



Northeast Permits Update

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Format of Federal Dealer Permits to Change

Beginning in August, 2006, the National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Region will change the appearance of its Federal seafood dealer permits. The main reason for the change is to provide permit holders with a single piece of paper which lists all of the issued permits. Currently, permit holders receive blue carbon mailers for the permit. Thus, the major change will be that the permits will now be on a single full-sheet of paper (8½ x 11).

Although the size of the permit is changing, the layout of the permit will be similar (see sample of new format below). All information contained on the current permits will now be consolidated onto one page. The permit will show the effective and expiration dates of the permit.

The new permits will be in color and mailed in an envelope. Issued permits will not be faxed.

Once we begin issuing permits in the new format, both the new and old permits will be accepted. Any previously issued 2006 permits will remain valid until the expiration of those permits, unless otherwise suspended, sanctioned, or revoked. Therefore, if you already have 2006 permits in the old format, those permits are still valid and we will not be printing new permits for you. The next time you renew your permits you will receive your permits in the new single page format.

What information will be printed on the permits?

Currently, the top left portion of the permit indicates the owner's name and address. The top right portion contains the start date and expiration date of the permit. The permit will also list each fishery permit that has been issued to the seafood dealer. Conditions of the permit will be listed on the reverse of the permit.

How long do permits remain valid?

All dealer permits are issued annually upon receipt of a complete application. The permit holder must renew the permit every year. Dealer permits are valid until the expiration date printed on the permit, unless otherwise suspended, sanctioned, or revoked.

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The image shows a sample of a Northeast Federal Dealer Permit form. The form is titled "Northeast Federal Dealer Permit" and includes the following sections:

- 2006 Permit Year:** A section for entering the permit year, with "2006" entered.
- Fisheries Permitted:** A table with columns for "Fishery", "Start Date", and "Expiration Date". The table lists several fisheries: ATLANTIC TUNA DEALER, BAY CHICKEN DEALER, HERRING DEALER, SPINY DOGFISH DEALER, SCALLOP DEALER, and SKATE DEALER.
- Dealer Information:** A section for entering the dealer's name and address.
- Signature:** A section for the dealer's signature.

A large "Sample" watermark is overlaid on the form.