



Nonprofit Corporation SAL Application
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Division of Marine Fisheries Management

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Complete all information that is applicable to your license request. If additional space is required other than what is provided on the form, you may provide additional attachments as long as they are clearly marked and identifiable. Documents submitted separately from an application form must be marked (or files named) with the applicant's name and affiliation. Applications will not be evaluated until all requested information, fees, and reporting documentation required by previously held licenses has been submitted.

A. GENERAL APPLICANT INFORMATION *(Please Print or Type)*

Applicant Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** *(mm/dd/year)* _____

Name of Corporation: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone Number *(include area code):* _____ **Fax:** _____

Alt. Phone Number: _____

Email Address*: _____

This application is for a(n): **New License** **Renewal** **Amendment To Existing License**

Previous Special Activity License Number: _____

Saltwater Products License Number(s): _____

Wholesale Dealer License Number(s): _____

Retail Dealer License Number(s): _____

Time period requested *(may not exceed 36 months):* _____

List all endorsements applicable to requested activity: _____

***To provide more timely exchange of information please check this box:**

I authorize the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to send me future correspondence regarding this application, including requests for additional information and final agency permitting actions by either e-mail or express delivery. Future agency actions will be provided henceforth by either e-mail or express delivery.

Have you ever been convicted or found guilty, of any criminal or non-criminal violation, regardless of adjudication, or plea entered, of any fisheries or wildlife violation (including a violation of Chapters 370, 372, 379, F.S.; Section 597.004, F.S.; Title 5L-3.004, F.A.C.; rules of the Commission (Title 68, F.A.C.); 50 CFR Parts 622, 635, 640, 648, 654, 660, or 679; similar laws or rules in another jurisdiction)?

YES

NO

If yes, please explain and list the type(s) of violation(s) cited and the county/state where the violation occurred:

Have you ever had a fisheries or wildlife related license or permit suspended or revoked? **YES** **NO**

If yes, please explain:

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Certification: I hereby swear and affirm by signature that the information submitted in this application and supporting documents is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false statement herein may subject me to criminal penalties. I further state that I will abide by all applicable State, Federal, and local laws. Any false statements or misrepresentations when applying for this license may result in felony charges and will result in revocation of this license.

B. ELIGIBILITY. To obtain a Nonprofit Corporation SAL a nonprofit corporation must meet the following criteria:

- 1. Meet the definition of a nonprofit corporation which is defined as “a corporation that is designated as non-profit pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 501(c)3 and has a current letter of determination of tax exempt status”.
- 2. The bylaws of the nonprofit corporation must provide for, and its activities must include, the harvest of marine organisms for purposes of research, education, and exhibition that further the knowledge of marine biology, marine life, and the marine environment.
- 3. The nonprofit corporation must hold the applicable wholesale and retail dealer licenses and hold the applicable commercial harvesting licenses, permits, or endorsements required for the fishery requested for harvest and sale pursuant to the SAL.

C. INELIGIBILITY.

- 1. A SAL will not be issued to a third party contractor.
- 2. A SAL will not be issued to a person and no person may conduct activities under a SAL if, during the 36-month period prior to the application or activity, that person has been charged with a violation of a rule in Titles 68A through E, F.A.C.; Chapters 370, 372 or 379, F.S.; or 50 CFR Parts 622, 635, 640, 648, 654, 660, or 679 unless that person has received a final disposition of acquittal or dismissal of such charged violation.

D. PROCESSING FEE. The processing fee for a Nonprofit Corporation SAL is \$25.00, and is non-refundable. Checks or money orders should be made payable to “FWC” and must be submitted at the same time as the application form. Purchase orders and credit cards cannot be accepted as payment. Payments submitted separate from an application form (because of electronic submission) must include the payment slip available on the last page of this application form.

E. SCOPE OF AUTHORITY. Special Activity Licenses do not authorize activities:

- 1. Outside of state waters (seaward of 3 nautical miles in the Atlantic Ocean and seaward of 9 nautical miles in the Gulf of Mexico).
- 2. Within a state park, unless a Research/Collecting Permit has been obtained from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks in addition to a SAL.
- 3. Within any federal park.
- 4. Within the following areas of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS): Western Sambo and Tortugas North Ecological Reserves; Cheeca Rocks, Eastern Dry Rocks, Hen and Chickens, Newfound Harbor Key, Rock Key, and Sand Key Sanctuary Preservation Areas (SPAs); or Eastern Sambo Research Only Area.
- 5. Within any Manatee Limited Entry Area (No Entry or Motorboat Prohibited Zones).
- 6. Involving the use of entangling gear within any Manatee Entangling Gear Zone.

F. AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL. List **legal name** and dates of birth for all personnel who are requested for authorization to conduct activities pursuant to this license in alphabetical order by last name. If more than 10 personnel are requested, please provide justification. All authorized personnel must meet the eligibility requirements in 68B-8.003, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

LEGAL NAME			Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
First	M.I.	Last	

If requesting more than 10 authorized personnel, please provide justification:

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G. THIRD PARTY CONTRACTORS. A third party contractor is an entity that is paid for services rendered to collect or transport marine organisms on behalf of a SAL holder, or paid to provide expertise as an agent or consultant for the collection or transport of marine organisms on behalf of a SAL holder. Salaried staff or faculty, non-salaried volunteers, students, interns, or visiting principle investigators who do not receive monetary compensation for their collection assistance are not third party contractors. A third party contractor may not serve as an agent for a SAL applicant during the application process.

In order for a third party contractor to conduct activities pursuant to a SAL, the following requirements must be met:

1. A third party contractor must be identified as such on the SAL application.
2. The SAL applicant must submit with the application a copy of the signed contractual agreement between the third party contractor and the applicant that outlines the services to be rendered. The agreement must denote payment for services rendered during the specific time period requested on the SAL application. Contractual agreements referencing payment schedules for individual marine organisms will not be accepted.

List **legal name**, date of birth, and company name for all third party contractors, and submit a copy of the contract for services with this application form. All third party contractors must meet the eligibility requirements in 68B-8.003, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

LEGAL NAME				
First	M.I.	Last	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Name of Company

H. LOCATION(S) OF ACTIVITIES. List all counties where requested activities will occur. If activities are to be conducted within any state park, specify the park name(s) below.

County	Include state park name (if applicable)

I. SPECIES TO BE PERMANENTLY RETAINED.

SPECIES SPECIFIC HARVEST: Do not group species together by genus, family, class, etc., and do not use metric units. Quantities should reflect the total number of each species to be retained each year.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Size at Collection (in)	Totally Qty. Per Year

If the requested species list is extensive, please include this as an addendum to the application form. If submitting this application electronically, MS Excel format is preferred.

J. GEAR SPECIFICATIONS. Measurements must be stated in standard units (i.e., inches, feet, etc.).**I. TRAPS** - All traps and buoys must be marked as specified in the SAL.

Trap Type	# of traps	Trap Dimensions			Throat or Entrance	
		Length (in)	Width (in)	Height (in)	Width (in)	Height (in)
Baitfish trap						
Sea bass trap						
Lobster trap						
Stone crab trap						
Blue crab trap						
Shrimp trap						
Fish trap^						
Other Traps^^ (list below)						

**Fish trap tending period: _____

Attach a statement of justification identified for Section J.I. if the tending period exceeds 12 hrs.

^Description of use for "other traps" including targeted species by trap type:

II. NETS - Nets must be tended at all times. Attach a statement of justification identified for Section J.II. if this requirement cannot be met.

Hand-held nets (Includes dip or landing net)

Plankton nets. Provide the number of nets to be used, dimensions of opening diameter and length, and mesh size for each:

Cast nets, up to 14' stretched length. Stretched length is defined as the distance from the horn at the center of the net with the net gathered and pulled taut, to the lead line.

Drop net: Diameter of opening: _____ (ft) Stretched mesh size: _____ (in)

RECTANGULAR NETS					
List Net Type Below	Net Material	Length (ft)	Net Depth (ft)	Stretched Mesh Size (in)	Soak Time
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					

III. LONGLINES. Longlines must be buoyed at both ends and marked and may not exceed a twelve-hour deployment period. Attach a statement of justification identified for Section H.III. if these requirements cannot be met, provide an alternate suggestion for marking and/or tending requirements.

