LOUISIANA WILD SEAFOOD CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (LWSCP) OUTLINE & OVERVIEW

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LOUISIANA WILD SEAFOOD CERTIFICATION PROGRAM OVERVIEW

1) PURPOSE

The purpose of the Louisiana Wild Seafood Certification Program (LWSCP) is to develop a brand that guarantees labeled wild-caught seafood products are from Louisiana. This program shall establish rules and guidelines throughout the seafood supply chain that will ensure seafood products possessing the program label are from Louisiana. By creating an origin based brand, the State of Louisiana, through its various agencies, has the ability to ensure consumers that the LWSCP labeled seafood products were taken by a Louisiana licensed fisherman, landed in Louisiana, and processed by a Louisiana processor. This seafood certification program strives to increase consumer confidence, help commercial fishermen and processors to receive a premium price for their product, and ensure Louisiana's seafood industry is able to compete and endure in the constantly changing global market place. Our primary mission with this origin based certification program is to build a unified brand that will attract not only consumers but also food service and seafood distribution buyers who want to be sure they are sourcing the best tasting seafood in the world – **Louisiana seafood**.

2) BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF R.S. 56:578.15

In September of 2010, Louisiana Legislators passed Revised Statue 56:578.15 which authorized Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to establish a quality certification program for Louisiana wild seafood products which are taken, harvested, or landed in Louisiana. Specifically, R.S. 56:578.15 – *Louisiana Wild Seafood Certification Program* states:

a) "The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to establish a quality certification program for Louisiana wild fish, and for Louisiana wild seafood products, including wild-caught shrimp, which are taken, harvested, or landed in Louisiana."

b) "…standards may include but are not limited to harvest requirements, post-harvest refrigeration requirements, quality standards, handling practices, traceability, branding and branding registrations, recording requirements, compliance standards, and packaging regulations"

c) "Any fisherman or seafood dealer who wishes to participate in the Louisiana Wild Seafood Certification Program shall apply to the department to be issued a participation permit by the department."

d) "Any holder of such permit who harvests or markets Louisiana wild fish or wild seafood products in accordance with the requirements of the Louisiana Wild Seafood Certification Program shall be authorized to market said product under the auspices of the Louisiana Wild Seafood Certification Program."

3) Program Goals and Objectives

a) Create a voluntary program to enable the identification and differentiation, for customers and consumers, of seafood products produced in Louisiana.
b) Increase participant and consumer confidence by certifying that seafood products are wild-caught, taken from Louisiana or Gulf of Mexico waters, landed in Louisiana, and handled and processed by licensed Louisiana commercial fishermen, dealers, and processors.
c) Assure that LWSCP participants and products are compliant with all state and federal regulations and program requirements.
d) Provide a program for certified wild-caught Louisiana seafood products to be branded and marketed by Louisiana Seafood Promotion & Marketing Board towards improved sales and returns.
e) Create a recognizable Louisiana seafood brand that will attract buyers interested in buying domestic, wild-caught seafood.

4) Terms and Definitions

CFR – Code of Federal Regulations
Commingled – to cause to blend together, mix or combine; particularly as it applies to mixing non-certified seafood with LWSCP products
FDA – Food and Drug Administration
Foreign Imports- products taken or landed outside of the United States
GMP – Good Manufacturing Practices; policies and procedures to control sanitary practices and conditions and produce wholesome food products fit for human consumption in all food processing facilities, as required by the FDA current GMP regulation 21 CFR 110
HACCP – Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point; a program and approach to control food safety hazards, focusing on identifying specific hazards in fish and fishery products and controlling safety at specific and critical process steps. A HACCP program and plan is required of seafood processors by the FDA seafood HACCP regulation, 21 CFR 123
LAC – Louisiana Administrative Code
Landed – taken and brought ashore
LDAF – Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry
LDHH – Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals
LDWF – Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
LWSCP – Louisiana Wild Seafood Certification Program

Packaged – product that is contained in a closed and sealed package or container for sale which contains product labeling and designated weight, count, or volume

Processed – any method of preparing fish or fish products for market including drying to a point of dehydration, canning, salting, freezing, breading, or cooking for immediate consumption; but not simple packing of fresh fish in a sack, bag, package, crate, box, lug or vat for transport or holding

Origin Test – method of verifying product was taken from the Gulf of Mexico or Louisiana waters

R.S. – Revised Statute

Trip Ticket – aka commercial receipt form; a three-part form signed by both the commercial fisherman and the wholesale/retail seafood dealer attesting to the accuracy of what, when, where, how, and by whom commercial seafood was harvested, as well as to whom the seafood was sold.

