



Off-the-Boat and Dockside Sales: Do you have the right permit?

State Permitted Fishermen (vessel is NOT federally permitted):

NH commercial fishing licenses allow the harvester to sell their own catch to whomever they would like. No other licenses are required; however, **all sales must be reported**.

Most NH fishermen sell to a major dealer or process through a major dealer who does the reporting. **If selling directly off-the-boat without going through a dealer, NH fishermen need to report all sales themselves** on paper or through the electronic dealer reporting system. Fishermen indicate their intent to sell directly on their license application. If they did not already indicate on their application, they need to **contact NH Fish and Game to get reporting materials**.

Federally Permitted Vessels:

All federally permitted vessels are required to sell their entire catch to a federally permitted dealer. To facilitate dockside sales, fishermen can apply for their own federal dealer permit online, here: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/resources-fishing/vessel-and-dealer-permitting-greater-atlantic-region>. Dealers have mandated electronic weekly reporting. All sales get reported through the SAFIS electronic dealer reporting program. NOAA will set up the necessary account. If the harvester is the one making the sales, there is no other license required.

Can someone else help sell off-the-boat or dockside?

In either scenario (state or federal permit), if fishermen are landing the product and then having *someone else* sell to the public, that sales person or business needs both a wholesale marine species license and (if selling lobster or crab) needs a retail lobster and crab license. The sales person could be the person that gets the federal dealer permit and be the "dealer" for state reporting.

Reporting is critical!

It will be critical with any federal assistance (CARES Act, etc.) that harvesters have and continue to be compliant with reporting all trips and transactions.



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