

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Application for Wholesale Fish Dealer
and/or Fish Buyer for the Year _____**

Department Use Only		
License Type		Card #
Dealer Number	Buyer Number	Payment Received
Port Code		
Total Fee	Amount Received	

Wholesale Fish Dealer Information

Wholesale Fish Dealer \$355
(Does not include Fish Buyer License)

Fish Buyer \$200
(May only buy for listed Wholesale Dealer)

Instructions on the Back

Wholesale Fish Dealer Information		
Company Name/Owner Name		
Washington State Business License Number (Required)		
Permanent Street Address		
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Phone Number		
Contact Person		
Last Name	First Name	Initial
Permanent Phone Number		
I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the above information is true and correct. Providing false information may invalidate this license. My signature below certifies that I have read and understand the information on the back of this form.		
Signature of Wholesale Dealer		Date
Signed at (place)		

Fish Buyer Information					
Last Name		First Name		Initial	
Permanent Street Address					
Mailing Address					
City		State		Zip Code	
Birthdate (M/D/Y)	Sex	Hair	Eyes	Weight	Height
Permanent Phone					
Buying Location (Enter location where most of your purchases will be landed)					
Social Security Number (required)					
I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the above information is true and correct. Providing false information may invalidate this license.					
Signature of Fish Buyer				Date	
Signed at (place)					

**Make fees payable to WDFW
License will expire December 31st of Issuance Year**

Mail Applications Directly to:
Department of Fish and Wildlife
License Division
600 Capitol Way N
Olympia WA 98501-1091

Office Location:
1111 Washington St. S.E. Olympia WA
Phone Number: (360) 902-2464 *TDD (360) 902-2207
Fax (360) 902-2945

Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife

Important Information for Wholesale Dealers and Anadromous Fish Buyers

Wholesale Dealer and Fish Buyer License

A wholesale fish dealer's license is required for:

- (1) A business in the state to engage in the commercial processing of food fish or shellfish, including custom canning or processing of personal use food fish or shellfish.
- (2) A business in the state to engage in the wholesale selling, buying, or brokering of food fish or shellfish. A wholesale fish dealer's license is not required of those businesses which buy exclusively from Washington licensed wholesale dealers and sell solely at retail.
- (3) Fishermen who land and sell their catch or harvest in the state to anyone other than a licensed wholesale dealer within or outside the state, unless the fisher has a direct retail endorsement.
- (4) A business to engage in the commercial manufacture or preparation of fertilizer, oil, meal, caviar, fish bait, or other by-products from food fish or shellfish.
- (5) A business employing a fish buyer as defined under RCW [77.65.340](#).

Anadromous Fish Buyers

An anadromous game fish buyer's license allows the holder to purchase or sell steelhead trout and other anadromous game fish harvested by Indian fishers lawfully exercising fishing rights reserved by federal statute, treaty, or executive order, under conditions prescribed by rule of the director.

An anadromous game fish buyer's license is not required for those businesses that buy steelhead trout and other anadromous game fish from Washington licensed game fish dealers and sell solely at retail.

Wholesale Dealer License Requirements:

Corporation Licensing

A copy of the Master Business License applications submitted in the name of a corporation must include a copy of those portions on the corporation papers that show the state seal, the corporation name, and a list of the current corporate officers. Only those individuals listed as corporate officers have the authority to sign for license renewals, changes, etc.

Out of state corporations must include a copy of their Washington State Business license.

Performance bond

A wholesale fish dealer shall not take possession of food fish or shellfish until the dealer has deposited with the department an acceptable performance bond on forms prescribed and furnished by the department. This performance bond shall be a corporate surety bond executed in favor of the department by a corporation authorized to do business in the state of Washington under chapter [48.28](#) RCW and approved by the department. The bond shall be filed and maintained in an amount two thousand dollars. One thousand dollars is required for each buyer after two.

In lieu of the surety bond the wholesale fish dealer may file with the department a cash deposit or a savings account assignment from a bank in Washington State.

The bond shall be maintained as long as the wholesale fish dealer engages in activities under RCW [77.65.280](#) unless released. Liability under the bond may be released only upon written notification from the department.

License Fees (Application Fees are non-refundable)

Anadromous Fish Buyer	\$285
Direct Retail Endorsement*	\$155
Wholesale Fish Dealer	\$355
Wholesale Fish Buyer	\$200

*For more information on Direct Retail Endorsement (DRE) call 360-902-2464 (select option 4)

Department of Health Shellfish Requirements

If you engage in a commercial shellfish operation, you must read and agree to comply with RCW 69.30, WAC 246-282 and the National Shellfish Sanitation Program Model Ordinance. Please call the Department of Health Office of Shellfish and Water Protection at (360) 236-3330 for more information.

