

# Shellfish Operation Licensing & Biotoxin Fees



Shellfish operators must pay both an annual certification fee and an annual biotoxin fee.

## Annual Certification (License) Fee

Type of Operation	Fee
Harvester .....	\$ 263.00
Shellstock Shipper	
0 - 49 Acres .....	\$ 297.00
50 or greater acres .....	\$ 476.00
Scallop Shellstock Shipper .....	\$ 297.00
Shucker-Packer	
Plants with floor space less than 2000 sq ft .....	\$ 542.00
Plants with floor space 2000 - 5000 sq ft .....	\$ 656.00
Plants with floor space more than 5000 sq ft .....	\$ 1,210.00

For definitions of Harvester, Shellstock Shipper, and Shucker-Packer, see page 2.

## Annual Biotoxin Fee

Type of Operation	Number of Harvest Sites*	Fee
Harvester .....	2 or less.....	\$ 353.00
	3 or more.....	\$ 535.00
Shellstock Shipper – Wholesale Company.....		\$ 198.00
Shellstock Shipper (0 - 49 acres).....	2 or less.....	\$ 393.00
	3 or more.....	\$ 610.00
Shellstock Shipper (50 or greater acres) .....	N/A .....	\$ 961.00
Shucker-Packer (plants < 2000 sq ft) .....	2 or less.....	\$ 752.00
	3 or more.....	\$ 1,076.00
Shucker-Packer (plants 2000 - 5000 sq ft) .....	2 or less.....	\$ 882.00
	3 or more.....	\$ 1,297.00
Shucker-Packer (plants > 5000 sq ft) .....	N/A .....	\$ 2,412.00

\*Two or more contiguous parcels with a total acreage of one acre or less is considered one harvest site.

Companies that exclusively harvest subtidal geoduck from Department of Natural Resources tracts don't have to pay the annual biotoxin fee. Department of Natural Resources pays these fees for non-tribal harvesters.

*Note:* Companies harvesting geoduck may be required to submit samples for PSP testing. If this occurs, they must pay an additional PSP fee for geoduck testing. These geoduck fees are determined annually and assessed only to companies harvesting geoduck.

## **Types of Operations Defined**

**Harvester** shall mean a commercial shellfish operation with activities limited to harvesting shellstock, and shipping and selling it within Washington State to shellfish dealers (Shellstock Shipper and Shucker-Packer companies) licensed by the department. Harvesters do not shuck shellfish; repack shucked shellfish; repack shellstock; or store shellstock in any location other than the approved growing area where the shellstock was harvested.

**Shellstock Shipper** shall mean shippers growing, harvesting, buying or selling shellstock. Shellstock Shippers are not authorized to shuck shellfish or to repack shucked shellfish.

**Shucker-Packer** shall mean shippers who also shuck and pack shellfish. A Shucker-Packer may act as a shellstock dealer.

**Shellstock Shipper – Wholesale Only** shall mean dealers who perform no harvesting and have no certified harvest sites. These shellstock shippers are limited to only purchasing and reshipping shellfish.

*Note:* Shellstock Shippers and Shucker-Packers are also authorized to export shellstock out of the country. Call 360-236-3330 if you would like to purchase export certificates.

## **Payment Instructions**

Please submit all application forms and total fee payment (check, draft or money order made payable to the Department of Health) to the following address:

**Department of Health  
Accounts Receivable  
PO Box 1099  
Olympia, WA 98507-1099**

For people with disabilities, this document is available on request in other formats.  
To submit a request, please call 1-800-525-0127 (TDD/TTY call 711).