



RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES
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TAUTOG TAGGING INSTRUCTIONS

*Pursuant to provisions of the
Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Regulations -*

3.11.2.C. Commercial Tautog Tags:

1. No tautog shall be sold, purchased, bartered, or traded in RI unless a tautog tag issued by the Director has been affixed to the left opercula bone with the tag number displayed.
2. All tautog harvested and landed in RI must be tagged at the time of harvest, prior to offloading.
3. Eligibility: Tags shall be available only to RI commercially licensed fishermen authorized to harvest and/or land tautog.
4. No person shall transfer tautog tags between individuals or fish.
5. Tags are valid for one (1) calendar year.
6. All unused tags shall be returned to DMF by February 15 of the following year accompanied by the tag reporting form with the disposition of all tags (used, returned, broken, or lost) recorded. Failure to return tags and reports may result in the harvester's inability to participate in the commercial tautog fishery in the future.
7. No person shall reuse, counterfeit, alter, or modify any tautog tag, or possess, use, or attempt to use any counterfeit, altered or modified tags. Any person found in violation may be prohibited from participating in the commercial tautog fishery in the future.
8. Tautog must remain tagged until they reach the final consumer. Processed or fileted tautog shall be packed with the tag and available for inspection, with tags retained until all process or fileted tautog are sold.



Location of properly applied tag



Additional application are available for purchase from National Band and Tag (nationalband.com). Look for steel applicator Tautog Tag Applicator item 681S-MOD