

**Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
Commercial Smelt / Baitfish Wholesale Dealer Report Log**

Commercial smelt and baitfish wholesale dealers are required to report their fishing/catch information to the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. This information will allow IF&W to better manage smelt and baitfish resources throughout the State. All of the data submitted as part of the report is for scientific purposes only and will remain confidential and not a public record, except that the commissioner may disclose data released in a form that is statistical or general in nature. Dealers should report their information on the log forms provided with your license, and additional forms can be requested from the Department or photocopied as needed from the originals you received. Reports must be submitted to Merry Gallagher, 650 State Street, Bangor, Maine 04401 by **May 31st of each year**, and any person who fails to report **will be prohibited from obtaining a Smelt Wholesale or Baitfish Wholesale license next year.** Remember to file a report **even if you did not fish during the current season.**

Instructions for Smelt Wholesale and Baitfish Wholesale Report Log

- Dealers need to report their full name, license #, type of license, address, and telephone #. Also include the names of other licensed dealers/helpers covered by the same report. Do not include information of other dealers/helpers if they intend to file a separate report (see below).
- If dealers/helpers fishing together report separately, be sure to report only your individual portion of the total catch. For example, if a dealer with a single helper caught 8 quarts and the catch was split evenly then both would report only 4 quarts on their separate reports.
- If you hold both licenses (Smelt Wholesale and Baitfish Wholesale) fill out a separate report form for each license.
- Information is to be recorded for each day and/or water fished, in other words, data cannot be combined to include more than 1 day or multiple waters. If multiple waters are fished on the same date then a separate entry is required for each water.
- Be sure to record information on zero catch days, which still provides the Department with valuable information on fish abundance and catch rates.
- Data to be recorded includes:

Date – the month/day/year of each trip.

Water Name – the name of the water fished.

Town – Town name where the water fished is located.

County – County name where the water fished is located.

Gear Type – the type of gear used on the date and water recorded (i.e. drop-net, lift net, dip-net, hook and line, baitfish trap, bag net, or seine). Note: the Smelt Wholesale and Baitfish Wholesale licenses differ on the types of gear allowed.

Of Nets/Traps Fished – if applicable, record the number of nets/traps fished on the date and water recorded.

Quantity Harvested – the total number of smelt or baitfish harvested on the date and water specified. Columns are available to report the quantity in quarts, dozens, or the number of individual fish. If reporting by quarts please include an average or general size range of the fish caught.

Species Harvested – record all of the species harvested on the date and water specified.

Other Species Observed – record any observations about other species that were captured and released on the date and water specified (for example: “2 dozen sunfish released”)