

**VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION**  
**BLUE CRAB FISHERIES AGENT APPLICATION FORM:**

This application is intended for crab only, no other species. Please call 757-247-2203 for any other species.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

Name of crab licensee \_\_\_\_\_ VMRC ID \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person acting as Agent \_\_\_\_\_ VMRC ID (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Agent's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Agent's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Agent's Height \_\_\_\_\_ Agent's Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Agent's Hair Color \_\_\_\_\_ Agent's Eye Color \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the type of crab license to be used by the agent: (For example: Crab Pot -255 or less, dip net, scrape)

THE NOTARIZED SIGNATURES OF THE LICENSEE AND AGENT, BELOW, VERIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THIS FORM IS TRUE AND ACCURATE.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF CRAB LICENSEE

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF AGENT

State of Virginia City/County of _____, to wit: I, _____, a Notary Public, hereby certify that _____ whose name is subscribed above, has acknowledged the same before me in my State aforesaid. Given under my hand this _____ day of _____, 20____. _____ Notary Public Signature My commission expires: _____	State of Virginia City/County of _____, to wit: I, _____, a Notary Public, hereby certify that _____ whose name is subscribed above, has acknowledged the same before me in my State aforesaid. Given under my hand this _____ day of _____, 20____. _____ Notary Public Signature My commission expires: _____
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**VMRC STAFF VERIFICATION:**

The person listed as "Agent" above does not currently hold any crabbing licenses at this time and is not registered as an agent, for any other crab licensee. The crab license type to be used by the agent is not currently on the VMRC wait list.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Staff Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Application: \_\_\_\_\_Approved

\_\_\_\_\_Denied

\_\_\_\_\_  
Virginia Marine Resources Commissioner or Designee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

4 VAC 20-610-30 B, C, and D. Commercial Fisherman Registration License; exceptions and requirements of authorized agents.

B. Requirements of authorized agents.

1. No person whose Commercial Fisherman Registration License, fishing gear license, or fishing permit is currently revoked or rescinded by the Marine Resources Commission pursuant to §28.2-232 of the Code of Virginia is authorized to possess the Commercial Fisherman Registration License, fishing gear license, or fishing permit of any other registered commercial fisherman in order to serve as an agent for fishing the commercial fisherman's gear or selling the harvest.
2. No registered commercial fisherman shall use more than one person as an agent at any time.
3. Any person serving as an agent shall possess the Commercial Fisherman Registration License and gear license of the commercial fisherman while fishing.
4. When transporting or selling a registered commercial fisherman's harvest, the agent shall possess either the Commercial Fisherman Registration License of that commercial fisherman or a bill of lading indicating that fisherman's name, address, Commercial Fisherman Registration License number, date and amount of product to be sold.

C. Requirements of authorized blue crab fishery agents.

1. Any person licensed to harvest blue crabs commercially shall not be eligible to also serve as an agent.
2. Any person serving as an agent to harvest blue crabs for another licensed fisherman shall be limited to the use of only one registered commercial fisherman's crab license; however, an agent may fish multiple crab traps licensed and owned by the same person.
3. There shall be no more than one person, per vessel, serving as an agent for a commercial crab licensee.
4. Prior to using an agent in any crab fishery, the licensee shall submit a crab agent registration application to the Commission. Crab agent registration applications shall be approved by the Commissioner, or his designee, for a crab fishery licensee according to the following guidelines:

a. Only 125 agents may participate annually in the crab fishery, as described in subdivision 4 b of this subsection, unless the Commissioner, or his designee, approves a request for agent use because of a non-economic hardship circumstance and

b. 125 agents may be utilized by those crab fishery licensees who received approval for agent use in 2012 or who currently are licensed by a transferred crab fishery license from a licensee approved for agent use in 2012, except that should any of these licensees described in this subdivision fail to register for agent use by March 1 applications for agent use by other licensees shall be approved on a first-come, first-served basis, starting with those licensees who have registered prior to March 1.

D. Failure to abide by any of the provisions of this section, shall constitute a violation of this regulation.

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