



Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks

COMMERCIAL FISHING, TRAPPING & FUR DEALER LICENSE APPLICATION

RESIDENTS MUST PROVIDE COPIES OF PROOF OF DOMICILE AS FOLLOWS:

All resident applicants must send a copy of their driver's license (or provide proof of domicile by other prescribed means along with their application). The domicile of a person is that person's principal or primary home or place of abode. The burden of providing domicile shall be on the person claiming such status. A person holding a current driver's license shall be deemed to be domiciled within the state issuing the license. If a person does not hold a current MS driver's license, the following evidence, along with a MS Hwy Patrol issued I.D., may be considered for verification of MS residency: MS income tax return, homestead exemption receipt, or any other means prescribed by the department. In the case of minors, domicile of the parents shall be used as evidence of the minor's domicile. **No one is exempt from the commercial fishing license requirements.** Nonresidents of the state may be issued resident licenses if they provide either (1) a current identification card from a Mississippi college or university; or (2) a current military identification card showing that the person is an active member of the Armed Forces (excluding Reserves and National Guard) and a copy of the orders assigning that person to a Mississippi military base. **Paddlefish harvest requires a special permit, please call Fisheries at 601-432-2200 for details.**

COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE AND TAGGING REQUIREMENTS

A commercial fishing license (49-7-9) is required: (1) of any person engaged in fishing for commercial purposes and selling or peddling fish at retail or selling or shipping fish wholesale to markets and dealers within the state of Mississippi; (2) of each person buying or handling fish secured from commercial fisherman or others for the purpose of resale to others; (3) of any resident who ships fish that are not their own catch out of the state; (4) of each resident buying fish from a licensed wholesale dealer or licensed commercial fisherman for retail sale to the consumer only on rural or urban routes; (5) of each person engaged in the buying and selling of fish as a wholesale dealer's agent, whether on a commission or salary basis, or otherwise, and not selling in the open market; (6) **of any person using nets and traps (slat baskets are considered traps) to take non-game gross fish for personal use (49-7-81);** (7) of any person selling minnows wholesale (49-7-29) within the state (except for Mississippi residents growing minnows on their own property); (8) Non-residents who bring fish into Mississippi from another state for the purpose of resale to a wholesale or retail dealer or the consumer shall obtain a nonresident commercial license; (9) Non-resident wholesale dealers who buy fish from fisherman or resident wholesale dealers for the purpose of resale shall obtain a non-resident commercial fishing license; (10) Persons selling, reselling, or exporting across the state line crawfish taken from public waters; (11) Persons selling freshwater shrimp taken from public waters; (12) Persons harvesting, selling, reselling, or purchasing for resale non-native fish. Each person taking non-game gross fish from the fresh waters of the state shall be considered a producer and shall be entitled to sell their own catch to anyone (49-7-9). **All commercial equipment fished in Mississippi waters must be tagged*. SLAT BASKETS: A separate slat basket license (\$30.00) for each slat basket is required in addition to a Mississippi commercial fishing license. EQUIPMENT TAGS:** Each piece of commercial fishing equipment and slat baskets must have a commercial fishing equipment tag attached to it. A piece of commercial fishing equipment (49-7-9) is defined as: Each hoop or barrel net; one thousand (1,000) feet or less of trot line; one thousand (1,000) feet or less of snag line; three thousand (3,000) feet or less of grill or trammel netting. Netting over three thousand feet is prohibited. **Commercial tags required by Arkansas or Louisiana for all commercial gear except slat baskets will satisfy the Mississippi tagging requirement. Commercial fishers are required to provide their own waterproof tags. All valid tags will contain the MDWFP number which is found on the fisher's license, written or engraved in legible numbers at least 1/4 inch in height. Tags previously purchased from the MDWFP on which the owner engraved their MDWFP number are still valid as long as the number is still readable.**

***Mississippi has reciprocal commercial fishing license agreements with Louisiana and Arkansas. Residents of those states may fish commercially in border water areas with their respective resident commercial fishing licenses.** However, they must comply with all Mississippi laws, gear regulations and tagging requirements when fishing any commercial equipment in Mississippi waters. All commercial fishing equipment set in Mississippi waters must be tagged.

TRAPPING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Any person sixteen (16) years or older who traps or assists with trapping must possess a valid trapping license. However, no license is required for a resident to trap on lands in which the record title is vested in such person.

FUR DEALER LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Any person regardless of age, who buys furbearing animals from trappers and hunters, must possess a valid state Fur Dealer License. **Complete and mail this application along with appropriate payment and other required documents to MDWFP/License, P.O. Box 451, Jackson, MS 39205. Make check or money order payable to MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks (MDWFP). License(s) will be sent by return mail at applicant's risk.**

THIS APPLICATION MUST ONLY BE MAILED TO THE JACKSON MDWFP OFFICE :

**MDWFP / LICENSE
PO BOX 451
JACKSON, MS 39205**

**MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO
MISSISSIPPI DEPT. OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS**

	License Price	Process Fee	Total Cost
RESIDENTS			
<input type="checkbox"/> Type 370 Commercial Fishing License	\$31.00	1.29	\$32.29
<input type="checkbox"/> Type 373 Trapping License	\$26.00	1.29	\$27.29
<input type="checkbox"/> Type 374 Fur Dealer License.....	\$51.00	1.29	\$52.29
NON-RESIDENTS			
<input type="checkbox"/> Type 380 Commercial Fishing License	\$203.00	4.25	\$207.25
<input type="checkbox"/> Type 381 Trapping License	\$208.00	4.25	\$212.25
<input type="checkbox"/> Type 382 Fur Dealer License.....	\$208.00	4.25	\$212.25
RESIDENTS & NON-RESIDENTS			
Write the Number of Licenses You Want Next to Each Type			Price x Quantity = Total Cost
			(each)
<input type="checkbox"/> Type 371 Slat Basket License (each basket)	\$31.00	1.29	\$32.29 x _____ = _____
			TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name of Applicant _____ Customer I.D. Number _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-mail Address _____

(_____) _____
Area Code Phone# Driver's License or Social Security Number Date of Birth

Commercial Fishing License Number _____ Issuing State _____ Expiration Date _____ Trapper Identification Number _____

Effective July 1, 2007 Licenses are valid for one (1) year from date of purchase. All of these licenses may be purchased at the Jackson Office, the North Region office in Enid (662-563-6222), the Central Region office in Canton (601-859-3421), the South Region office in Magnolia (601-783-2911), or any State Park. Applications are available online at www.mdwfp.com. **MAILED APPLICATIONS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED AT THE JACKSON OFFICE.**

Digests of Mississippi Freshwater Commercial Fishing, Trapping and Fur Dealer laws and regulations are available upon request from any of the offices listed above.