



# Department of Marine Resources

Bureau of Resource Management  
Division of Public Health

## Application for Certified Dealer Wet Storage Permit

Send completed applications to:

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or scan/e-mail: Kohl.Kanwit@maine.gov

To allow time for processing, please submit applications 60 days prior to the requested date of activity. Due to the complexity of some wet storage processes, the permit process may take longer than 60 days.

Each certified dealer choosing to practice wet storage shall apply to the Department annually. [DMR Regulations Chapter 15.32 - 15.35] The permit evaluation will include, but not be limited to, an evaluation of the near shore site or the facilities plan and operating procedures for an onshore operation submitted by the dealer, and an inspection of the storage site or facility.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

DATE OF REQUEST: \_\_\_\_\_ CERTIFICATE # ME \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name/Name on Certificate: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name to Appear on Permit/Name on Certificate)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City, State, Zip Code)

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

A written Standard Operating Procedure for Wet Storage is attached which includes the following information:

- A description of the purpose for the wet storage operation (i.e. holding, conditioning, or salinization) and any species-specific physiological factors that may affect design criteria; and
- A description of how product is tagged or identified while it is shipped to the wet storage process, during wet storage to maintain lot integrity and how the dealer shall keep accurate and complete records to enable a lot of shellstock to be traced back to the original harvest location and wet storage location, and include the dates of wet storage; and
- An approved intermediate processing or commingling plan (if on file with the Department, these plans may be referenced in the SOP); and
- A description of how product is handled when the wet storage intake water or offshore wet storage float is closed for emergency purposes such as red tide/PSP closures or flood closures.

A copy of the current Maine Department of Environmental Protection Waste Discharge License, or the most recent DEP letter of no-impact, for each wet storage site is attached.

A copy of the local code enforcement or licensed plumbing inspector's inspection form to show, to the satisfaction of the Department, that all new and/or remodeling of existing plumbing and sewage within the facility meets state and local requirements.

**PART I – LOCATION OF WET STORAGE SITE and SOURCE WATER:**

Type of Wet Storage:

Land Based/Flow Through System

Land Based/Recirculating System

Approved/Conditionally Approved (open status) Area

A map or chart with exact location, using latitude/longitude [obtained by pushing the TD/LL button on the LORAN receiver] or GPS coordinates (decimal degrees in datum NAD83) must be provided and is attached.

Onshore facilities must submit a map indicating location of facility and a description of the source water used for wet storage.

**PART II – WET STORAGE DETAILS:**

A detailed physical description and a diagram or photograph of the design of the wet storage structure or system. Details and schematic of any water treatment system. (If this is not enough room – you may add additional sheets).

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**I understand that:**

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. § 6373. Additional conditions may be added to a permit at the discretion of the Commissioner.

Wet storage permit applications will be reviewed and issued based on the applicant's ability to meet the criteria for safe wet storage operations.

Wet storage shall only be practiced by a dealer in strict compliance with the provisions in the written approval for the wet storage activity give by the Department.

Harvesters may not conduct wet storage activities. [DMR Regulations Chapter 9.01(C)]

While awaiting placement in a wet storage activity, shellstock shall be protected from physical, chemical or thermal conditions which may compromise the shellstock survival, quality or activity during wet storage.

Conditions and water quality during wet storage shall be sufficient to minimize the potential for compromising that sanitary quality of the shellstock during storage.

Wet storage shall be marked with a device which displays the certificate number and/or wet storage permit number in letters and numbers of at least 2 inches in height in colors contrasting to the background color of the device. The perimeters of the surfaces of the device shall be marked by reflective tape. In situations where the site contains a single car a single sign shall suffice.

Offshore wet storage areas must be marked in accordance with the United State's Coast Guard's Aids to Private Navigation standards and requirements.

All structures within navigable waters require a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers and/or municipality. Depending upon the location and duration, structures may also require a permit from the Department of Environmental Protection (Natural Resources Protection Act) or Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (Endangered and Threatened Species Program).

Dealers shall wet store shellstock harvested only from areas classified approved, or conditionally approved, in the open status. Wet storage activities are suspended if the area is closed for red tide/PSP or emergency closure situations; i.e. flood, oil spill, etc. When areas classified as conditionally approved are placed in the closed status, any shellstock in wet storage in that area shall be held in wet storage until the area has returned to open status.

**Signature of applicant** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Last/First Name of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Department Use Only**

**Wet Storage Permit Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  **Approved**  **Denied**

**Effective Period:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments/Conditions:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature of Commissioner/Deputy Commissioner:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Copies must be provided to: Marine Patrol Division Office, Public Health Division Director, Seafood Technology Supervisor**