

**481A.144 Licensed bait dealers — requirements.**

1. A person shall not sell minnows, frogs, crayfish, or salamanders for fish bait without first obtaining a bait dealer's license from the department upon payment of the license fee. A licensee shall comply with all laws pertaining to taking, possessing, and selling of bait handled by the licensee. If convicted of violating a provision of [this chapter](#) or a rule adopted pursuant to [this chapter](#), a licensee shall forfeit the licensee's bait dealer license upon demand of the director.

2. When taking bait from lakes and streams, bait dealers shall take only the size of bait which they can use, and shall return all small minnows and frogs to the water immediately.

3. A minnow and bait box and a tank shall be open to inspection by the department at all times. A licensee shall have tanks and bait boxes of sufficient size and with proper aeration to keep the bait alive and prevent substantial loss.

4. A person shall not take or attempt to take minnows for commercial purposes from any waters of the state or shall not transport minnows without first obtaining a bait dealer's license. However, a person taking or transporting minnows for personal use is not required to have a bait dealer's license.

[92 Acts, ch 1216, §6; 93 Acts, ch 99, §2; 2012 Acts, ch 1118, §9](#)

Referred to in [§805.8B\(3\)\(k\)](#)

For applicable scheduled fines, see [§805.8B](#), subsection 3, paragraph k