5) Program Summary and Components

a) Participation in the LWSCP is completely voluntary. Although voluntary, continuing participation in good standing requires compliance with program rules and regulations.
b) This voluntary participation in the LWSCP is available to Louisiana licensed commercial fishermen, fresh product dealers, wholesale/retail seafood dealers and processors, retail seafood dealers, restaurants, and grocers. Out of state retail seafood dealers, restaurants, and grocers will also be able to participate if sourcing LWSCP labeled seafood from Louisiana program participants.
c) LWSCP participants (commercial fishermen, dealers, processors, retailers) are linked by the transfer and monitoring of seafood products, and the record keeping of this product control. This record keeping control is based on LDWF Trip Tickets and additional documentation already required by law.
d) Training in LWSCP rules and requirements is an eligibility condition for voluntary application, participation and certification in the program (commercial fishermen and retailers are exempt).
e) Enforcement of LWSCP rules and requirements will assure that any product sold under the program label will contain only Louisiana seafood products, and specifically forbids including imported products.
f) LWSCP participant and product eligibility requires compliance with all Louisiana state and US federal seafood harvesting and processing regulations. Enforcement of these LWSCP rules will be performed by LDWF, LDHH, and LDAF, based on their statutory responsibilities, to ensure compliance.

6) How to Participate

a) **Louisiana Commercial Fishermen** (*commercial fishing license and senior commercial license holders*)

   i. Automatically eligible to participate by possessing a valid LDWF issued Louisiana commercial fishing license – **No need to apply**
   ii. Land catch in Louisiana according to all rules and regulations
   iii. For product to enter the LWSCP, ensure that the wholesale/retail buyer is a program participant

b) **Fresh Products Dealers** (*fresh products license holders*)

   i. Application process:
      a. Complete online application and submit all necessary paperwork
      b. Complete online training video (which is accessible through Certified.LouisianaSeafood.com)
   ii. Receive LWSCP participation permit to use LWSCP label
   iii. Label all seafood that is destined for program inclusion as such (any container holding LWSCP seafood must be labeled), and ensure non-certified seafood is not commingled with LWSCP product
   iv. Records/invoices must differentiate program seafood from non-program seafood using the acronym "LWSCP"

c) **Louisiana Seafood Dealers and Processors** (*seafood wholesale/retail dealer license holders*)

   i. Application process:
      a. Complete online application and submit all necessary paperwork
      b. Complete online training video (which is accessible through Certified.LouisianaSeafood.com)
   ii. Receive LWSCP participation permit to use LWSCP label
   iii. For all seafood included in LWSCP, ensure the seafood is supplied by a Louisiana licensed commercial fishermen
   iv. Label all seafood that is destined for program inclusion as such (any container holding LWSCP seafood must be labeled), and ensure non-certified seafood is not commingled with LWSCP product
   v. Records/invoices must differentiate program seafood from non-program seafood using the acronym "LWSCP"
   vi. Products possessing the LWSCP logo packaged and distributed for retail sale must be registered with LDWF. Seafood products that are produced, packaged, and sold exclusively at the location of retail sale are exempt from the registration requirement.

d) **In-State and Out-of-State Retail Dealers, Grocers, and Restaurants** (*retail seafood dealer license holders and/or those not required to have LDWF license*)

i. Application process:
   a. Complete online application and submit all necessary paperwork
   b. Watch training video (It is recommended but not required for retailers)

ii. Receive LWSCP participation permit to use associated label and promotional/marketing materials

iii. For all seafood included in LWSCP, ensure the product is supplied by or originates from dealers and/or processors participating in program through LWSCP participant database

iv. Label all seafood that is destined for program inclusion as such and ensure non- certified seafood is not commingled with LWSCP product

v. Records/invoices must differentiate program seafood from non-program seafood using the acronym "LWSCP"

vi. Retailer dealers and restaurants selling and/or serving unpackaged seafood, prepared or unprepared, must meet supply chain verification requirements by providing invoices showing the purchase of LWSCP certified seafood from vendors who possess a valid LWSCP permit.

7) PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

a) **Commercial Fishermen**

i. Must possess a current Louisiana Resident or Non-Resident Commercial Fisherman's license, or a Senior Commercial license

ii. Must comply with state and federal harvest regulations (See section 9.a)

iii. Must comply with state and federal reporting and record-keeping requirements (See section 9.a)

b) **Fresh Products Dealers**

i. Must possess a current Louisiana Fresh Products license.

ii. Must complete online training video on program rules, regulations and basic quality control techniques

iii. Must apply for and receive authorization to participate in the LWSCP and use the associated label

iv. Must comply with state and federal harvest regulations (See section 9.b)

v. Must comply with state and federal reporting and record-keeping requirements (See section 9.b)

c) **Seafood Dealers and Processors**

i. Must possess a current Louisiana Resident or Non-Resident Wholesale/Retail Seafood Dealer's license

ii. If selling seafood from vehicle, must have wholesale/retail dealer vehicle license

iii. Participating Facility must be located in Louisiana

iv. Must complete online training video on program rules, regulations and basic quality control techniques
v. Must apply for and receive authorization to participate in the LWSCP and use the associated label
vi. Must comply with state and federal reporting requirements and be up to date on trip ticket reporting (See section 9.c)
vii. Must comply with state and federal regulations (See section 9.c)

d) **In-State Retail Seafood Dealers** *(includes restaurants selling raw consumable product)*
   i. Must possess a current Louisiana Resident or Non-Resident Retail Seafood Dealer's license when selling directly to the public
   ii. Must apply for and receive authorization to participate in the LWSCP and use the associated label
   iii. If requested, must provide proof of purchase from program participant
   iv. Must comply with state and federal regulations (See section 9.d)

e) **In-State Restaurants and Retail Grocers** – *(fully prepared product only)*
   i. Must apply for and receive authorization to participate in the LWSCP and use the associated label
   ii. If requested, must provide proof of purchase from program participant
   iii. Must comply with state and federal regulations (See section 9.e)

f) **Out-of-State Retail Dealer, Restaurants and Grocers:**
   i. Must apply for and receive authorization to participate in the LWSCP and use the associated label
   ii. If requested, must provide proof of purchase from program participant
   iii. Must comply with state of residence and federal regulations (See section 9.f)

8) Product Eligibility Requirements

a) Seafood must be wild-caught, taken from Louisiana waters or from the Gulf of Mexico and any other adjacent state waters
b) Eligible wild seafood includes crab, oysters, freshwater finfish, saltwater finfish, crawfish, shrimp (does not include farmed/aquaculture products)
c) Seafood must be taken by a Louisiana licensed commercial fishermen
d) Seafood must be landed in Louisiana and be transferred in one of the following manners:
   i. Sold to a Wholesale/Retail Seafood Dealer participating in the LWSCP
   ii. Sold directly to the public by a Fresh Products License holder participating in the LWSCP
e) Seafood must be processed and packaged in Louisiana by a packer/processor participating in the LWSCP

f) Packaged products possessing a certification label must only contain seafood meeting the above requirements and cannot be commingled with foreign imports or seafood that was landed, processed, or packaged, outside of Louisiana

g) LWSCP seafood purchased by a restaurant/retailer participating in the LWSCP must be obtained from another LWSCP participant, unless it is a pre-packaged product that was packaged by a LWSCP participant

h) Seafood or seafood products possessing the LWSCP logo that will be packaged and distributed for retail sale must be registered with LDWF. Seafood products that are produced, packaged, and sold exclusively at the location of retail sale are exempt from the registration requirement.

