

# Restricted Species Endorsement Application

## Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

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		Business Name						PHONE #	(   )   -
	A D D R E S S	Street Address or P.O. Box					City		
		State			Zip Code		Date of Birth	/   /	
SP #	SP -	Social Security #		-   -		FEID #	-		

**SPL** A Saltwater Products License (SPL) and a commercial vessel registration is required to harvest over the recreational bag limit or when harvesting more than 100 pounds or 2 fish per person per day (whichever is greater) for species that do not have an established bag limit. Certain gear may also require a SPL.  
Please check current regulations and any additional permit/license requirements of the Federal Permitting Office (727) 570-5326.

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1. **PRINT or TYPE all requested information.**
2. **Sign and date the application and indicate your occupation, if applicable. (e.g. Owner, Secretary, etc.)**
3. **Include all documentation required (see back) for RS endorsement.**
4. **Mail to the address shown at the top of this application.**

\* *The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) collects social security number (SSN) for the issuance of recreational and professional fishing or hunting licenses or permits to an individual in accordance with s. 379.352 F.S. and 42 USC 666 for the purposes of administration of the Title IV-D program for child support enforcement, use by the commission, and as otherwise provided by law.*

D E F I N I T I O N S	<b>Saltwater Product</b>		Any species of the saltwater fish, marine plant of echinoderm, except shells, and salted, cured, canned or smoked seafood.
	<b>Saltwater Fish</b>		Shall include all classes of Pisces, shellfish, sponges and crustacean indigenous to saltwater.
	<b>Species Designated As Restricted</b>		Required to exceed the recreational bag limit and/or to sell species designated as a Restricted Species. <b>Species currently designated Restricted:</b> African Pompano, Amberjack, Black Drum, Black (Striped) Mullet, Bluefish, Blue Crab, Clams (Brevard County only), Crawfish/Lobster, Cobia, Florida Pompano, Flounder, Grouper, Hogfish, King Mackerel, Permit, Red Porgy, Cobia, Sea Bass, Sheepshead, Shrimp, Snapper, Spanish Mackerel, Spotted Sea Trout, Stone Crab, Triggerfish, Tripletail, and Tropical Marine Fish and Plants including ornamental sponges. <b>Additional species may be designated as Restricted at any given time, as a result of Commission ruling.</b>
	I N D I V I D U A L	<b>Resident</b> (includes Resident Alien)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ A person who has continuously resided in the state of Florida for a period of one year preceding the application for license.</li> <li>✓ Resident Alien – A person who has continuously resided in the state of Florida for at least 1 year <b>and</b> can provide documentation of <i>permanent residency status from the Immigration and Naturalization Service.</i></li> </ul>
		<b>Non-Resident</b> (includes Non-Resident Alien)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ A person who <i>has not continuously</i> resided in the state of Florida for a period of one-year preceding the application for licenses.</li> <li>✓ Non-Resident Alien – A person who has not resided in the state of Florida for at least 1 year <b>and</b> can provide documentation of <i>permanent residency status from the Immigration and Naturalization Service.</i></li> </ul>
		<b>Alien</b>	A person who <i>does not</i> have documentation from the Immigration and Naturalization Service <i>showing permanent residency status</i> in the US.
	B U S I N E S S	<b>FEID</b>	In accordance with the provisions of Section 119.092, F.S., each state agency which registers or licenses corporations, partnerships, or other business entities shall include within its numbering system, the Federal Employer's Identification Number. If you have no employees, the Social Security Number of the applicant is requested.
		<b>Alien</b>	Foreign corporation; a corporation formed outside of the United States.
		<b>Non-Resident</b>	A corporation formed in a state other than Florida, even though authorized by the Department of State to do business in Florida.
		<b>Resident</b>	A corporation formed under Florida Statutes and carries active files with the Department of State.

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Under Penalty of Perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing document, understand the contents of this document and that the facts stated in it are true. I pledge myself to the faithful observance of all the laws and lawful regulations of this state regulating the conservation, dealing in, taking, selling, transporting and/or possession of fish, seafood and other saltwater products, and cooperation in the enforcement of all such laws to every reasonable extent.  
 Chapter 837.06, Florida Statutes provides that whoever knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his or her official duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or 775.083, Florida Statutes. When this application is received by a state agency, the information contained therein becomes public record subject to inspection under provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

**- Your application will not be processed without a signature -**  
**BOTH SIDES OF THIS APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED**

Signature of Applicant	Title (if applicable)/Occupation	Date of Application
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# Restricted Species (RS) Endorsement Application

*In order to receive an RS Endorsement, check one qualifying method below and submit proper qualifying documentation.*

