

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
 Application for Emerging Commercial
 Fishery License for the Year _____

Department Use	
License Number	Payment Receipt
License Type	
HAGFISH Resident Non-Res \$440 \$825	
DFW Vessel Registration	

Gear	Buoy Brand	Species	License District
POTS		HAGFISH	<input type="checkbox"/> Coast <input type="checkbox"/> Grays Harbor <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Puget Sound <input type="checkbox"/> Willapa Harbor

Designated Vessel information							
Vessel Name			State or Documentation Number			Hull Identification Number	
Overall Length	Beam	Horsepower	<input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel	Net tonnage	Gross tonnage	<input type="checkbox"/> Fathometer <input type="checkbox"/> Loran <input type="checkbox"/> Radar	10 inch number

License Owner		
Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
Street Address		
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone Number		

Primary Operator					
Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial			
Birthdate	Sex	Hair	Eyes	Weight	Height
Social Security Number					

Alternate Operator (optional)		
Last Name	First Name	Birthdate
Last Name	First Name	Birthdate

I have been a resident of Washington for the previous 90 days and am not licensed as a resident in any other state.
 I am not a resident of Washington State.
 I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the law of the state of Washington that the above information is true and correct. Providing false information may invalidate this license.

_____ Date
 Signature

 Print Name

Make fees payable to Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW)
Mailing address
 Department of Fish & Wildlife
 Commercial Licensing
 PO Box 43154
 Olympia WA 98504-3154

If using Fed ex or UPS please use
Physical Address
 1111 Washington St SE Olympia WA 98501
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WAC 220-360-200

Designation of the hagfish pot fishery as an emerging commercial fishery.

The director designates the hagfish pot fishery as an emerging commercial fishery for which use of a vessel is required. It is unlawful to fish for, possess, or deliver hagfish taken for commercial purposes unless the fisher has a valid emerging commercial fishery license and a hagfish pot trial fishery permit.

WAC 220-360-210

Emerging commercial fishery—Eligibility for trial fishery permits—Incidental catch.

(1) An individual may not hold more than one Washington hagfish pot trial permit.

(2) Hagfish pot trial fishery permits are not transferable. Only the vessel designated on the emerging commercial fishery license and hagfish pot trial fishery permit may be used to fish for or deliver hagfish.

(3) A hagfish trial fishery permit will be issued only to a natural person who has a valid emerging commercial fishery license.

(4) Incidental catch:

(a) It is unlawful to retain any species other than hagfish.

(b) All species other than hagfish must be carefully handled and returned to the water promptly.

WAC 220-360-220

Hagfish pot trial fishery—Season and gear.

It is unlawful to fish for hagfish for commercial purposes except as provided in this section:

(1) Season - Open year-round to hagfish pot gear only.

(2) Area - Open only in Pacific Ocean waters greater than 50 fathoms in depth.

(3) Gear restrictions:

(a) Maximum of 100 hagfish pots per permit. Pots may be fished individually or on a common ground line.

(b) Hagfish pot gear requirements:

(i) Maximum entrance tunnel size of eleven square inches. Entrance tunnels may be of any shape.

(ii) Each pot is required to have at least one escape exit of at least nine and one-half square inches in opening and which must be constructed of 120 thread size or smaller untreated cotton twine.

(c) Buoy requirements: Hag fish pot gear must be buoyed. Marker buoys must be floating and visible on the surface of the water, equipped with a pole, flag, radar reflector and operating light, and marked with the clear identification of the permittee. If ground lines are used, ground line end marker buoys must display the number of pots on the ground line.

WAC 220-360-230

Hagfish pot trial fishery—Logbook required.

It is unlawful for a participant in the hagfish pot trial fishery to fail to maintain and submit a legible, accurate, and complete harvest log for all hagfish fishing activity. Logs will be submitted such that the department receives them no later than the tenth day following the end of each calendar month. Participants in the hagfish pot trial fishery must use a Hagfish Harvest Logbook provided by the department to record all of their hagfish fishing activity. Failure to submit logbook information may result in revocation of a participant's hagfish pot trial fishery permit.