



# Town of Barnstable

## Marine and Environmental Affairs Department

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### 2026 Commercial Shellfish Permit Lottery Application

#### Instructions:

Complete the entire application and submit to the Shellfish Constable at Marine and Environmental Affairs (MEA). Applications and fees can be mailed (please make checks payable to the Town of Barnstable) or via an online option by emailing your form to [MEA@barnstable.gov](mailto:MEA@barnstable.gov) and requesting a personal payment link.

Applicants must be domiciled in the Town of Barnstable.

**Applicant must submit the following by February 2, 2026 by 4:15 PM:**

1. Completed application (complete form online or print and send to MEA)
2. \$5.00 non-refundable deposit (online payment or send check to MEA payable to the Town of Barnstable)

**IF SELECTED Applicants will be required to submit the following:**

1. Proof of domicile
2. Copy of current valid Commonwealth of Massachusetts Commercial Shellfish Permit
3. Commercial Shellfish Permit fee (minus \$5.00 deposit)

Town of Barnstable Ordinance Chapter IV, Article II Non-Payment of Municipal Charges applies. Any party that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges for not less than a twelve (12) month period may be denied a permit.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last Name* *First Name* *Middle Initial*

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License or Massachusetts Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Number* *Street* *Village* *Zip Code*

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (if different)  
*PO Box or Street* *Village* *Zip Code*

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I affirm that the above information is true and correct and affix my signature hereto under the pains and penalties of perjury and agree by signing below to observe and comply with shellfish regulations of the Town of Barnstable.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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### 407-12:A2 Commercial Shellfishing License Procedure

(a) New commercial shellfishing permits may be issued at the rate of one new permit for every one non-renewed permit, or permit that is void as a result of other causes (i.e., forfeiture, death, etc).

(c) To become eligible for a new commercial permit you must apply, pursuant to these regulations, within January 1<sup>st</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup> and pay the non-refundable \$5 application fee. Upon the hand delivery of a completed legitimate application, and payment of the fee, the applicant's name will be entered into a lottery. On February 3, 2026, the applicant names will be drawn by lottery to determine the sequential chronological order that applicants acquire a permit. On February 3, 2026, the Natural Resources Office shall post on the bulletin board outside its building, on Phinney's Lane, a chronological list of applicants as determined by lottery eligible for a commercial permit as determined by vacancy.

(d) If an existing commercial permit becomes void and is not subject to inheritance, during the calendar year (January 1 through December 31) for which the permit was issued, the next eligible applicant as determined by the lottery will be notified, by mail, of the availability of a permit. The applicant shall have ten (10) days from the date of notification to pay the balance of the permit fee or the permit will be offered to the next eligible applicant as determined by the lottery. The applicant will be notified by Natural Resources when the new permit is available to be picked up. New permits shall be issued for a given commercial shellfishing permit year (April 1 through March 31). The applicant list shall be dissolved each year as of December 31<sup>st</sup>.

*Note: If any dates stated in regulation 407-12A fall on a Saturday, Sunday or Holiday recognized by the Town of Barnstable, the next Marine and Environmental Affairs Department business day shall apply.*