Longline Type	Length	Number of Hooks	Hooks at intervals (ft)
Bottom longline			
Surface longline			

IV. TRAWLS. Trawls may not be used in hard bottom or grass bed areas and tow times are limited to 20 minutes or less. Please attach a statement of justification identified for Section J.IV if these requirements cannot be met

The perimeter of a trawl is the measurement around the mouth or entrance of the trawl measured as a continuous line from point to point along the line or frame forming the leading edge of the net. The **stretched length** of a trawl is the measurement between the head rope and the end of the bag (stretched, not relaxed) for all trawl types. All measurements are required to process any request for the use of this type of gear.

Trawl Type	Perimeter (ft)	Stretched Length (ft)	Stretched mesh size (in)	Beam width (ft)
Single Otter				
Double Otter (each)				
Skimmer				
Roller Frame				
Beam				

Trawls are required to have Turtle Excluder Devices (TEDs) installed. Exemption from state TED requirements may be granted under this license, but federal TED requirements still apply in state waters. We will contact you if it is determined that you will need to obtain a federal letter of TED exemption.

- i. State TED exemption requested? Yes^^ No
- ii. Trawl will be fished at the: Surface Bottom
- iii. Will the vessel towing the trawl have a mechanical retrieval device onboard? Yes No
- iv. *All otter trawls are required to have Bycatch Reduction Devices (BRDs) installed.*
BRD exemption requested? Yes^^ No
- v. *All trawls are prohibited for use in hard bottom or grass bed areas.*
Exemption requested to use trawl in grass bed areas? Yes^^ No

^^Attach statement of justification identified for Section J.IV.

V. OTHER GEAR (Please check):

Hook and Line	Spearing Equipment	Sediment Corer**	Hand Collection
Quinaldine	Bottom Grab**	Settlement Tiles or Plates**	
Tongs	Transect Lines**	Wood Borer**	Hammer/Chisel**

Dredge** (Provide type and specifications):

Other (provide type, specifications, description of gear use, and what species/size will be targeted):

**In waters of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS), the use of these gear types in addition to any type of gear that may alter the sea floor (cinder blocks, rods, etc.) must be permitted by the FKNMS and cannot be licensed for use only by the FWC.

K. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

A Nonprofit Corporation SAL holder must submit the following documentation during the 12th month, 24th month, and within 30 days of expiration of the SAL or during the renewal application process if the SAL is requested for renewal:

1. An activity report documenting the harvest of all specifically named marine organisms authorized for harvest pursuant to a Nonprofit Corporation SAL, and of all marine organisms not reported via the Marine Fisheries Trip Ticket (MFTT) system, by the marine organism's common name and scientific classification, amount harvested, and, if sold, the entity to whom sold.
2. Marine Fisheries Trip Tickets (through the MFTT system), except that a marine organism must not be reported via a trip ticket if one or more of the following apply:
 - a. The marine organism is specifically named in the Nonprofit Corporation SAL.
 - b. The marine organism has no species code in the MFTT system.
 - c. The marine organism is subject to a seasonal restriction on its commercial harvest and sale.
 - d. The commercial licensing requirements for the marine organism have not been met.

A SAL will not be issued or renewed unless all conditions of a prior SAL held by the applicant were met, and the reporting requirements for the prior SAL were properly and timely submitted.

L. NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS. All SAL holders must notify the nearest FWC Law Enforcement regional Communication Center not later than 24 hours prior to conducting activities under a SAL. Notification may consist of a float plan detailing locations, dates, and times of activities. Deviations from the float plan are permitted only after 24-hour advance notification to the nearest FWC Law Enforcement Regional Communication Center. Float plans are valid for the duration of the SAL unless rescinded by the SAL holder.

M. LICENSE COPIES. Please be aware that all authorized personnel or third party contractors must have a copy of the SAL signed by both FWC and the license holder (applicant) in his or her possession while conducting SAL authorized activities.

N. APPLICATION SUBMISSION. Applications may be submitted electronically to the Special Activity License Program (email to SAL@MyFWC.com), faxed to (850) 487-4847, or mailed to the following address:

FWC – Special Activity License Program
620 S. Meridian St., Mailbox 4B3
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600

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Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600

Please do not staple your payment to this page.

Applicant name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Check amount: \$ _____ Check number: _____

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