

Materials review

- Harvester Book
- VPCP's
 - DA/BA needs a completed front page
 - Maintain the plan with HACCP records
- Vibrio controls go into effect June 1st

Tagging

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- All product shall be tagged **PRIOR TO LEAVING THE LOT**
- Section D of License – Requirements of the License

D. REQUIREMENTS OF THE LICENSEE

In order to be licensed by the State of Connecticut Department of Agriculture Bureau of Aquaculture to harvest shellfish commercially as a Shellstock Shipper I, and be listed on the Interstate Certified Shellfish Shippers List (ICSSL), the licensee shall:

- abide by conditions and standards in accordance with the National Shellfish Sanitation Program Model Ordinance (NSSP-MO) and the United States Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 21 Part 123;
- conform to all regulatory and statutory requirements pertinent to this operation as per Connecticut General Statute (CGS) (CGS 26-192);
- monitor and adhere to the boundaries and management triggers for each shellfish growing area classification as maintained by the Authority; the most current classification information is maintained by the DABA and served via the Connecticut Fleet Information System managed by the DABA: <https://ctvms.absolutesw.com> and available on DABA paper maps showing the boundaries of shellfish classification and shellfish beds
- monitor and adhere to current shellfish bed division boundaries; the most current bed division data is available via the Connecticut Fleet Information System managed by the DABA: <https://ctvms.absolutesw.com> and available on DABA paper maps showing the boundaries of shellfish classification and shellfish beds
- monitor the status of shellfish areas daily prior to conducting harvest activities;
- stake the corners of all actively worked grounds, including relay sub-lots, as required by CGS 26-241;
- identify all lots of shellfish harvested prior to leaving the harvest area;
- maintain a boat log for harvest and relay activities, and agree to make all records relating to the harvest and relay of shellfish available for review and copying when necessary by the DABA and/or the Department of Environmental Protection (DEEP) Division of Law Enforcement (DLE);
- maintain daily records of the number of shellfish harvested, harvest locations, dates and times of harvest and shipping, and to whom shellfish were sold for a period of TWO years;
- Report shellfish production as directed by the Authority (DABA);
- subject shellfish harvested under this license to embargo, disposal, or return to growing area under supervision if found to be contaminated, significantly time/temperature abused or otherwise non-compliant with requirements of this license.



Standard tagging requirements – Section E.

- (2) The dealer's tag shall contain the following indelible, legible information in the order specified below:
 - (a) The dealer's name and address.
 - (b) The dealer's certification number as assigned by the Authority.
 - (c) The original shellstock shipper's certification number. If depurated the original shellstock shipper's certification number is not required.
 - (d) The harvest date; or if depurated, the date of depuration processing, or if wet stored, the original harvest date, and the final harvest date which is the date removed from wet storage.
 - (e) If wet stored or depurated, the wet storage or depuration cycle or lot number. The wet storage lot number shall begin with the letter "w".
 - (f) The most precise identification of the harvest location as is practicable including the initials of the State of harvest and the Authority's designation of the growing area by indexing, administrative or geographic designation. If the Authority has not indexed growing areas, then an appropriated geographical or administrative designation must be used (e.g., Long Bay, Decadent County, lease number, bed, or lot number).
 - (g) The type and quantity of shellstock.
 - (h) The following statement in bold capitalized type on each tag:

"THIS TAG IS REQUIRED TO BE ATTACHED UNTIL CONTAINER IS EMPTY OR IS RETAGGED AND THEREAFTER KEPT ON FILE IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER FOR 90 DAYS "RETAILERS: DATE WHEN LAST SHELLFISH FROM THIS CONTAINER SOLD OR SERVED (INSERT DATE)_____."

Shipper number

- Previous number: CT - ### - SS
- Current Number: CT - ### - SS,AQ
- Tags, Shipping documents, etc.

Bulk tagging

- Movement of shellstock from the growing area to the dock/primary dealer
- Sale of shellstock between Shellstock Shippers

Bulk tagging

- C. Bulk Tagging Lots of Shellstock for Sales between Dealers.
- (1) When a single lot of shellstock is sold, multiple containers may be used on a wrapped pallet, in a tote, in a net bailer, or other container and the unit tagged with a single tag in accordance with Section .05 B. (1) through (4).
- (a) This bulk tagging provision shall not apply to sales to reshippers;
- (b) The shipment must be accompanied by a transaction record stating the name of the consignee who must be a certified dealer;
- (c) In addition to the information required in Section .05 B. (1) through (4) the unit tag shall also include:
 - (i) A statement that "All shellstock containers in this lot have the same harvest date and area of harvest"; and
 - (ii) Number of individual containers in the unit.

Intermediate Processing Plan

- ONLY for dealers who do not land the product in its final form (i.e. bagged or boxed) OR for dealers that receive bulk tagged product.
- Dealer shall have an intermediate processing plan approved by DoAG and on file with DoAG and at the facility
 - Plan is specific to each dealer and facility
 - Primary function is to prevent comingling and give the dealer a final harvest amount
 - Ensure the proper use of an intermediate processing tag

Intermediate Processing Tag

- Tag requirements

- (b) A tag for each lot of shellstock that contains the following information:
 - (i) A statement that "All shellstock containers in this lot have the same harvest date and area of harvest";
 - (ii) Harvest date;
 - (iii) Growing area;
 - (iv) Original dealer certification number; and
 - (v) Number of individual containers in each lot of shellstock container (e.g., a pallet) after washing, packing or staging has been completed.

Summary

- Complete your tag prior to leaving the lot
- Use the correct tag
- Have an Intermediate Processing Plan if needed