

DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES
SHELLFISH SANITATION PROGRAM
21 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, ME 04333-0021
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2008-2009 Certification Year

BULK TAGGING PERMIT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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 annual 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.

Please send this completed and signed application, with all attachments required, to: Shellfish Sanitation Program, 21 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0021.

A dealer receiving bulk tagged shellstock must have an intermediate processing plan approved by the Department. Please contact your Inspector for more information about this plan.

Should you have questions about bulk tagging plans, please call Michelle Mason at (207) 624-6570.