

**Application for Fish Dealer License and  
Wholesale Fish Buyer Endorsement  
for the Year \_\_\_\_\_**

Department Use Only	
License Type	Date Received
Dealer Number	
Buyer Number	
Total Fee	

Make fees payable to Department of Fish & Wildlife

Fish Dealer License and Wholesale Fish Buyer Endorsement	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Fisher Dealer License</b> Does not include Wholesale Fish Buyer Endorsement	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Wholesale Fish Buyer Endorsement</b> May only buy for listed Fish Dealer
<b>Fish Dealer License (Bond not required)</b>	<b>Fish Buyer Endorsement (Bond required)</b>
Company Name/Owner Name	Last Name                      First Name                      Initial
Washington State Business License Number (Required)	Permanent Street Address
Permanent Street Address	Mailing Address
Mailing Address	City                      State                      Zip Code
City                      State                      Zip Code	Birthdate                      Sex                      Hair                      Eyes                      Weight                      Height
Phone Number	Permanent Phone Number
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Resident \$505</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Non-Resident \$890</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Resident \$350</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Non-Resident \$735</b>
<b>Contact Person</b>	
Last Name                      First Name                      Phone Number	Social Security Number (required)
I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the above information is true and correct. Providing false information may invalidate this license.	I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the above information is true and correct. Providing false information may invalidate this license.
	Buying Location (Where most of your purchased will be landed)
Signature of Fisher Dealer                      Date	Signature of Wholesale Fisher Buyer                      Date
Print Name	Print Name
License will expire December 31st of Issuance Year This is a public document. Be advised the information submitted may be shared with other government agencies and subject to public record requests.  <b>ALL APPLICATION FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE</b>	<b>Mailing address</b> Department of Fish & Wildlife Commercial Licensing PO BOX 43154 Olympia WA 98504 <a href="mailto:commercialsales@dfw.wa.gov">commercialsales@dfw.wa.gov</a>
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**RCW 77.65.280 Fish dealer license—Exemption—Fees.**

(1) A fish dealer license is required for a person in the state who:

(a) Takes possession of raw or frozen fish or shellfish, in whole or in parts, to prepare, repackage, process, or preserve. This includes, but is not limited to:

- (i) Canning or processing of fish or shellfish for payment, whether the fish or shellfish is commercially harvested or taken for personal use; and
  - (ii) The commercial manufacture or preparation of fertilizer, oil, meal, caviar, fish bait, or any other by-products from fish or shellfish;
- (b) Engages in the wholesale selling, buying, or brokering of raw or frozen fish or shellfish. Certain buyers may be additionally required to obtain a wholesale fish buyer endorsement as specified in RCW [77.65.340](#).

(2) A fish dealer license is not required for:

(a) Licensed commercial fish or shellfish harvesters who either sell only to licensed wholesale fish buyers or who possess a limited fish seller endorsement;

(b) Retail businesses that purchase exclusively from Washington licensed wholesale fish buyers or from limited fish sellers for sale to end consumers.

(3) A business engaged in any activity requiring a fish dealer license only needs to purchase one fish dealer license to cover the actions of all employees.

(4) The annual license fee for a resident fish dealer is four hundred dollars. The fee for a nonresident fish dealer license is seven hundred eighty-five dollars. The application fee for both resident and nonresident licenses is one hundred five dollars.

**RCW 77.65.320 Wholesale fish buyers/limited fish seller—Performance bond.**

(1) A wholesale fish buyer or limited fish seller must deposit with the department an acceptable performance bond on forms prescribed and furnished by the department before engaging in fish selling or buying activities. This performance bond shall be a corporate surety bond executed in favor of the department by a corporation authorized to do business in the state of Washington under chapter [48.28](#) RCW and approved by the department.

(a) For wholesale fish buyers, the bond shall be filed and maintained in an amount equal to two thousand dollars. For each additional buyer engaged by the wholesale business, the bond must be increased an additional one thousand dollars.

(b) For limited fish sellers, the bond shall be filed and maintained in an amount equal to one thousand dollars.

(c) The department may increase the bond amount for persons who have violated rules relating to the accounting of commercial harvest.

(2) The director may suspend and refuse to reissue a wholesale fish buyer endorsement of a person who has taken possession of fish or shellfish without an acceptable performance bond on deposit with the department.

(3) The director may suspend and refuse to reissue a limited fish seller endorsement to a commercial fisher who has sold fish or shellfish without an acceptable performance bond on deposit with the department.

(4) The bond shall be conditioned upon the compliance with the requirements of this chapter and rules of the department relating to the payment of fines for violations of rules for the accounting of the commercial harvest of fish or shellfish. In lieu of the surety bond required by this section, the wholesale fish buyer or limited fish seller may file with the department a cash deposit, negotiable securities acceptable to the department, or an assignment of a savings account or of a savings certificate in a Washington bank on an assignment form prescribed by the department.

(5) Liability under the bond may be released only upon written notification from the department. Notification shall be given upon acceptance by the department of a substitute bond or forty-five days after the expiration of the wholesale fish buyer or limited fish seller annual endorsement. In no event shall the liability of the surety exceed the amount of the surety bond required under this chapter.

**RCW 77.65.340 Wholesale fish buyer endorsement—Fees.**

(1) A wholesale fish buyer endorsement is required for a licensed fish dealer:

(a) To take first possession or ownership of fish or shellfish directly from a commercial fisher that is landed into the state of Washington;

(b) To take first possession or ownership of raw or frozen fish or shellfish in the state of Washington from interstate or foreign commerce; or

(c) To engage in the wholesale buying or selling of fish or shellfish harvested by Indian fishers lawfully exercising fishing rights reserved by federal statute, treaty, or executive order, and the dealer is also responsible for documenting the commercial harvest and sales according to the rules of the department.

(2) A business licensed as a fish dealer must purchase at least one wholesale fish buyer endorsement to engage in the activities in subsection (1) of this section, which allows the business to buy or sell on its premises and which allows one named employee to buy and sell off premises. A business must obtain an additional wholesale fish buyer endorsement for each additional employee who buys and sells fish or shellfish off premises.

(3) The annual fee for a resident wholesale fish buyer's endorsement for business operations with only one fish buyer is fifty dollars. The annual fee for a resident wholesale fish buyer's endorsement for business operations with two or more employees is two hundred forty-five dollars. The annual fee for a nonresident wholesale fish buyer's endorsement is six hundred thirty dollars. The application fee for both resident and nonresident endorsements is one hundred five dollars.