



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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Governor

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

William W. Walker, Ph.D., Executive Director

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Dear Commercial Fisherman and/or Seafood Dealer/Processor:

The Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources has approved and adopted into regulation (Title 22 Part 9) a trip ticket program. This will go into effect on and after January 1, 2012.

A Trip Ticket Program is a system to collect commercial landings and associated information by trip. To that end the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR) will provide: 1) Trip tickets, these must be originals, copies will not be accepted. Trip Tickets can also be submitted electronically for those with computers and internet access. 2) A Trip Ticket Procedures Manual with detailed instructions on how to fill out the trip tickets. The manual will also be available on the MDMR website at www.dmr.ms.gov. 3) Monthly Submission Forms. 4) Personnel will be on hand to answer any questions regarding how to or who should fill out and submit trip tickets.

Who must fill out trip tickets?

- A Dealer/Processor who purchases seafood other than shrimp from a commercial fisherman. Shrimp landings will continue to be collected by the MDMR or authorized port agent from shrimp dealer/processers. Trip tickets are not required on seafood trucked in from another state or seafood obtained from another Dealer/Processor.
- A Commercial fisherman who does not sell to a Dealer/Processor must report all seafood, including shrimp, to be sold on trip tickets to the MDMR. A commercial fisherman must be in possession of a Fresh Product Permit in order to sell seafood to anyone other than a Dealer/Processor. This permit is a no-cost permit that will be associated with the fisherman's harvest license. Please bring your harvest license to the MDMR between **January 3rd and January 31st, 2012** in order to obtain this permit.
- A monthly submission form must accompany trip tickets sent to the MDMR. This form includes the fisherman's harvest license number, the total number of trip tickets that are being submitted, and the time period. This form will be also be available on the MDMR website.

Trip tickets, instructions for electronic trip tickets, and trip ticket manuals will be issued at the MDMR from **January 3rd through January 31st, 2012**. Please begin submitting your monthly submission form along with trip tickets, if any, associated with it for February landings by **March 10th, 2012**. Personnel will be standing by Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to help you with any questions.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we work together to collect this important information to benefit fishermen and our marine resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Diaz", written over a white background.

Dale Diaz
Marine Director, Office of Marine Fisheries

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