

482.10 Commercial fishing licenses.

1. All persons who commercially take, attempt to take, possess, transport, sell, barter, trade, or buy commercial fish or their parts shall possess an appropriate, valid commercial fishing license. [This subsection](#) does not apply to an individual who buys commercial fish or their parts from a commercial fisher for personal consumption.

a. A commercial fisher license is required to operate commercial gear and to take, attempt to take, possess, process, transport, or sell any commercial fish, commercial turtles, or turtle eggs.

b. A commercial fish helper license is required to assist a commercial fisher or commercial roe harvester in operating commercial gear and in taking, attempting to take, possessing, or transporting commercial fish, roe species, roe, commercial turtles, or turtle eggs. A commercial fish helper is not permitted to buy, sell, barter, or trade commercial fish, roe species, roe, commercial turtles, or turtle eggs. A commercial fish helper license is not required for a person under sixteen years of age to assist a commercial fisher as provided in this paragraph “b”.

c. A commercial roe harvester license is required to harvest, possess, transport, or sell roe or roe species or their parts. A commercial roe harvester is not permitted to buy, barter, or trade roe or roe species unless in possession of a valid roe buyer license. A commercial roe harvester shall sell roe or roe species only to a commercial roe buyer licensed in this state.

d. A commercial roe buyer license is required to buy, barter, or trade roe or roe species for resale.

2. All intrastate and interstate shipments of commercial fish, turtles, turtle eggs, or roe or roe species, must be accompanied by a receipt which shows the name and address of the seller, date of sale, and the species, numbers, and pounds of the fish, roe species, roe, turtles, or turtle eggs being sold.

[86 Acts, ch 1141, §10](#)

C87, §109B.10

C93, §482.10

[2009 Acts, ch 144, §28](#); [2011 Acts, ch 34, §111](#)

Referred to in [§805.8B\(3\)\(d\)](#)

For applicable scheduled fine, see §805.8B, subsection 3, paragraph d