9) State and Federal Rules and Regulations

Rules and regulations that are applicable to the LWSCP eligibility requirements.

a) **Commercial Fisherman**

Must comply with state and federal reporting requirements and take regulations

i. License Requirements
   a. A commercial fisherman taking fish from state waters or possessing fish in the state must purchase and possess a commercial fisherman's license. (R.S. 56:303)
   b. A commercial fisherman must possess a valid commercial gear license and commercial vessel license where/when applicable (R.S. 56:305)
   c. A commercial fisherman harvesting in federal waters must have appropriate permits and licenses (50 CFR Part 622.4)

ii. Fishing Regulations
   a. Harvest of "fish"/seafood must follow rules and regulations regarding seasons, creel and size limits, gear restrictions, and other mechanisms to manage the fisheries (R.S. 56:57.2; 56:326; 56:332; 56:433.1; 56:495.1; 56:497; 56:498; 56:499; 56:501; etc.)
   b. Harvest in federal waters must comply with rules and regulations for applicable species (50 CFR Part 622)

iii. Purchases/Sales
   a. The holder of a commercial fisherman's license may transport and sell his own catch to any licensed Louisiana wholesale/retail seafood dealer located within the state of Louisiana. The holder of a commercial fisherman's license may transport and sell his own catch to a consumer only within the state and only when in possession of a fresh products license as provided in R.S. 56:303.1.1.
   b. However, if he purchases fish for resale or transports his catch out of the state of Louisiana, or if he sells fish to a retail seafood dealer, restaurant, or retail

grocer, he becomes a wholesale/retail seafood dealer and must obtain a wholesale/retail seafood dealer's license and is governed by the laws, rules, and regulations concerning wholesale/retail seafood dealers (R.S. 56.303.7 A)

c. Sales of fish harvested in federal waters and/or regulated under federal rules should adhere to federal policy (50 CFR Part 622.4)

iv. Records

a. Commercial fishermen shall maintain copies of trip tickets for three years and shall be open to inspection by the department (R.S. 56:306.5)

b. See also vi) "Time/Temperature Requirements for Oyster Harvest"

c. Participants in fisheries governed by federal regulations are required to keep records as dictated by 50 CFR Part 622.5

v. Reporting

a. Commercial fishermen selling seafood under a Fresh Product License should file monthly returns via trip ticket system in accordance with (R.S. 56:303.4; 56:306.6)

b. Participants in fisheries governed by federal regulations are required to follow reporting requirements as dictated by 50 CFR Part 622.5

vi. Time/Temperature Requirements for Oyster Harvest

a. All Louisiana licensed commercial fishermen who harvest oysters must also comply with time and temperature, tagging, and record keeping requirements. (Title 51:327; 51:329; 51:333)

b) **<u>Fresh Products Dealers</u>**

i. License Requirements

a. A validly licensed commercial fisherman must possess a fresh products license if selling catch directly to a consumer within the state (R.S. 56:303.1.1 A)

b. A commercial fisherman may purchase a secondary fresh products license which will allow the commercial fisherman to continue to fish while the spouse sells the catch (R.S. 56:303.1.1 E)

ii. Purchases/Sales

a. A commercial fisherman selling fish under the authority of a fresh product license shall record all information required on the trip ticket form, except that the fresh products license number shall be recorded in place of the wholesaler/retailer seafood dealer's license number. (R.S. 56:303.7 C)

iii. Records

a. Fresh Products Licensees shall keep and maintain in the English language:

(1) Records of the quantity and species of "fish"/seafood (fresh, frozen, processed or unprocessed) acquired;

(2) The date the "fish"/seafood was acquired and the full name and license number of the commercial fisherman, wholesale/retail dealer from whom the

"fish"/seafood was acquired;

(3) Records of the quantity and species of "fish"/seafood sold and the name and license number of the person to whom the "fish"/seafood was sold. (R.S. 306.5)

b. When sold to the consumer the records shall indicate the quantity, species and date, and shall state the "fish"/seafood was sold to the consumer. Records shall be maintained for three years and shall be available and open to inspection by LDWF

c. When creel limits apply to commercial species, records shall also indicate the number by head count of such species

iv. Reporting

a. The fresh products licensee shall maintain "trip ticket" records and file monthly returns to the department as specified in R.S. 56:306.6 for wholesale/retail seafood dealers

v. Certified Scale

a. Must have a scale certified annually by LDAF (RS 3:4608; RS 3:4622A.; LAC 7:XXXV.101; LAC 7:XXXV.129). All Fresh Products License holders that sell whole seafood directly to consumers must possess and use a scale that is certified as accurate by the LDAF to determine the amount of seafood product for each sale, if the whole seafood product is sold by weight. (RS 3:4608; RS 3:4622A.; LAC 7:XXXV.101; LAC 7:XXXV.129)

