



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
NORTHEAST REGION
One Blackburn Drive
Gloucester, MA 01930-2298

September 18, 2000

Dear Federal Fishery Dealer:

There will be substantial changes in the Federal management of the Atlantic herring fishery. Although the final rule is not yet in effect, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is accepting applications for the commercial dealer and processor permit (see the attached Initial Atlantic Herring Dealer/Processor Permit Application). If you wish to obtain a commercial dealer and/or processor permit, you must complete the enclosed application and return it to the address shown at the top of the application.

If you have any questions, please call the NMFS Permit Office at 978-281-9370.

This notice is authorized by the Regional Administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service

Enclosure



U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
APPLICATION PERMIT OFFICE
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FISHING YEAR 2000 ATLANTIC HERRING
INITIAL DEALER/PROCESSOR

NE Dealer Number: _____ SECTION 1 - DEALER INFORMATION

_____: Company Name
_____: Owner Name or Street Address
_____: City _____ : State _____ : Zip Code

Please include Southeast Dealer Number (if applicable) _____

Vessel Name: _____

Vessel Coast Guard Documentation Number or State Registration Number: _____
Vessel Owner Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax Number: _____

SECTION 2 – FISHERIES

Please select Atlantic Herring Dealer and/or Atlantic Herring Processor category, if desired, by placing an (X) in the space provided.

Atlantic Herring Dealer _____

*Atlantic Herring Processor _____

*If application is for an At-Sea Processor , applicant must enter Vessel Name and Vessel Coast Guard Documentation Number or State Registration Number in Section 1, or application will not be processed.

SECTION 3 - OWNER'S SIGNATURE & INSTRUCTIONS

I, the undersigned, am the owner or legally authorized agent of the owner of the business and vessel named in Section 1 above. I affirm, subject to the penalties provided in 18 USC 1001, that all information I have given in obtaining this permit is true and correct.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 5 minutes per response including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining data needed, and completing & reviewing the information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or suggestions for reducing this burden to: National Marine Fisheries Service, Permit Office, 1 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298. The Paperwork Reduction Act requires that potential respondents for a fishing vessel permit be notified of certain information regarding their rights and the burden associated with applying for Federal fisheries permits. One of the regulatory steps taken by the National Marine Fisheries Service to carry out its conservation and management objectives is the requirement of a permit for users of the resources. All the fisheries included on this application require a permit to fish for or retain these species in or from the EEZ, Section 303 (b)(1) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSFCMA) specifically recognizes the need for permit issuance. The purpose and use of these permits are to: (1) register industry participants and fishing vessels, (2) list the characteristics of fishing vessels, (3) exercise influence over compliance, (4) provide a mailing list for the dissemination of important information to the industry, (5) register participants to be considered for limited entry, and (6) provide a universe for data collection samples. Both the MSFCMA and Executive Orders 12866 et al require the determination of this information. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, the collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. Any information submitted by any person to obtain a permit is not confidential, and may be disclosed upon request.