



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

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Dear Federal Fishery Dealer:

Currently, there are no management measures for the tilefish fishery. **This letter is to notify you of the proposed Federal management of the tilefish fishery.** Although the final rule is not yet in effect, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is accepting applications for a commercial tilefish dealer permit (see the attached Tilefish Initial Dealer Application). If you wish to obtain a commercial tilefish dealer permit, you must complete the enclosed application and return it to the address shown at the top of the application.

Please be aware that there will be reporting requirements associated with a tilefish dealer permit. A dealer that is issued a tilefish dealer permit will be required to submit purchase reports to NMFS on a weekly basis. If no fish are purchased during a month, a report so stating must be submitted to NMFS. The information provided on these reports is critical to the effective management of the tilefish and other fisheries.

Dealer purchase reports are required for purchases from both permitted and non-permitted vessels. These reports must be submitted for each fishing trip from which purchases are made, within sixteen (16) days of the end of the reporting week. Dealers issued a tilefish dealer permit are required to report all species purchased from vessels for all trips, regardless of whether they are regulated species or not. Reports for each trip must include:

- Date of purchase
- Dealer name, address, and permit number
- Vessel name and permit/hull number
- Pounds of each species, by market category, if applicable
- Value of each species, by market category, if applicable
- Port landed
- Dealer signature

Dealers may submit purchase reports on forms supplied by NMFS or on their own weighout forms, as long as the forms contain all of the required information described above. Electronic reporting is also an option for dealers to submit purchase reports, as long as the required information is provided. For additional information on the issues discussed in this letter, please contact the following:

Dealer Reporting Information - Local Port Office (e-mail address reporting.ne@noaa.gov)
Electronic Reporting Information - David Ulmer at (757) 723-3369
Federal Dealer Permits - Permit Office at (978) 281-9370.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure



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PERMIT YEAR 2001 TILEFISH
INITIAL DEALER APPLICATION

NE Dealer Number: _____ SECTION 1 - DEALER INFORMATION

_____: Company Name
_____: Owner Name / Street Address
_____: City and State
_____: Zip Code

Please include NMFS Southeast Dealer Number (if applicable) _____

SECTION 2 – FISHERIES

Please select Tilefish Dealer category, if desired, by placing an (X) in the space provided.

Tilefish Dealer _____

SECTION 3 - OWNER'S SIGNATURE & INSTRUCTIONS

I, the undersigned, am the owner or legally authorized agent of the owner of the business 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: _____

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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 or act as a dealer in 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, a 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.