

RCW 77.65.280 Fish dealer license—Exemption—Fees. (1) A fish dealer license is required for a person in the state who:

(a) Takes possession of raw or frozen fish or shellfish, in whole or in parts, to prepare, repackage, process, or preserve. This includes, but is not limited to:

(i) Canning or processing of fish or shellfish for payment, whether the fish or shellfish is commercially harvested or taken for personal use; and

(ii) The commercial manufacture or preparation of fertilizer, oil, meal, caviar, fish bait, or any other by-products from fish or shellfish;

(b) Engages in the wholesale selling, buying, or brokering of raw or frozen fish or shellfish. Certain buyers may be additionally required to obtain a wholesale fish buyer endorsement as specified in RCW 77.65.340.

(2) A fish dealer license is not required for:

(a) Licensed commercial fish or shellfish harvesters who either sell only to licensed wholesale fish buyers or who possess a limited fish seller endorsement;

(b) Retail businesses that purchase exclusively from Washington licensed wholesale fish buyers or from limited fish sellers for sale to end consumers.

(3) A business engaged in any activity requiring a fish dealer license only needs to purchase one fish dealer license to cover the actions of all employees.

(4) The annual license fee for a resident fish dealer is four hundred dollars. The fee for a nonresident fish dealer license is seven hundred eighty-five dollars. The application fee for both resident and nonresident licenses is one hundred five dollars. [2018 c 235 s 8; 2017 3rd sp.s. c 8 s 29; 2014 c 48 s 27; 2013 c 23 s 244; 2011 c 339 s 25; 2002 c 301 s 5; 2000 c 107 s 48; 1993 sp.s. c 17 s 43; 1989 c 316 s 16. Prior: 1985 c 457 s 20; 1985 c 248 s 1; 1983 1st ex.s. c 46 s 132; 1979 c 66 s 1; 1965 ex.s. c 28 s 1; 1955 c 212 s 11; 1955 c 12 s 75.28.300; prior: 1951 c 271 s 28; 1949 c 112 s 72(1); Rem. Supp. 1949 s 5780-510(1). Formerly RCW 75.28.300.]

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