your address up to date. This will ensure you receive your renewal at the correct address and in a timely manner. Address changes can be made by sending us a written request signed and dated by the owner.

Tuna Permit Holders

Atlantic tuna vessel permits are issued through a separate permitting system, which can be accessed by phone at (888) 872-8862 (888-USA-TUNA) or via the Internet at <https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/>

Atlantic tunas regulations can also be found on this same website, or can be answered at 978-281-9260.

Sale of Your Catch Requirements

All vessels issued a Federal Greater Atlantic Region Fishing Vessel Permit are required to sell their catch of federally managed species only to seafood dealers with a valid Federal Greater Atlantic Region dealer permit for that species. Federally permitted vessels with Greater Atlantic Region permits may not sell their catch of federally managed species to persons or seafood dealers that do not have valid Federal Greater Atlantic Region dealer permits.

Federal Regulations: This letter and the enclosures only summarize the legal requirements. Please consult the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations whose guidance for application requirements, permit eligibilities, and related information will always prevail. For a complete understanding of your obligations, consult the regulations at: www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/regs/fr.html or call 978-281-9315.

Greater Atlantic Region Federal Fisheries Initial Permit Application



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Section 1 - Vessel/Owner Information

Is this application for a vessel permit transfer? Yes No

If **Yes**, complete the vessel replacement portion of the Vessel Replacement, Upgrade, and Confirmation of Permit History Application.

Enter information in the spaces provided. All items must be completed.

Vessel Name:		Owner Name:	
Mailing Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	Telephone:
CG Doc. or State Registration Num:		Alternate Phone:	
Home Port: City	ST	Principal Port: City	ST
Previously permitted Vessel Permit # _____ (if applicable) Email address _____			

Section 2 - Vessel Information

Enter information in the spaces provided. All applicable items must be completed.

Vessel Length: _____ Overall length in feet.	Dredge Size: _____ Dredge size in feet.
Crew Size: _____ Average number or crew, including the captain.	Number of Dredges: _____ Total number of dredges aboard the vessel.
Gross Tonnage: _____ As recorded on US Coast Guard Documentation.	Pump Horsepower: _____ This item applies to surf clam/ocean quahog vessels only.
Year Built: _____ The year the vessel was built.	Construction: Please check the number that applies to your vessel. 1=Wood 2=Fiberglass 3=Steel 4=Other
Engine HP: _____ The vessel engine horsepower.	Propulsion: Please check the number that applies to your vessel. 1=Gasoline 2=Diesel 3=Other
Fish Hold Capacity: _____ Measured to the nearest 100 pounds.	Processing type for limited access Illex and Longfin vessels: Please check the number that applies to your vessel. 1=Freezing at-sea 2=Refrigerated 3=Fresh / Iced

Signature required on back of form OMB# 0648-0202 Expires 06/30/2025

Section 3 – Fishery Information

Check the number or letter of the fishery category for which you are applying.

If you select a fishery category for that your vessel is not eligible for, the processing of your permit may be delayed.
See instructions for further details or call the Permit Office at (978) 282-8438.

Fisheries	Open Access Categories	Limited Access Categories Qualified Vessels Only	
Atlantic Sea Scallop		2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	reset
Atlantic Sea Scallop – General		A B C	reset
Northeast Multispecies	HB I* J K	A C D E F HA	reset
Monkfish	E	A B C D F G H	reset
Surf Clam/Ocean Quahog	1 6		
Maine Mahogany Quahog		7	
Summer Flounder	2*	1	
Scup	2*	1	
Black Sea Bass	2*	1	
Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish	2* 3 4	5 6 T1 T2 T3	reset 1A 1B 1C
Incidental HMS Squid Trawl		1	
Spiny Dogfish	1		
Atlantic Bluefish	1 2*		
Atlantic Herring	D E	A B C	
Tilefish	1 2*		
Atlantic Deep-Sea Red Crab	A	B C	reset
Skate	1		
American Lobster – Non Trap		1 2*	
American Lobster - Trap		A1 A2 A3 A4 A5 A6 AOC	

* Charter/Party permit categories

Section 4 – Application Checklist & Signature

→ Please include the applicable forms below with your signed and dated application

- _____ All vessels: copy of current (not expired) US Coast Guard (CG) Documentation or State Registration.
- _____ Corporations, LLCs, Partnerships: signed and dated list of current owners/officers/partners and their addresses.
- _____ All vessels: Vessel Ownership Form with each vessel application.

I, the undersigned, am the owner or legally authorized agent of the owner of the vessel named in Section 1. I affirm, subject to the penalties provided in 18 USC 1001, that all information provided obtaining this permit is true and correct.

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Public reporting burden for the collection of information on this application is estimated to average 45 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, gathering needed data and documents, and completing the application. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or suggestions for reducing this burden to: NOAA Fisheries, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. The Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) requires that potential respondents for this permit be notified of certain information regarding their rights and the burden associated with applying for Federal fisheries permits. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the PRA, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. Owner name, vessel characteristics, address, phone, and permit information will be released via a NOAA Fisheries website. All other data submitted will be handled as confidential material in accordance with NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, Protection of Confidential Fishery Statistics.

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Owner Form

- Completion of this form is required with each application for a Greater Atlantic Federal Vessel or Dealer permit.
- List all persons who have an ownership interest in the business that is the subject of this application.
- Owners or persons who have an ownership interest in a business are defined as and include, but are not limited to, corporations, partnerships, LLCs, persons who are shareholders in a corporation, persons who have formed a partnership (general or limited), and any other entities that have ownership interest in the business.

Section A – Dealer or Vessel name and Federal Permit Number. If this application is for a new or initial permit, then leave permit number blank.

Dealer or Vessel Name:	Permit Number:
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USCG documentation or State Registration Number (Vessel Permit Applicants):

Section B - All persons who have an ownership interest in the business must be listed below. Do not include employees of the business unless they are also an owner or shareholder.

Mr/Mrs/Ms	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix: Jr, Sr, III, etc
Check all that apply - Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Shareholder <input type="checkbox"/>				

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Check all that apply - Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Shareholder <input type="checkbox"/>				

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Check all that apply - Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Shareholder <input type="checkbox"/>				

Additional space provided on the back of this form to list all persons with an ownership interest in the business.

<p>I, the undersigned, am the owner or legally authorized agent of the owner of the business named in <i>Section A</i> above. I affirm, subject to the penalties provided in 18 U.S.C. 1001, that all information that I have given in obtaining this permit is true and correct.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">OMB# 0648-0202 Expires 06/30/2025</p> <p>Name of Applicant (print clearly) _____</p> <p>Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____</p>	
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Page 2 - Section B Continued - All persons who have an ownership interest in the business must be listed below. Do not include employees of the business unless they are also an owner or shareholder.

Mr/Mrs/Ms	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix: Jr, Sr, III, etc
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Check all that apply - Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Shareholder <input type="checkbox"/>				

I, the undersigned, am the owner or legally authorized agent of the owner of the business named in *Section A* above. I affirm, subject to the penalties provided in 18 U.S.C. 1001, that all information that I have given in obtaining this permit is true and correct.

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Name of Applicant (print clearly) _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Please copy this form as needed to provide information on all persons with an ownership interest in the business in Section A.