



## Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks

### COMMERCIAL FISHING, TRAPPING & FUR DEALER LICENSE APPLICATION

#### RESIDENTS MUST PROVIDE COPIES OF PROOF OF DOMICILE AS FOLLOWS:

All resident applicants must send a copy of their driver's license (or provide proof of domicile by other prescribed means along with their application). The domicile of a person is that person's principal or primary home or place of abode. The burden of providing domicile shall be on the person claiming such status. A person holding a current driver's license shall be deemed to be domiciled within the state issuing the license. If a person does not hold a current MS driver's license, the following evidence, along with a MS Hwy Patrol issued I.D., may be considered for verification of MS residency: MS income tax return, homestead exemption receipt, or any other means prescribed by the department. In the case of minors, domicile of the parents shall be used as evidence of the minor's domicile. Nonresidents of the state may be issued resident licenses if they provide either (1) a current identification card from a Mississippi college or university; or (2) a current military identification card showing that the person is an active member of the Armed Forces (excluding Reserves and National Guard) and a copy of the orders assigning that person to a Mississippi military base. **Paddlefish harvest requires a special permit, please call Fisheries at 601-432-2200 for details.**

#### COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE AND TAGGING REQUIREMENTS

Arkansas and Louisiana residents must send a copy of their resident commercial fishing license or purchase a non-resident commercial fishing license in order to purchase commercial equipment tags. A commercial fishing license (49-7-9) is required: (1) of any person engaged in fishing for commercial purposes and selling or peddling fish at retail or selling or shipping fish wholesale to markets and dealers within the state of Mississippi; (2) of each person buying or handling fish secured from commercial fisherman or others for the purpose of resale to others; (3) of any resident who ships fish that are not their own catch out of the state; (4) of each resident buying fish from a licensed wholesale dealer or licensed commercial fisherman for retail sale to the consumer only on rural or urban routes; (5) of each person engaged in the buying and selling of fish as a wholesale dealer's agent, whether on a commission or salary basis, or otherwise, and not selling in the open market; (6) **of any person using nets and traps (slat baskets are considered traps) to take non-game gross fish for personal use (49-7-81);** (7) of any person selling minnows wholesale (49-7-29) within the state (except for Mississippi residents growing minnows on their own property); (8) Non-residents who bring fish into Mississippi from another state for the purpose of resale to a wholesale or retail dealer or the consumer shall obtain a nonresident commercial license; (9) Non-resident wholesale dealers who buy fish from fisherman or resident wholesale dealers for the purpose of resale shall obtain a non-resident commercial fishing license. Each person taking non-game gross fish from the fresh waters of the state shall be considered a producer and shall be entitled to sell their own catch to anyone (49-7-9). **All commercial equipment fished in Mississippi waters must be tagged\*. SLAT BASKETS: A separate slat basket license (\$30.00) and a slat basket tag (\$3.00) for each slat basket is required in addition to a commercial fishing license. EQUIPMENT TAGS:** Each piece of commercial fishing equipment must have a commercial fishing equipment tag (\$3.00 per tag) attached to it. A piece of commercial fishing equipment (49-7-9) is defined as: Each hoop or barrel net; one thousand (1,000) feet or less of trot line; one thousand (1,000) feet or less of snag line; three thousand (3,000) feet or less of grill or trammel netting. Netting over three thousand feet is prohibited. **Commercial tags required by Arkansas or Louisiana for all commercial gear except slat baskets will satisfy the Mississippi tagging requirement or Arkansas and Louisiana residents may purchase reciprocal commercial equipment tags which are only valid for gear fished in Mississippi border waters. A MDWFP Slat basket tag must be attached to all slat baskets or slat traps placed in Mississippi waters.**

**\*Mississippi has reciprocal commercial fishing license agreements with Louisiana and Arkansas. Residents of those states may fish commercially in border water areas with their respective resident commercial fishing licenses.** However, they must comply with all Mississippi laws, gear regulations and tagging requirements when fishing any commercial equipment in Mississippi waters. All commercial fishing equipment set in Mississippi waters must be tagged.

#### TRAPPING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Any person sixteen (16) years or older who traps or assists with trapping must possess a valid trapping license. However, no license is required for a resident to trap on lands in which the record title is vested in such person.

#### FUR DEALER LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Any person regardless of age, who buys furbearing animals from trappers and hunters, must possess a valid state Fur Dealer License. **Complete and mail this application along with appropriate payment and other required documents to MDWFP/License, P.O. Box 451, Jackson, MS 39205. Make check or money order payable to MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks (MDWFP). License(s) and tag(s) will be sent by return mail at applicant's risk.**

**THIS APPLICATION MUST ONLY BE MAILED TO THE JACKSON MDWFP OFFICE :**

**MDWFP / LICENSE  
PO BOX 451  
JACKSON, MS 39205**

**MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO  
MISSISSIPPI DEPT. OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS**

<b>RESIDENTS</b>	<b>License Price</b>	<b>Process Fee</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Type 370</b> Commercial Fishing License .....	\$31.00	1.29	<b>\$32.29</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Type 373</b> Trapping License .....	\$26.00	1.29	<b>\$27.29</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Type 374</b> Fur Dealer License.....	\$51.00	1.29	<b>\$52.29</b>
<b>NON-RESIDENTS</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Type 380</b> Commercial Fishing License .....	\$203.00	1.29	<b>\$204.29</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Type 381</b> Trapping License .....	\$208.00	1.29	<b>\$209.29</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Type 382</b> Fur Dealer License.....	\$208.00	1.29	<b>\$209.29</b>
<b>RESIDENTS &amp; NON-RESIDENTS</b>			
<b>Write the Number of Tags or Licenses You Want Next to Each Type</b>			<b>Price x Quantity = Total Cost (each)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Type 371</b> Slat Basket License (each basket) .....	\$31.00	1.29	\$32.29 x _____ = _____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Type 390</b> Commercial Tag (each piece of gear) .....	\$3.00	1.29	\$4.29 x _____ = _____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Type 372</b> Slat Basket Tag (each basket) .....	\$3.00	1.29	\$4.29 x _____ = _____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Type 375</b> Reciprocal Tag (each piece of gear).....	\$3.00	1.29	\$4.29 x _____ = _____
			<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED</b> _____

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Name of Applicant		Customer I.D. Number	
Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code
E-mail Address			
(_____) Area Code	Phone#	Driver's License or Social Security Number	Date of Birth
Commercial Fishing License Number	Issuing State	Expiration Date	Trapper Identification Number

Effective July 1, 2007 Licenses are valid for one (1) year from date of purchase. All of these license may be purchased at the Jackson Office, the North Region office (662-840-5172), the Central Region office (601-859-3421), the South Region office (601-783-2911), or any State Park. Applications are available online at [www.mdwfp.com](http://www.mdwfp.com). **MAILED APPLICATIONS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED AT THE JACKSON OFFICE.**

Digests of Mississippi Freshwater Commercial Fishing, Trapping and Fur Dealer laws and regulations are available upon request from any of the offices listed above.