



**Office of Shellfish & Water Protection
Shellfish Operation Licensing & PSP Fees**

Shellfish Operators may be required to pay both an annual certification fee and an annual PSP fee.

Annual certification (license) fee:

<u>Type of Operation:</u> (see definitions and license effective dates, next page)	<u>Fee:</u>
Harvester	\$ 263.00
Shellstock Shipper	
0 - 49 Acres	\$ 297.00
50 or greater acres	\$ 476.00
Shucker-Packer	
Plants with floor space < 2000 sq ft	\$ 542.00
Plants with floor space 2000 - 5000 sq ft	\$ 656.00
Plants with floor space > 5000 sq ft	\$ 1,210.00

Annual PSP testing fee (does not apply to geoduck PSP testing)*:

<u>Type of Operation:</u>	<u>Number of Harvest Sites: ‡</u>	<u>Fee:</u>
Harvester.....	2 or less	\$ 173.00
	3 or more	\$ 259.00
Shellstock Shipper (0 - 49 acres).....	2 or less	\$ 195.00
	3 or more	\$ 292.00
Shellstock Shipper (50 or greater acres)	N/A.....	\$ 468.00
Shucker-Packer (plants < 2000 sq ft).....	2 or less	\$ 354.00
	3 or more	\$ 533.00
Shucker-Packer (plants 2000 - 5000 sq ft).....	2 or less	\$ 429.00
	3 or more	\$ 644.00
Shucker-Packer (plants > 5000 sq ft).....	N/A.....	\$ 1,189.00

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

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 - Companies that are exclusively wholesalers, i.e., perform no harvesting, are not subject to PSP fees (operations are limited to purchasing and selling).
 - Companies harvesting geoduck from private tidelands may be required to submit PSP samples. 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.
 - Companies that exclusively harvest subtidal geoduck from Department of Natural Resources tracts do not pay PSP fees (Department of Natural Resources pays these fees for non-tribal harvesters)

See next page for definitions and instructions

Type of operations is defined as follows:

- A. **“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.
- B. **“Shellstock Shipper”** shall mean shippers growing, harvesting, buying or selling shellstock. Shellstock Shippers are not authorized to shuck shellfish or to repack shucked shellfish.
- C. **“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.
- D. **“Shucker-Packer”** shall mean shippers who also shuck and pack shellfish. A Shucker-Packer may act as a shellstock dealer.

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

License effective dates:

All licenses are issued for a period of one year.

- “Harvester” licenses are effective April 1 through March 30.
- “Shellstock Shipper”, “Shellstock Shipper – Wholesale Only”, and “Shucker-Packer” licenses are effective July 1 through June 30.

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 98504-1099**