c) **<u>Seafood Dealers and Processors</u>**

Must comply with state and federal regulations

i. Must have a valid health permit (Title 51:9.311)

a. All seafood dealers and processors must have a valid health permit with the appropriate seafood establishment code from LDHH to operate in Louisiana and handle, process and package seafood. (Title 51:9.311)

ii. Must have appropriate HACCP plans (FDA seafood HACCP regulation, 21 CFR 123)

a. All seafood dealers and processors are required to have HACCP plans, appropriate to the species processed, and to be in compliance with FDA seafood HACCP requirements. (FDA seafood HACCP regulation, 21 CFR 123)

b. All seafood dealers and processors who handle and process oysters are required to have HACCP plans and to be in compliance with LDHH sanitary code requirements. (Title 51:101)

iii. Must meet basic sanitation requirements (FDA current GMP regulation 21 CFR 110; Title 51:9)

a. All seafood dealers and processors must handle and process seafood using good manufacturing and sanitary practices to produce wholesome seafood products for

sale to consumers. These sanitary practices must keep the food products free of filth, contamination and adulteration, and comply with federal and state sanitary regulations. (FDA current GMP regulation 21 CFR 110; Title 51:9)

iv. Must have a scale certified annually by LDAF (R.S. 3:4608; R.S. 3:4622A.; LAC 7:XXXV.101; LAC 7:XXXV.129)

   a. All seafood dealers and processors must possess and use scales that are certified as accurate by the LDAF to determine the amount of seafood product for each sale, if the whole seafood product is sold by weight. (R.S. 3:4608; R.S. 3:4622A.; LAC 7:XXXV.101; LAC 7:XXXV.129)

v. Must package products with an accurate net weight (R.S. 3:4613; R.S. 3:4615; R.S. 3:4616)

   a. All final packages of seafood products (i.e. sealed or closed boxes, bags) must have a net weight statement, with some exceptions for count. All seafood sold by weight must use net weight for sale. Net weight is the amount of actual product in the package, after removal of packaging and allowable packing material (glaze, ice, etc.) (R.S. 3:4613; R.S. 3:4615; R.S. 3:4616)

vi. Must meet packaged labeling (21 CFR 101; R.S. 3:4613; LAC 7:XXXV.105C.)

   a. All packaged seafood products must be marked with the appropriate required labeling, in addition to net weight. These requirements may differ for wholesale and retail packages. (21 CFR 101; R.S. 3:4613; LAC 7:XXXV.105C.)

vii. License Requirements

   a. Any individual person, firm, association, corporation, partnership or any legal entity recognized by law that buys or handles by any means whatsoever any species of "fish"/seafood whether fresh, frozen, processed or unprocessed in Louisiana for sale or resale, including bait species, whether on a commission basis or otherwise are required to purchase a Wholesale/Retail Dealer's license. (R.S. 56:306)
   b. A wholesale/retail seafood dealer is the only licensee who can legally purchase "fish" from a commercial fisherman and resell such fish.
   c. If selling seafood from vehicle, must possess wholesale/retail dealer vehicle license
   d. Any wholesale/retail seafood dealer who exports or attempts to export outside the state of Louisiana any crabs, soft shell crabs, boiled crabs, containerized crabmeat or containerized pasteurized crabmeat shall be required to purchase a Wholesale Out-of State Crab Shipping license in addition to his Wholesale/Retail Dealer's license. (R.S. 56:306.1 7(a))
   e. Dealers receiving federally regulated species and/or species harvested in federal waters must have appropriate permits and licenses (50 CFR Part 622.4)

viii. Purchase/Sales

a. Wholesale/Retail Seafood Dealers shall only purchase from a validly licensed commercial fisherman or another licensed wholesale/retail seafood dealer. (R.S. 56:306.4 A(1))
b. Purchase and sales of fish harvested in federal waters and/or regulated under federal rules should adhere to federal policy (50 CFR Part 622.4)

ix. Records

Wholesale/Retail Seafood Dealers shall keep and maintain in the English language:

