



DNR Aquaculture Division  
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## Import Permit

Permit required in order to import ANY shellfish taken from waters outside of the State for planting in the waters of the State.

live oysters

seed oysters

oyster shell

clam shell

live clams

Applications must be received at least **30 days** in advance of shipment.

A nursery permit is required for any aquaculture nursery activities including:

Remote Setting  
Upwellers  
Downwellers



## Who will be the permittee?

The leaseholder(s)

## Who is the registrant?

All individuals other than the leaseholder/permittee conducting aquaculture activities on the lease

## Application

**New lease applicants** and **transfer applicants** will receive an application with lease contract upon approval of the lease.

**Existing leaseholders** will receive an application with lease invoice and yearly report forms in December.

Both the SAH permittee and registrants will be issued registration cards

The cards are:

- Issued annually
- Renewed automatically if reporting requirements met and no violations
- Not transferable

<b>2011 SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE HARVESTER REGISTRATION CARD</b>	
PERMITTEE	
NAME: John A. Smith, Jr.	
ADDRESS: 12345 Chesapeake Way My Town, MD 01234	
PERMIT #: 0001-P1	
Valid only for harvest on lease:	
__XX001__	EXPIRES 12/31/11
____	THIS CARD IS NOT TRANSFERABLE

Permittee is responsible for:

Notifying department of any **changes to the registrant list** on a form provided by the department

Submitting a **monthly harvest activity report** by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month

## Duties of Permittee and Registrants

All permittees and registrants must:

- Possess a valid registration card while working on lease
- Harvest in accordance with all DHMH regulations including the National Shellfish Sanitation Program, including tagging
- Have written permission from the Department for undersized oysters outside of the leased area
- Sell oysters in accordance with current regulations



## Penalties

Registration cards can be suspended for:

- Violation of aquaculture laws and/or regulations
  - Natural Resources § 4-11A
  - COMAR 08.02.23
- Conviction for taking oysters
  - From a location more than 150 feet within a closed or prohibited area
  - With illegal gear
  - More than 2 hours after sunset or before sunrise
  - During the closed season

# Questions ??



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