



Department of Marine Resources

Bureau of Resource Management
Division of Public Health

Application for Certified Dealer Bulk Tagging Permit

Send completed applications to:

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To allow time for processing, please submit applications 30 days prior to the requested date of activity. If you have questions, please call Kohl at (207) 633-9535.

Bulk tagging means a specified written agreement between a harvester(s), a certified Maine Shellfish Dealer 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 by boat bearing one tag per lot (if loose) or per pallet (if bagged, stacked and shrink wrapped). **The permit applies only to transportation of shellfish from harvest area to the original certified shellfish dealer. [Please refer to DMR Regulations Chapter 15.19]**

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.

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

- **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 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.