

**OREGON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
DIVISION 006**

**Restricted Participation Systems**

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**Transferability of Permits**

Any transfer of a permit away from a vessel without the written consent of each person holding a security interest in such vessel is void. The following rules apply to transfer of limited entry fishery permits:

(1) Gillnet salmon - see ORS 508.793.

(2) Troll salmon - see ORS 508.822.

(3) Shrimp - see ORS 508.907.

(4) Scallop - see ORS 508.864.

(5) Roe-herring:

(a) A permit is transferable to:

(A) A replacement vessel of the permit holder; or, upon request of a permit holder, the Department may authorize transfer of a permit to a replacement vessel owned by an individual other than the permit holder. However, any transfer of a permit away from a vessel without the written consent of each person holding a security interest in such vessel is void;

(B) The purchaser of the vessel when the vessel is sold.

(6) Sea Urchin:

(a) Medical Transfers: If the number of permits is at 31 or more, the Department may authorize a permit to be transferred to a specified individual for up to 90 days upon petition by a permittee on the form provided by the Department. The Department's decision to allow a transfer shall be based on a finding that the current permit holder is unable to participate in the fishery due to injury or illness which prevents diving, based on medical evidence submitted by the permit holder and such other evidence the Department considers reliable. At the end of the transfer period, the transfer may be renewed by the Department to the original transferee or to a new transferee, provided that the permittee again submits medical evidence documenting that the injury or illness continues to prevent the permittee's return to diving. There is a two-year limit on the eligibility of each individual permit for medical transfer status, beginning with the start date of the first medical transfer of that permit on or after January 1, 1996, and ending two years from that date. When the total number of permits reaches 30 or less the Department shall not allow any permit transfers for any medical reason;

(b) If the Department, or the Board, after review of a denial by the Department, allows a transfer, the original permit holder shall give written notice to the Department of the name, address and telephone number of the transferee. The original permit holder may, at any time during the transfer period specified in subsection (6)(a), request the Department to transfer the permit back to the original permit holder. Such transfer requires 30 days' written notice to the Department. In any event, upon expiration of the transfer period specified in (6)(a), or upon cancellation of a transfer due to lack of medical evidence of continuing inability to dive, the permit shall revert automatically to the original permit holder, unless the transfer is renewed, as provided in subsection (6)(a) of this rule;

(c) The total landings of sea urchins by all transferees of a permit shall not exceed the greater of either of the following amounts:

(A) Up to 5,000 pounds per 90-day period, not to exceed 5,000 pounds annually; or

(B) Twenty-five percent of the amount landed by the original permit holder in the previous season's catch, for each 90-day period.

(d) Combination Permit Transfers: If the number of permits is at 31 or more, the Department may transfer permits from one person to another as follows:

(A) The individual receiving the transferred permit (the purchaser) obtains no more than three total permits, each of which is valid for the current year in which the permit is purchased, from existing permit holders;

(B) The Department combines the three permits into a single new permit issued to the purchaser; and  
(C) No transferred permit is valid for harvesting sea urchins until conditions (6)(d)(A) and (6)(d)(B) are met. Individual permits which are transferred may not be used individually and are not renewable. Once a permit has been transferred in accordance with (6)(d)(A) the individual to whom the permit has been transferred has up to 24 months from the date of transfer to combine it with two others to create a valid new permit.

(e) When the total number of permits reaches 30 or less, the Department shall approve the transfer of any permit to any purchaser of the permit, provided that not more than one sale or transfer of the permit occurs within that calendar year;

(f) Lottery-issued permit transfers: No permit issued to an individual through the lottery after 1998 may be transferred to another individual until a cumulative total of 20,000 pounds of sea urchins have been landed on commercial fish receiving tickets by the individual issued the permit through the lottery.

(7) Ocean Dungeness crab - see ORS 508.936 and:

(a) The vessel permit is transferable once in any 60-month period provided the vessel holding the permit has landed at least 500 pounds of ocean Dungeness crab in each of two crab fishing seasons in the last five crab seasons which includes landings made during any season open at the time of application. Crab fishing season means ocean Dungeness crab season. However, the Board may waive the landing requirement as well as the 60-month waiting period for transfers, if the Board finds that strict adherence to these requirements would create undue hardship to the individual seeking to transfer a permit. The board also may delegate to the Department its authority to waive these requirements in such specific instances as the Board sets forth in a letter of delegation to the Department;

(b) The vessel permit is transferable:

(A) To another vessel; or

(B) To the purchaser of the vessel when the vessel is sold.

(c) The vessel to which a permit is transferred, with the exception of vessels covered by (7)(e):

(A) Shall not be more than 10 feet longer than the vessel which held the permit on January 1, 2006, and

(B) Shall not be more than 99 feet in length.

(d) For the purpose of (7)(c)(A), the Commercial Fishery Permit Review Board may waive the boat length restriction if it finds that strict adherence would create undue hardship. For this purpose, undue hardship means significant adverse consequences caused by death, permanent disability injury or serious illness requiring extended care by a physician.

(e) Permits obtained as a result of qualifying under section (1)(e) of ORS 508.931 may only be transferred to vessels of a length of 26 feet or less;

(f) In the event a vessel is destroyed due to fire, capsizing, sinking or other event, the vessel owner has up to two years to transfer the ocean Dungeness crab fishery permit to a replacement vessel.

(8) Black rockfish / blue rockfish / nearshore fishery -- see ORS 508.957.

(9) Brine shrimp fishery: Permits are transferable.

(10) Bay clam dive fishery:

(a) ~~[The] Upon request of a~~ permittee ~~[may request] the Department [to] may transfer [to a replacement vessel that is owned by the same person that owns the vessel to which the permit was originally issued.]~~ a bay clam dive permit up to two times per calendar year.

(b) In the event of the death of a permit holder, the permit of the deceased may be issued to an immediate family member upon request, validated by the Department's receipt of a copy of the death certificate and the original permit.

(c) The Department may authorize a permit issued to an individual to be transferred to a specified individual for up to 90 days upon petition by the permittee on the form provided by the Department due to a medical condition.

(A) The Department's decision to allow a transfer shall be based on a finding that the current permit holder is unable to participate in the fishery due to injury or illness which prevents diving, based on medical evidence submitted by the permit holder, and such other evidence the Department considers reliable.

(B) At the end of the transfer period, the Department may reinstate the permit to the original permit holder or to a new transferee, provided that the original permit holder again submits medical evidence documenting that the injury or illness continues to prevent their return to diving.

(C) There is a two-year limit on the eligibility of each individual permit for medical transfer status, beginning with the start date of the first medical transfer of that permit on or after January 1, 2006, and ending two years from that date.

(D) If the Department, after review of a denial by the Commission, allows a transfer, the original permit holder shall give written notice to the Department of the name, address and telephone number of the transferee. The original permit holder may, at any time during the transfer period specified in subsection (10)(c), request the Department reinstate the permit back to their possession. Such transfer requires 30 days' written notice to the Department. In any event, upon expiration of the transfer period specified in (10)(c), or upon cancellation of a transfer due to lack of medical evidence of continuing inability to dive, the permit shall revert automatically to the original permit holder, unless the transfer is renewed, as provided in subsection (10)(c) of this rule.

(11) Sardine Fishery:

(a) Permits are transferable up to two times in one calendar year

(b) Applications to transfer a sardine fishery permit shall only be accepted to vessels, which in the judgment of the Department, are capable of operating the gear necessary to legally participate in the fishery. Vessels of a size or design incapable of harvesting sardines are not eligible for transfer.

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