

Application to Shuck  
Surfclams/Ocean Quahogs  
at Sea



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
Northeast Region  
55 Great Republic Drive  
Gloucester, MA 01930-2298

In order to receive authorization to shuck surfclams or ocean quahogs at sea, please provide the information requested below and mail to:

Regional Administrator  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
55 Great Republic Drive  
Gloucester, MA 01930

This application is required under 50 CFR 648.75 in order to obtain a shucking-at-sea permit for the Atlantic surfclam and ocean quahog fisheries. Information provided on the application will allow the Regional Administrator to determine if a vessel has the capability to calculate the amount of surfclams or ocean quahogs harvested in the shell. This information is needed to execute the individual transferable quota system which uses unshucked bushels as a standard unit of measure.

Name: (Print legibly)	
Vessel Name:	
Federal Permit #:	
Doc/Reg #:	
Street:	
City/ State/ Zip:	
Telephone:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	U.S. citizen requirement. By checking this box you are indicating that you are eligible to own a documented vessel under the terms of 46 U.S.C. 12102(a) and are able to provide documentation attesting to such eligibility if requested by the National Marine Fisheries Service.

On an attachment, or the back of this form, please describe the method to be used to calculate the amount of surfclams or ocean quahogs harvested in the shell.

Vessel Dimensions: (Length and Gross Tonnage)	Observer Accommodations:
Anticipated Trip Length:	
Signature:	Date:

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