

# Quick Guide to Selling the Seafood You Caught in Mississippi Directly to Consumers or Restaurants

You will need different licenses and permits from different state agencies in Mississippi.  
You may also need a permit from your City or County government.

## 1 You Must Register as a Fresh Product Dealer

### Mississippi Department of Marine Resources

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR) permits/licenses the sale of marine fish. You must register with the Department as a Fresh Product Dealer. (Direct sale of freshwater fish is regulated by the Department of Agriculture and Commerce.)

### Trip Tickets

Once you have the Fresh Product Dealer license, you must submit trip tickets monthly to MDMR using the local drop boxes or electronically. Copies of the trip-ticket forms and how to complete them are available online: <https://dmr.ms.gov/trip-ticket>

### Fresh Product Dealer

You must provide this information (no official form exists):

- Name
- Address
- Phone number
- Copy of driver's license
- Copy of your boat registration (if you have one)
- Indicate whether you are selling fish you caught (or caught by somebody else)\*

Send to:

Mississippi Department of Marine Resources  
1141 Bayview Avenue  
Biloxi, MS 39530

At this time, only mail-in applications are accepted.

\* If you are selling fish you caught, there is no fee for the Fresh Product Dealer license. If you are selling fish caught by someone else, there is a fee of \$100. Include a check with the application.

## 2 You might need a permit from the Department of Health

### Mississippi State Department of Health

The Mississippi State Department of Health requires roadside seafood vendors, such as selling shrimp from a truck, to have a permit, [https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/\\_static/30,0,77,311.html](https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/30,0,77,311.html).

The first step is to contact the Mississippi State Department of Health: [food@msdh.ms.gov](mailto:food@msdh.ms.gov)

Selling directly from the boat does not appear to require a permit from the Mississippi State Department of Health.

The Mississippi State Department of Health does not allow selling seafood from a home.

## 3 You must pay taxes

### Mississippi Department of Revenue

You will owe taxes on the income from your fish sales. If you create a new business to make fish sales, you will need to register with the State, contact the Mississippi Department of Revenue: 601-923-7700, [support@msegov.com](mailto:support@msegov.com).

## 4 You might need permission from the City or County

### Check your County or City Government

You might need a business license, health inspection, or vendor approval (for a farmer's market, for example). Also, find out how to pay local taxes.

Hancock County: <https://www.hancockcounty.ms.gov>  
Harrison County: <http://co.harrison.ms.us>  
Jackson County: <https://www.co.jackson.ms.us>  
City of Biloxi: <https://biloxi.ms.us/departments/contact>  
City of Pascagoula: <https://cityofpascagoula.com>