

DURING ANY LICENSE YEAR IS NOT REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A LICENSE FOR HIMSELF OR ANY BOAT, VESSEL, OR VEHICLE HE USES.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Article 66C, section 705A. It is revised and divided into sections for greater clarity. The only other changes made are in style.

4-1017. OYSTER PACKERS' AND DEALERS' LICENSE.

(A) PACKERS' AND DEALERS' LICENSE REQUIRED. - A PERSON WHO HAS A FIXED PLACE OF BUSINESS BUYING OYSTERS AND EMPLOYING LABOR TO PREPARE THEM FOR MARKET FIRST SHALL OBTAIN A LICENSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT IN ORDER TO ENGAGE IN THE BUSINESS OF BUYING, SELLING, MARKETING, PACKING, OR CANNING OYSTERS. HE SHALL OBTAIN A SEPARATE LICENSE FOR EACH HOUSE HE OPERATES IN WHICH OYSTERS ARE SHUCKED OR OTHERWISE PREPARED FOR MARKET. EVERY PERSON WHEN HE APPLIES FOR THE LICENSE SHALL PAY A \$25 LICENSE FEE.

(B) DURATION OF LICENSE. - THE PACKERS AND DEALERS LICENSE IS VALID FROM SEPTEMBER 1 OF THE ISSUING YEAR TO AUGUST 31 OF THE SUCCEEDING YEAR, INCLUSIVE.

(C) POSSESSION OF OYSTERS. - A PERSON MAY NOT CATCH OR POSSESS OYSTERS BETWEEN APRIL 15 AND SEPTEMBER 1. HOWEVER, OYSTERS CAUGHT BY APRIL 15 MAY BE POSSESSED UNTIL APRIL 26. OYSTERS MAY BE CAUGHT BY DREDGE OR HAND-SCRAPE AT ANY TIME IN WORCESTER COUNTY AND MAY BE SHIPPED IN THE SHELL AT ANY TIME WITHIN OR FROM THAT COUNTY. IN COUNTIES WHERE OYSTERS MAY BE CAUGHT FROM LEASED AREAS AT ANY TIME PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBTITLE 11, A PERSON MAY POSSESS OYSTERS AT ANY TIME.

(D) DISPOSITION OF PACKERS' LICENSE FEES. - ANY MONEY RECEIVED FROM PACKERS' AND DEALERS' LICENSES SHALL BE PAID OVER TO THE COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY TO BE CREDITED TO THE FISHERIES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FUND.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsection (a) presently appears as Article 66C, section 705(a) of the Code. The present reference to firm or corporation is proposed for deletion in light of the definition of "person" set forth in proposed section 4-101(j). In