

When Do You Need Licenses & Permits?

	Commercial Fishing License	Fresh Product License	Fresh Product License-Spouse	Wholesale/Retail Seafood Dealer License	Seafood Transport Permit	State Health Dept Permit to Operate	Mobile Vendor's Permit	Wholesale Seafood Distributor Permit	Wholesale Out-of-State Crab Shipping License
Selling your own unaltered catch from your own boat/dock	X	X							
Selling your spouse's unaltered catch from your boat/dock			X						
Selling another fisherman's unaltered catch from your dock	X	X		X					
Purchasing seafood from another wholesaler to resell wholesale from your dock	X	X		X					
Selling crabs (any form) outside of Louisiana	X	X							X
Selling my catch out of my vehicle directly to consumers	X	X					X		
Selling/hauling my fresh or processed catch out of my vehicle for wholesale purposes	X	X		X	X				
Selling/hauling other's processed product out of my vehicle for wholesale purposes	X	X		X				X	
Selling my processed catch from my facility	X	X		X		X			
Selling my and other fishermen's catch from my facility	X	X		X		X			

*Only applies to fish, shrimp & crab licenses & permits; DOES NOT APPLY to OYSTERS.

Note for restaurant & retail grocery store owners: If you only sell cooked seafood for immediate consumption, you are exempt from some license requirements but must still follow all reporting and records requirements. However, you must obtain a retail license if selling raw seafood or sushi, or if you transport the seafood to your business (must also have the proper transport license).