

Smelt-Wharf Operator License - 2026

Part A: Applicant Information

Last Name _____ Suffix _____ First Name _____ MI _____
Social Security # _____ Gender: Male-Female-Non-Binary (circle one) DOB _____
Eye Color: _____ Hair Color: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____ Driver's License _____
If no DL – list reason: _____ Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Physical address: _____ Zip Code: _____
Email _____ Landline # _____ Mobile # _____
Must list at least one phone number

Part B: Fishery Information

License year January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026
Fees are non-refundable.

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\$ 1

Total Cost \$ _____

If applying for a recreational halibut license, you must list a vessel.

You must list a Facility where activity will be taking place:

Facility Name: _____

Address/Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Persons eligible to hold Smelt-Wharf Operator License:

A person operating a business that rents smelt fishing camps for saltwater recreational smelt fishing; and

A person who owns a private dock, pier or wharf and makes that pier or wharf available to customers for the purpose of recreational fishing as part of a commercial enterprise

Part C: Certification / Signature

I hereby declare, under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Maine and the United States of America that the foregoing information is true and correct.

Today's Date _____ / _____ / _____

Applicant _____
(Signature of applicant)

Under Title 12, §6306, (1)(2) and (3), a person licensed by the Department of Marine Resources has a duty to submit to inspection, search and seizure by a Marine Patrol Officer. Failure to comply with this duty may result in a license suspension.

§6306. Consent to inspection

1. **Consent to inspection.** Any person who signs an application for a license or aquaculture lease or receives a license or aquaculture lease under this Part has a duty to submit to inspection and search for violations related to the licensed activities by a marine patrol officer under the following conditions.

- Watercraft or vehicles and the equipment located on watercraft or vehicles used primarily in a trade or business requiring a license or aquaculture lease under this Part may be searched or inspected at any time.
- Any other location where activities subject to this Part are conducted may be inspected or searched during the hours when those activities occur.
- A location specified in paragraph B may be inspected at any time if a marine patrol officer has a reasonable suspicion of a violation of this Part.
- No residential dwelling may be searched without a search warrant unless otherwise allowed by law.

2. **Seizure of evidence.** Any person who signs an application for a license or aquaculture lease or receives a license or aquaculture lease under this Part has a duty to permit seizure of evidence of a violation of marine resources laws found during an inspection or search.

3. **Refusal.** Refusal to permit inspection or seizure is a basis for suspension of any or all licenses under this chapter or revocation of aquaculture leases.

Instructions: Fill in all required information in Part A and Part B. Certify your application with your signature in Part C. Submit payment by check or money order payable to **Treasurer, State of Maine** or provide credit card information. Mail this application to the address above. We cannot accept applications by fax or phone.

Mail to:
Licensing Division
Department of Marine Resources
21 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Please make all checks/money orders payable to: Treasurer State of Maine

Your check will be processed as an electronic funds transfer (EFT).

Please check this box if your bank does NOT accept EFT transactions so we can manually submit your check to the bank for processing. Please be aware that if an EFT transaction gets rejected by your bank, you will be responsible for the payment as well as a \$20.00 bank fee.

Credit/debit card payments: I authorize the State of Maine, Department of Marine Resources, Licensing Division, to charge my VISA MasterCard Discover Debit card

First Name _____ Last Name _____
MUST BE AS IT APPEARS ON CARD – PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY AS THIS MAY AFFECT PROCESSING OF APPLICATION

Card No. _____ CVV# _____ expiration date _____

Signature of Cardholder: _____ Date: _____

Your credit card or checking account will be charged for what you have applied for on this application

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