

Should you have any questions or wish to obtain a copy of the *Fish Inspection Act* or regulations please contact the Department at 729-3717 or visit: <http://www.assembly.nl.ca/legislation/sr/consolidation>

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processing **REGULATIONS**

Regulations

There are 4 sets of regulations under the *Fish Inspection Act*:

- Fish Inspection Administrative Regulations;
- In-Province Retail Fish Establishment Regulations;
- Fish Inspection Operations Regulations; and
- Fish Inspection Ticket Offences Regulations.

Did you Know?

- The *Fish Inspection Act* and regulations apply to fish and marine plants.
- Your current fish processing licence must be prominently displayed on your wall.
- You may only purchase the species of fish which are listed on your fish buyer's licence or your fish processing licence. Other species may be purchased under an agency agreement.
- An inspector may take, without charge, a minimum sample for inspection.
- An agency agreement must be in the form approved by the minister (to obtain a copy call 729-3736 or online at: <http://www.fishaq.gov.nl.ca/Processing>). A copy must be sent to the department; and the agent and principal shall keep a copy for inspection at the request of an inspector.
- The minimum processing requirements for all species are listed in the Schedule to the Fish Inspection Operations Regulations.
- You must comply with all reporting requirements as directed by the minister.
- All production records must be maintained for not less than 5 years.
- You may not process or market fish that is tainted, decomposed or unwholesome (TDU). Dead crab is considered to be TDU.
- You may not process dead shellfish, except shrimp and squid.



- Fish must be protected from physical damage, contamination and weather at all times.
- You may not smoke, spit, eat, chew gum or store food or other personal items where fish is handled.
- A person handling fish shall not wear jewelry, fingernail polish or other personal adornment.
- Dogs (or other pets) are not allowed where fish is handled.
- The minister may issue a stop work order where a person has not complied with a request to cease a violating activity.

Enforcement Measures

The range of enforcement measures are:

- Formal warnings;
- Tickets (\$100 - \$500);
- Administrative penalties; or
- In addition to these enforcement measures, a person may be charged for an offence and if found guilty may be fined:
 - **1st offence:** \$5,000 - \$20,000 (or imprisonment for 1 to 6 months or both)
 - **2nd offence:** \$20,000 - \$50,000 (or imprisonment for 2 to 6 months or both)
 - **3rd offence:** \$50,000 - \$100,000 (or imprisonment for 3 to 6 months or both)
- Also, any product detained or seized may be forfeited to the Crown.