QUALIFYING METHOD	<input type="checkbox"/> Existing RS Endorsement— Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> New RS Endorsement Application
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>PERSON OR FIRM</b> —\$5,000 in sales to a licensed Wholesale Dealer, under a valid Saltwater Products License, in any 12 consecutive months of the previous 36 months. See acceptable documents to send listed below.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>25% OF ANNUAL INCOME</b> in sales to a licensed Wholesale Dealer, under a valid Saltwater Products License. Sales must have occurred during the same 12-month period as covered in your tax return. See acceptable documents section below to support claim. A complete copy of your tax return for the qualifying year is also required (unless a CPA statement is used), in order to calculate the 25% requirement. If you file a joint return, provide all attachments necessary to separate your spouse's/dependent' income. Applicants must show sales of non-restricted species.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>FOR PROFIT CORPORATION</b> —Attach documentation to support \$5,000 in sales, under a valid Saltwater Products License held by the corporation, in one out of the last three years from one of the acceptable qualifying documentation methods listed below.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>CHARTER BOAT OPERATION</b> —If at least 50% of your annual income is derived from charter fishing, attach documentation to support claim, a complete copy of your Federal Income Tax Return <i>and</i> \$2,500 in sales for the same calendar year. You may choose one out of the last three years. Documentation must be from the areas listed below showing sales, directly under a Saltwater Products License to a licensed Wholesale Dealer.	
	<b>TYPE OF EXEMPTION:</b> Select A, B, C, D, E, F, or G from the exemptions section at the bottom of this page.	
	Pursuant to Section 379.361(2), F.S., the Commission is authorized to accept only documentation from the areas listed on this page; therefore, <u>no exceptions</u> can be made in this proof of the income requirement. In addition, the Commission does not have the discretionary authority to approve a request for this endorsement without the stated requirements being met or to accept documents other than those listed on this page as proof of sales.	

DOCUMENTATION	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Photocopies of Commission approved Trip Ticket Records</b> generated under a valid Saltwater Products License, documenting qualifying sales of saltwater products to a licensed wholesale dealer. If tickets do not total at least \$5,000, see 25% of annual income provision. Trip tickets should be embossed and submitted showing a dollar value to avoid delay in processing. <b>DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL TRIP TICKETS.</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Copies of sales records</b> from locations other than Florida documenting qualifying sales of saltwater products. A copy of the out of state license from the applicable state must also be submitted with the Restricted Species Application.
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>A complete copy of the applicable Federal Income Tax Return</b> , including <i>IRS Form 1099</i> attachments, verifying income earned from the sale of saltwater products. If you file a joint return, provide all attachments necessary to separate your spouse's/dependent's income. Applicants must show sales of fishing proceeds.
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>A crew share statement</b> verifying income earned from the sale of saltwater products. <i>Dates of harvest must be specified on statement and cannot exceed a 12-month period. (Month and year must be specified.)</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>A Certified Public Accountant's (CPA) notarized statement</b> attesting to qualifying source and amount of income. Sales must be under a valid SPL to a licensed Wholesale Dealer. The Wholesale Dealer name and license number must be specified, as well as, the sales per dealer and date of sales. <b>CPA must read this form prior to completing a statement.</b>

EXEMPTIONS	<b>A</b>	<b>Permanent age 62 or older</b> - A permanent Restricted Species endorsement shall be available to those persons age 62 and older who have qualified for such endorsement for at least 3 out of the last 5 years.
	<b>B</b>	<b>Active military duty</b> time shall be excluded from consideration of time necessary to qualify and shall not be counted against the applicant for purposes of qualifying.
	<b>C</b>	<b>Upon the sale of a used commercial fishing vessel</b> , owned by a person, firm or corporation possessing or eligible for a Restricted Species endorsement, the purchaser of such vessel shall be exempted from the qualifying income requirement. This exemption is for a period of one (1) year after purchase of the vessel. <u>Copy of original title showing purchase price must be submitted as qualifying documentation.</u>
	<b>D</b>	<b>Upon the death or permanent disablement of a person possessing a Restricted Species endorsement</b> , an immediate family member wishing to carry on the fishing operation shall be exempt from the qualifying income requirement for the purpose of obtaining a Restricted Species endorsement for a period of one (1) year after the death or disablement. A copy of birth certificate and proof of death or disablement are required.
	<b>E</b>	<b>Persons Age 62 Years or Older</b> - A Restricted Species endorsement may be issued on an <u>individual SPL</u> to a person age 62 or older who documents that at least \$2,500 is attributable to the sale of saltwater products.
	<b>F</b>	<b>Permanent/ Persons Age 70 Years or Older</b> – A permanent Restricted Species endorsement may also be issued on an <u>individual SPL</u> to a person age 70 or older who has held a Saltwater Products License for at least 3 of the 5 license years.
	<b>G</b>	<b>Disability exemptions for Florida Residents.</b> Any resident who is certified to be totally and permanently disabled by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor, or by any branch of the United States Armed Forces, or who holds a valid identification card issued by the Department of Veterans' Affairs pursuant to s. 295.17, upon proof of the same, or any resident certified to be totally disabled by the United States Social Security Administration, upon proof of the same, shall be exempted from the income requirements if he or she also has held a saltwater products license for at least 3 of the last 5 license years prior to the date of the disability. A Disability Award Notice issued by the United States Social Security Administration is not sufficient certification for a resident to obtain the income exemption unless the notice certifies that the resident is totally disabled. <u>This exemption may only be issued on an individual SPL.</u>

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