

**481A.142 Licensed aquaculture units — activities allowed.**

A holder of an aquaculture unit license may:

1. Possess, propagate, buy, sell, deal in, and transport the aquatic organisms produced from breeding stock legally acquired, including minnows.

2. Sell fish for stocking purposes within or outside the state. Fish which are nonindigenous to Iowa shall not be received or sold in the state unless the aquaculture unit has obtained an importation permit from the department. The department shall establish, by rule, requirements governing importation, and shall include a list of approved aquaculture species. Failure to comply with [this subsection](#) will result in loss of license and a violator is subject to the scheduled fine provided in [section 805.8B](#).

3. Hold, feed, and sell carp, buffalofish, and other fish legally taken by commercial fishers.

4. Harvest aquatic life on land under control of the aquaculture unit with commercial devices without obtaining any permits for the devices.

5. *a.* Sell bait, including minnows and frogs, propagated or raised within the licensed unit without having to obtain a bait dealer's license. However, aquaculture units wishing to take bait from areas other than their licensed units must also obtain a bait dealer's license.

*b.* A nonresident aquaculture unit licensee shall be limited to selling bait at wholesale unless the home state of the nonresident licensee allows residents of this state to sell bait at retail.

6. Take any gull, tern, or merganser within the bounds of the unit. An owner or operator of the licensed aquaculture unit, however, must first obtain a permit for this activity from the department or the United States fish and wildlife service. Each permittee shall file an annual report with the department which itemizes the birds taken during the period covered by the permit, and dispose of birds taken according to methods established by the department. The department shall not issue a subsequent permit to any person failing to file this report.

[92 Acts, ch 1216, §4](#); [2001 Acts, ch 137, §5](#); [2004 Acts, ch 1029, §1](#); [2012 Acts, ch 1118, §8](#)

Referred to in [§805.8B\(3\)\(d\)](#)

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