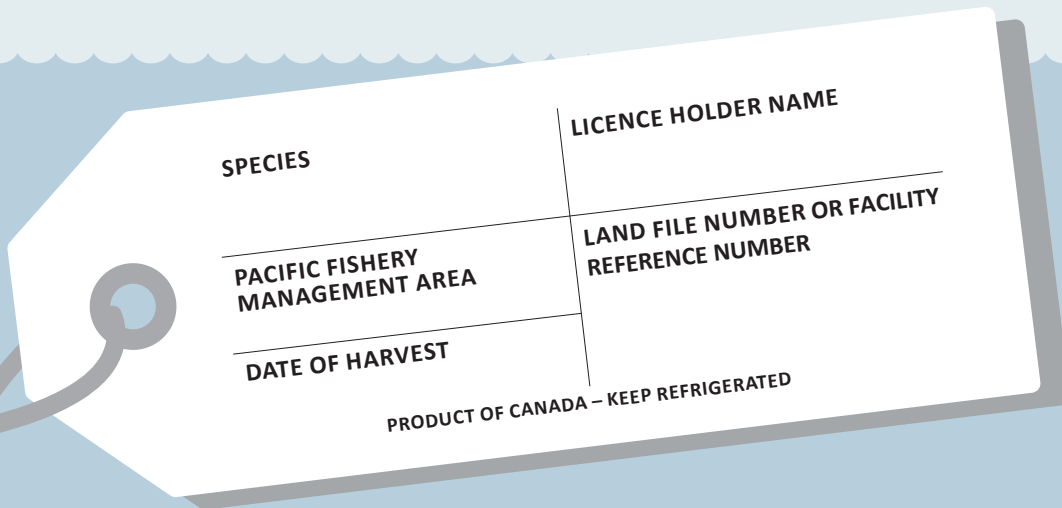


REQUIREMENTS FOR SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE TAGS IN BC

Shellfish harvest tags are required to identify and track shellfish from the harvest area through to the consumer. Along with product movement records and Annual Aquaculture Statistical Reports, harvest tags are a key component of a robust traceability system.



MUST BE AFFIXED
PRIOR
TO LEAVING LICENSED AREA



MUST BE
LEGIBLE & COMPLETE

MUST BE
WATERPROOF & IN WATER RESISTANT INK



FLAGGING TAPE  IS **NOT** AN ACCEPTABLE MEANS OF TAGGING

INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT IN SOURCING APPROPRIATE MATERIALS OR ACCESSING TAGGING TECHNOLOGY

Shellfish harvest tags help ensure that shellfish are harvested:

- 1 From an open and approved area (unless as licensed under the *Management of Contaminated Fisheries Regulations*) and
- 2 By a licensed harvester.

In the case of an illness outbreak, biotoxin closure, or a contamination event, tags are a principle mechanism to trace shellfish back to their source in order to:

- 1 Support public health and regulatory decisions (including closures) and
- 2 Support removal of product from distribution.

See over for conditions of licence

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DFO SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE CONDITION OF LICENCE

12. Harvesting and Handling

12.1 In respect of tagging containers of shellfish:

- a) Prior to leaving the licensed facility, all containers holding harvested shellfish that are destined for market sale shall be marked with a visible tag identifying the following:
 - i) licence holder name;
 - ii) species;
 - iii) Pacific Fishery Management Area;
 - iv) BC Land File number or DFO Facility Reference number; and
 - v) date of harvest.
- b) Tags shall be waterproof and all information on shall be written in water resistant ink and legible.
- c) The licence holder shall not use flagging tape as a tag, unless as part of a tagging plan that is authorized by DFO, as part of this licence.
- d) For the purpose of bulk tagging of shellfish destined for market sale, the licence holder shall not bulk tag harvested shellfish destined for market sale, unless as part of a tagging plan that is authorized by DFO, as part of this licence.