

(A) LICENSE REQUIRED. - A PERSON MAY NOT CATCH OR ATTEMPT TO CATCH FINFISH IN THE TIDAL WATERS OF THE STATE BY THE USE OF ANY NET OR OTHER DEVICE EXCEPT HOOK AND LINE, DIP NET OPERATED BY HAND, SPEAR GUN, OR BOW AND ARROW PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE UNLESS HE POSSESSES A VALID COMMERCIAL NET FISHING LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) APPLICATION FORM AND INFORMATION. - A PERSON APPLIES FOR A COMMERCIAL LICENSE ON FORMS THE DEPARTMENT SUPPLIES AND ACCOMPANIED BY THE FEE SET BY LAW FOR THE NETS SOUGHT TO BE LICENSED. THE APPLICANT SHALL FURNISH INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT REQUIRES TO DETERMINE HIS ELIGIBILITY FOR A LICENSE, AND SHALL STATE THAT HE HAS BEEN A RESIDENT OF THE STATE FOR AT LEAST 12 MONTHS PRECEDING HIS APPLICATION, OR, IF HE IS A NONRESIDENT, THAT HE IS A LAWFUL OWNER OF LAND IN THE STATE. THE APPLICATION SHALL STATE THE EXACT LOCATION WHERE ANY POUND NET IS TO BE SET. THE APPLICATION ALSO SHALL CONTAIN A SWORN STATEMENT THAT IF THE APPLICANT EVER PREVIOUSLY HAD A LICENSE FOR NETS OR SEINES IN THE STATE, HE HAD COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE CONCERNING THE REMOVAL AND RENEWAL OF STAKES, PARTICULARLY §4-711 REQUIRING STAKES TO BE MAINTAINED IN GOOD CONDITION. FAILURE TO FURNISH THE REQUIRED INFORMATION OR MAKING A FALSE STATEMENT AS TO ANY MATERIAL FACT, CONSTITUTES SUFFICIENT GROUNDS TO DENY AN APPLICATION.

(C) LICENSE FEES. - THE FEE FOR COMMERCIAL LICENSE TO CATCH FISH IS:

(1) FYKE, HOOP NET, OR POT, EXCEPT EEL POTS. - 50 CENTS FOR EACH FYKE OR HOOP NET, PLUS 50 CENTS FOR EACH TEN YARDS OF LEAD OR HEDGING USED IN CONNECTION WITH IT AND \$1 FOR ANY NUMBER OF POTS. CATFISH POTS LICENSED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION MAY BE FISHED IN ANY OF THE TIDAL WATERS OF THE STATE WHERE COMMERCIAL FISHING IS NOT PROHIBITED.

(2) GILL NET. - \$5 FOR EACH 100 YARDS OR FRACTION THEREOF.

(3) POUND NET. - \$10 FOR EACH NET.

(4) HAUL SEINE. - \$3 FOR EACH 100 YARDS OR FRACTION THEREOF.

(5) HOOK-AND-LINE. - \$10 FOR EACH PERSON LICENSED.