

115-17-6. Commercial mussel fishing license; mussel salvage permits; license or permit application and requirements, authority, reports, general provisions, and license or permit revocation.

(a) A commercial mussel fishing license shall be required for commercial mussel fishing purposes. If a mussel salvage order has been issued by the secretary through public notice or posting the area open to mussel salvage, a mussel salvage permit shall be required for mussel salvage purposes.

(b) Any person may apply to the secretary for a commercial mussel fishing license or a mussel salvage permit. The application shall be submitted on forms provided by the department, and each applicant shall provide the following information, except that no commercial license shall be issued on and after January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2022:

- (1) The name of the applicant;
- (2) the address and telephone number of the applicant;
- (3) the business locations and telephone numbers of the applicant;
- (4) the location for mussel storage and processing; and
- (5) other relevant information as required by the secretary.

(c) Each mussel fishing licensee shall maintain a current record of activity and shall submit quarterly reports to the department on forms provided by the department. The reports shall be submitted not later than 15 days following the end of the quarter for which the reports are prepared. A license shall not be renewed until all reports due have been received by the department. Each mussel salvage permittee shall maintain a current record of activity for the duration of the permit and shall submit a report to the department on forms provided by the department. The report shall be submitted not later than 15 days following the expiration of the permit.

(d) The records and reports shall include the following information:

- (1) The name of the licensee or permittee;
- (2) the address and telephone number of the licensee or permittee;
- (3) the license or permit number of the licensee or permittee;
- (4) the total weight or total shell weight of each mussel species harvested;
- (5) the total weight or total shell weight of each mussel species sold, including the following

information:

(A) A separate entry for each sale stating the total weight or total shell weight of each mussel species sold;

(B) the date of each sale;

(C) the name, address, and license number of the person to whom the mussels were sold; and

(D) the name of the state where harvested; and

(6) other relevant information as required by the secretary.

(e) Each commercial mussel fishing licensee or mussel salvage permittee shall sell mussels only to a person legally authorized to purchase mussels under subsection (f) of this regulation, or pursuant to K.A.R. 115-17-14.

(f) Any person may purchase mussels from a commercial mussel fishing licensee or mussel salvage permittee if the mussels are not purchased for use as fish bait, are not purchased for resale, are not purchased for other commercial use, and are not sold.

(g) In addition to other penalties prescribed by law, a commercial mussel fishing or mussel salvage application, license, or permit may be revoked or denied issuance by the secretary if any of the following conditions is met:

(1) The application is incomplete or contains false information.

(2) The licensee or permittee fails to meet license or permit requirements or violates license or permit conditions.

(3) The licensee or permittee violates any provision of law, ~~rules~~, or regulations related to the commercial use of mussels.

(h) Each commercial mussel fishing license shall expire on December 31 of the year for which the license was issued. Each mussel salvage permit shall expire on the date written on the salvage permit.

(i) Each commercial mussel fishing license shall permit the possession of mussels harvested for commercial purposes by that licensee for no more than 48 hours after the close of the mussel season. A mussel salvage permit shall permit the possession of mussels harvested for commercial purposes by that permittee for no more than 48 hours after the expiration date written on the salvage permit.

(j) A licensee or permittee may submit a written request to the secretary to possess mussels for commercial purposes beyond the possession period specified in subsection (i). Each request shall specify the number of each species of mussels possessed and the applicant's name, address, and commercial mussel fishing license or mussel salvage permit number. Authorization of possession beyond the possession period shall be issued in writing and shall include a date on which the authorization expires. Receipt of this authorization by the licensee or permittee shall allow the licensee's or permittee's sale of shells pursuant to subsection (e). Each mussel sale during the authorized time period shall be reported to the department within 48 hours of the sale by both the licensee or permittee and the purchaser. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 32-807 and K.S.A. 32-941; effective Jan. 1, 1991; amended June 8, 1992; amended Nov. 30, 1998; amended Nov. 22, 2002; amended April 18, 2003; amended July 20, 2012.)