

#### **482.4 Commercial licenses and gear tags.**

1. A person shall not use or operate commercial gear unless at least one individual at the site where the commercial gear is being operated possesses an appropriate valid commercial license, or a designated operator's license. A license is valid from the date of issue to January 10 of the succeeding calendar year.
2. A commercial fisher may designate a person as a designated operator to lift and to fish with any licensed commercial fishing gear owned by the commercial fisher. A commercial fisher shall not have more than five designated operators. A designated operator's license shall be assigned to not more than three operators during a year and a designated operator's license shall be valid for use only by an operator who possesses the license and has signed the license. The signature of any preceding designated operator who possessed the license shall be crossed out. A designated operator shall not lift or fish any commercial fishing gear without possessing a designated operator's license which is signed by the operator. A designated operator's license which is not signed by the operator in possession of the license is forfeited to the state.
3. A boundary water annual sport trotline license permits the licensee to use a maximum of four trotlines with two hundred hooks in the aggregate. All boundary water sport trotlines shall be tagged with the name and address of the licensee on a metal tag affixed above the waterline.
4. Commercial fishers and turtle fishers shall purchase gear tags from the commission to be affixed to each piece of gear in use. Notwithstanding the fee rates for gear tags of subsection 7, the minimum fee for a gear tag is five dollars. All tags are valid for ten years from the date of issue. In addition to the gear tags, all gear shall be tagged with a metal tag showing the name and address of the licensee and whether the gear is fish or turtle gear.
5. All numbered fish gear tags are interchangeable among the different types of commercial fishing gear.
6. Annual license fees are as follows:
  - a. Commercial fishing, resident ..... \$ \$TH200.00
  - b. Commercial fishing, nonresident ..... \$ \$TH400.00
  - c. Designated operator, resident ..... \$ \$TH 50.00
  - d. Designated operator, nonresident ..... \$ \$TH100.00
  - e. Commercial turtle, resident ..... \$ \$TH 50.00
  - f. Commercial turtle, nonresident ..... \$ \$TH100.00
  - g. Commercial mussel fisher, resident ..... \$ \$TH100.00
  - h. Commercial mussel buyer, resident ..... \$1,000.00
  - i. Commercial mussel buyer, nonresident ..... \$5,000.00
  - j. Boundary water sport trotline, resident ..... \$ \$TH 10.00
  - k. Boundary water sport trotline, nonresident ..... \$ \$TH 20.00
  - l. Commercial mussel fisher, nonresident ..... \$2,500.00

- m.* Commercial mussel helper, resident ..... \$ \$TH 50.00
  - n.* Commercial mussel helper, nonresident ..... \$ \$TH200.00
7. Commercial fish gear tags are required on the following units of commercial fishing gear at the listed fee:
- a.* Seine, resident, one gear tag for each 100 feet or fraction thereof ..... \$ 1.00
  - b.* Seine, nonresident, one gear tag for each 100 feet or fraction thereof ..... \$ 2.00
  - c.* Trammel net, resident, one gear tag for each 100 feet or fraction thereof ..... \$ 1.00
  - d.* Trammel net, nonresident, one gear tag for each 100 feet or fraction thereof ..... \$ 2.00
  - e.* Gill net, resident, one gear tag for each 100 feet or fraction thereof ..... \$ 1.00
  - f.* Gill net, nonresident, one gear tag for each 100 feet or fraction thereof ..... \$ 2.00
  - g.* Entrapment nets, resident, one gear tag per net ..... \$ 1.00
  - h.* Entrapment nets, nonresident, one gear tag per net ..... \$ 2.00
  - i.* Commercial trotline, resident, one gear tag for each 50 hooks or less ..... \$ 1.00
  - j.* Commercial trotline, nonresident, one gear tag for each 50 hooks or less ..... \$ 2.00
8. Turtle trap gear tags are not interchangeable with other commercial gear. Turtle trap gear tag fees are as follows:
- a.* Commercial turtle trap, resident, one gear tag per trap ..... \$ 1.00
  - b.* Commercial turtle trap, nonresident, one gear tag per trap ..... \$ 2.00

86 Acts, ch 1141, § 4

C87, § 109B.4

89 Acts, ch 119, § 1; 89 Acts, ch 192, §1, 2; 91 Acts, ch 170, §2, 3

C93, § 482.4

**Footnotes**

For applicable scheduled fines, see §805.8B, subsection 3, paragraph m