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Dear Certified Dealers,

The 2011-2012 certification forms can be found on our Shellfish Dealer Forms webpage at:  
[http://www.maine.gov/dmr/rm/public\\_health/forms/index.htm](http://www.maine.gov/dmr/rm/public_health/forms/index.htm) .

- 2011/2012 certification application forms;
- 2011/2012 vehicle inspection application forms;
- New wet storage application and requirements;
- Bulk tagging permit requirements;
- Relay permit requirements;
- Buying station permit requirements;
- A page of additional website information
- A fecal pollution information sheet (double-sided)

You must submit the following with your application, if it is applicable:

- If you have had any plumbing changed, installed (new) or moved, please include a copy of the plumbing inspector's report.
- If you have had your well water tested by a lab other than DMR lab, please forward a copy of the results.
- If you have a Wet Storage permit and would like to renew it for 2011/2012, please send in all necessary documentation with the new application form.
- If you have a Bulk Tagging permit and would like to renew it for 2011/2012, please send in a proposed bulk tagging plan.

***Reminder: please include the names and license numbers of the harvesters that will be covered by your Bulk Tagging permit. Please sign the plan.***

**Certification inspections can begin in February.** Please send in your application as soon as possible. Inspections for certification will only occur if you send in your application(s). **Please send applications to the DMR address on the letterhead, and address it to my attention.**

***\*\*\* Please be sure to put your certification number on any faxed or mailed correspondence sent to the office. Doing so will help with dealer identification.***

For questions about HACCP classes, contact Melissa Potts at 581-2788. You may also take the online course at: <http://seafoodhaccp.cornell.edu/>.

The website for the **Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference (ISSC)** is [www.issc.org](http://www.issc.org) , where you can find a lot of information and the latest Guide for the Control of Molluscan Shellfish (commonly called the "Model Ordinance"). The Guide is available on FDA's web site through the following link:

<http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodSafety/Product-SpecificInformation/Seafood/FederalStatePrograms/NationalShellfishSanitationProgram/ucm04353.htm>

The document is titled National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP) Guide for the Control of Molluscan Shellfish: 2007.

In addition to the HTML version, the Guide is also available in PDF format to accommodate easy printing of the entire document, or selected pages. To access the PDF document, simply click on the "Print Entire Document" link which appears just below the title on the first page of the HTML version. Each page of the PDF version has two page number formats at the bottom. The top number is the sequential page number of the entire Guide. The bottom number shows the page number within the particular section of the Guide being viewed.

The Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002 (the Bioterrorism Act) requires domestic and foreign facilities that manufacture, process, pack, or hold food for human or animal consumption in the United States to register with the FDA. For more information, please go to the following website: <http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~furls/ovffreg.html>.

The Department has an updated Compilation of Shellfish Laws & Regulations available online at: <http://www.maine.gov/dmr/lawsandregs.htm>. It was last updated in February, 2010 and is in .PDF format.

Lists of certified shellfish dealers who hold wet storage, bulk tagging or buying station permits can be found on our website at: [http://www.maine.gov/dmr/rm/public\\_health/wetstorage\\_bulktagging\\_permits.htm](http://www.maine.gov/dmr/rm/public_health/wetstorage_bulktagging_permits.htm)

It is a requirement in your HACCP monitoring to verify that you are buying from certified dealers. The Interstate Certified Shellfish Shipper's List (ICSSL) is no longer published and mailed to you monthly. The FDA maintains the ICSSL online at <http://vm.cfsan.fda.gov/~ear/shellfis.html>. There is an almost real-time list there; copies of older lists and a place to subscribe for a list serve.

We currently maintain our own on-line shippers list. The list is practically real-time and will help dealers who are required to verify information under the HACCP regulations. The list is used by dealers, retail markets and restaurants in Maine and other states; and even by establishments in Canada. You can find this list at: [www.maine.gov/dmr/rm/public\\_health/certified\\_dealers.htm](http://www.maine.gov/dmr/rm/public_health/certified_dealers.htm). Additionally, we send out alerts to regulatory agencies and those dealers that we have e-mail addresses for, in order to notify you of any short-term or mid-month cancellations/suspensions of certification.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 207-557-3557.

Sincerely,

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