FISH DEALERS PERFORMANCE BOND

REGISTRATION NO. _____ BOND NO. _____

_____, doing business as
(Dealer Name)

_____, as Principal, and
(Company Name)

_____, a corporation organized
(Bonding Company)

and existed under the laws of the state of _____ and authorized to transact surety business in the state of Washington, as surety by this bond, bind ourselves and our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally, to pay unto the state of Washington _____ dollars (\$ _____) lawful money of the United States of America.

The principal has applied for a Wholesale Fish Dealers License from the Department of Fish and Wildlife of the state of Washington; and is required by Chapter 77.65 RCW to furnish a performance bond in the penal sum indicated above conditioned upon compliance with the requirements of chapter 75.65 RCW, as amended, and the rules of the Director of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife relating to the payment of fines for violation of rules for the accounting of commercial harvest of food fish or shellfish.

If the Principal shall comply with the requirement of Chapter 77.65 RCW, as amended, and the rules of the Director of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife relating to the payment of fines for violations of rules for the accounting to the commercial harvest of food fish an shellfish, then the obligation of the Principal and Surety shall be null and void. If the Principal does not pay such fines as assessed, the bond shall remain in full force and effect.

The aggregated liability of the Surety under this bond for claims against the bond shall not exceed the penal sum of this bond. If the claims against the bond that are pending at any one time, exceed the remainder of the aggregate liability minus the amount previously paid by the Surety because of other claims against the bond, the Surety's liability under this bond may be satisfied by the tender of such remaining bond amount to the Director, at which time the Surety's liability shall be terminated.

This bond shall become effective on _____ / _____ / _____ (mm/dd/yy) and shall remain in full force and effect while the Principal maintains a valid wholesale fish dealer's license and forty-five (45) days thereafter, or the surety cancels the bond. If the Surety cancels this bond, the Surety shall notify the Department at least forty-five (45) days prior to the effective date of the cancellation.

IN WITNESS OF THIS CONTRACT, the Principal and Surety have affixed their hands on _____ / _____ / _____ (mm/dd/yy)

(Principal)

(Telephone number)

(Address)

By: _____

(Surety)

(Telephone number)

(Address)

By: _____
(Attorney -in- Fact)

SAVINGS ACCOUNT ASSIGNMENT

This assignment is between _____, (Dealer Name) doing business as _____ (Company Name) hereinafter, ASSIGNOR, and the state of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, hereinafter, Fish and Wildlife, for the purpose of meeting the surety requirements for wholesale fish dealer pursuant to RCW 77. 65 and to insure compliance with all state statutes and regulations relating to the payment of fines for violations of rules for the accounting of commercial harvest of food fish or shellfish.

ASSIGNOR does hereby assign, transfer and set over to Fish and Wildlife all right, title, and interest in and to the principal sum of _____ dollars (\$ _____) of savings account number _____ or certificate of deposit number _____, hereinafter, Account.

It is understood and agreed that _____ (name and branch of bank), hereinafter, Bank holds said account in its possession and agrees to hold _____ dollars (\$ _____) until a written release of this agreement is received from Fish and Wildlife.

It is understood and agreed that Fish and Wildlife may at any time, after giving written notice to ASSIGNOR, demand, collect, and receive the funds maintained in said account for the use and purposes prescribed in RCW 77. 65

ASSIGNOR does hereby authorize and direct BANK to pay all or any part of said account as instructed by Fish and Wildlife.

BANK shall not be required to inquire whether there has been performance by ASSIGNOR or to see the application of the monies paid on the instructions of Fish and Wildlife. In such matters, BANK may rely upon the instruction of Fish and Wildlife executed over the signature of the person, or designee of the person, accepting this assignment on behalf of Fish and Wildlife whose signature appears on this document. Bank is not required to verify the authority of such person.

Any penalty suffered which results from a demand for payment by Fish and Wildlife for BANK shall be assessed against ASSIGNOR.

All interest accrued by said account shall be retained by ASSIGNOR.

DATED _____ / _____ / _____ (mm/dd/yy) at _____
(city, state wherein signed).

ASSIGNOR Signature and Corporate Title _____

On this day _____ (name of assignor) personally appeared before me and executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he/she signed the same as his/her free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

Given under my hand and official seal _____ / _____ / _____ (mm/dd/yy)

NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the state of Washington

Residing at _____

BANK ACCEPTANCE

(Name and Branch of bank) as witnessed below by the signature of the duly authorized officer, hereby recognizes and accepts the foregoing assignment of Saving Account/Certificate of Deposit number _____ in the amount of _____ dollars (\$ _____) on _____ / _____ / _____ (mm/dd/yy)

Address: _____
(Signature of Bank Officer)

(Name and Title)

FISH AND WILDLIFE ACCEPTANCE

State of Washington, Department of Fish and Wildlife, hereby accepts the foregoing assignment of Savings Account/Certificate of Deposit number _____ in the amount of _____ dollars (\$ _____) held by _____

Department Of Fish and Wildlife
1111 Washington Street S.E.
Olympia, Washington 98504-3141

Authorized Signature Date