a. Records of the quantity and species of "fish"/seafood (fresh, frozen, processed or unprocessed) acquired;
b. The date the "fish"/seafood was acquired and the full name and license number of the commercial fisherman, wholesale/retail dealer from whom the "fish"/seafood was acquired;
c. Records of the quantity and species of "fish"/seafood sold and the name and license number of the person to whom the "fish"/seafood was sold. (R.S. 56:306.5)
d. "Time/Temperature Requirements for Oysters" (See also section 9.c.xi)
e. Participants in fisheries governed by federal regulations are required to keep records as dictated by 50 CFR Part 622.5
f. Records / invoices must differentiate program seafood from non-program seafood using the acronym "LWSCP".

x. Reporting

a. Any wholesale/retail seafood dealer buying "fish" or seafood from anyone other than a licensed wholesale/retail seafood dealer and fresh products licensee shall complete trip tickets documenting each transaction. On or before the tenth of each month, the dealer shall submit all the previous month's trip tickets and a submission sheet. (R.S. 56:306.6)
b. Wholesale/retail seafood dealers purchasing oysters from persons harvesting oysters in Louisiana are responsible for and shall pay an Oyster Severance Tax on or before the tenth day of the month following the sale. (R.S. 56:446)
c. Wholesale/retail seafood dealers are required to pay an excise tax on all saltwater shrimp taken from state waters. (R.S. 56:506)
d. Wholesale/retail seafood dealers when selling or otherwise transferring shrimp shall specify on each invoice of sale or transfer required to be delivered to retail dealers, restaurants, and/or retail grocers the specific country of origin of the shrimp being sold or transferred. (Title 76:365)
e. All records for shrimp, which are harvested from Louisiana waters or which are landed in Louisiana from a harvesting vessel, shall indicate such shrimp are a "Product of Louisiana" or "Louisiana Shrimp" or "Louisiana (and shrimp species)" shall be recorded separately on all records. (Title 76:365)

f. No wholesale/retail seafood dealer shall possess, package, process, sell, barter, trade or exchange shrimp from a foreign country which is commingled with shrimp caught in the United States or which is represented to be a product of the United States. Violations of the provisions shall constitute a class four violation as defined in R.S. 56:34. (Title 76:365)

g. Participants in fisheries governed by federal regulations are required to follow reporting requirements as dictated by 50 CFR Part 622.5

xi. Time/Temperature Requirements for Oysters

a. All dealers/processors who handle oysters must also comply with time and temperature, tagging, and record keeping requirements. (Title 51:333)

xii. Shipping Requirements

a. All vehicles used for the commercial transportation of "fish"/seafood must be marked with the name and address of the company. Shipments containing "fish" shall be plainly marked; records, tags or certificates to show the names of the consignee, with an itemized statement of the number of pounds of "fish" or seafood and the names of each kind of species contained therein, must accompany all shipments of "fish"/seafood.

b. Operators and drivers of any form of commercial transport, except common carriers, who are in the act of loading, unloading, or transporting fish shall have in their possession at least one of the following licenses:

(1) A commercial fisherman's license.

(2) A wholesale/retail dealer's license.

(3) A transport license. (R.S. 56:307)

c. Vehicles transporting federally managed species should follow 50 CFR Part 622.5

d) **<u>In-State Retail Seafood Dealers</u>** (includes restaurants selling raw consumable product)

i. Must have a valid health permit (Title 51:23.5)

a. All retail seafood dealers and processors must have a valid health permit with the appropriate retail food establishment code from LDHH to operate in Louisiana. (Title 51:23.5)

ii. Must have a scale certified annually by LDAF if the seafood product is sold by weight (R.S. 3:4608; R.S. 3:4622A.; LAC 7:XXXV.101; LAC 7:XXXV.129)

iii. Must package products with an accurate net weight (R.S. 3:4613; R.S. 3:4615; R.S. 3:4616)

a. All final packages of seafood products (i.e. sealed or closed boxes, bags) must have a net weight statement, with some exceptions for count. All seafood sold by weight must use net weight for sale. Net weight is the amount of actual product in the package, after removal of packaging and allowable packing material (glaze, ice, etc.) (R.S. 3:4613; R.S. 3:4615; R.S. 3:4616)

iv. Must meet packaged labeling requirements (21 CFR 101; R.S. 3:4613; LAC 7:XXXV.105C.)

   a. All packaged seafood products must be marked with the appropriate required labeling, in addition to net weight. These requirements may differ for wholesale and retail packages. (21 CFR 101; R.S. 3:4613; LAC 7:XXXV.105C.)

v. License Requirements

   a. Any individual person, firm association, corporation, partnership or any legal entity recognized by law that only buys, acquires or handles by any means whatsoever any species of "fish"/seafood whether fresh, frozen, processed or unprocessed in Louisiana is required to purchase a Retail Seafood Dealer's license. (R.S. 56:306.1)
   b. Restaurants or grocers that sell raw "fish" such as oysters or sushi are required to obtain a Retail Seafood Dealer's license. (R.S. 56:306.4)
   c. Any retail dealer that exports or attempts to export outside the state of Louisiana any crabs, soft shell crabs, boiled crabs, containerized crabmeat or containerized pasteurized crabmeat shall be required to purchase a Wholesale Out-of-State Crab Shipping license in addition to his Retail Dealer's license. (R.S. 56:306.1 7(a))
   d. If retail dealers picks up seafood directly from wholesale/retail dealers and transport such "fish"/seafood to the place of business then Transport License is required. Transport license is required for operators and drivers of any form of commercial transport, except common carriers, who are in the act of loading, unloading, or transporting fish. (R.S. 56:307)

vi. Purchases/Sales

   a. Only purchase "fish"/seafood from a licensed Louisiana wholesale/retail seafood dealer. (R.S. 56:306.1)
   b. Only sells fish/seafood directly to the consumer for personal or household use. (R.S. 56:306.1)
   c. Not authorized to make wholesale transactions (sales intended to be resold) and not authorized to purchase fish from a commercial fisherman.
   d. No retail seafood dealer shall knowingly possess, package, process, sell, barter, exchange or attempt to sell, barter, trade or exchange shrimp which is represented to be a product of the United States or a product of Louisiana unless such shrimp is actually a product of the United States or a product of Louisiana. Violations of the provisions shall constitute a class four violation as defined in R.S. 56:34 (Title 76:365)
   e. No retail seafood dealer shall possess, package, process, sell, barter, exchange or attempt to sell, barter, trade or exchange shrimp from a foreign country which is commingled with shrimp caught in the United States or which is represented to be a product of the United States. Violations of the provisions shall constitute a class four violation as defined in R.S. 56:34 (Title 76:365)

vii. Records

Retail Dealers shall keep and maintain records in the English language:

a. Records of the quantity and species of "fish"/seafood (fresh, frozen, processed or unprocessed) acquired;

b. The date the "fish"/seafood was acquired and the full name and license number of the wholesale/retail dealer from whom the "fish"/seafood was acquired;

c. Records of the quantity and species of "fish"/seafood sold; when product sold to consumer, records shall indicate such.

d. Records shall be maintained for three years and shall be open to inspection by the department.

e. Records / invoices must differentiate program seafood from non-program seafood using the acronym "LWSCP".

f. In addition to the above requirements, retail dealers shall keep and maintain records in the English language: (Title 76:365)

g. Records shall specify the country of origin of shrimp acquired or purchased. Shrimp from different countries shall be recorded separately on all records.

h. Shrimp harvested or landed in Louisiana need to indicate shrimp as "Product of Louisiana" or "Louisiana (and shrimp species)".

i. Retail dealers selling unpackaged seafood must submit invoices from the previous three months showing LWSCP certified seafood purchases from vendors who possess a valid LWSCP permit at the time of initial application for products bearing the LWSCP logo. Invoices must be maintained and submitted for six months out of the last twelve months for each annual permit renewal.

j. Invoices will not be required to disclose pricing information. Pricing information contained on invoice may be redacted, so long as the remainder of the invoices is not altered.

k. Invoices will be used for verification purposes only and the only record to be maintained will be a digital image of the submitted invoice with the exception of the invoice date.

l. Exceptions to the invoice submission requirements may be considered for persons participating in a LDWF approved electronic traceability program or the LDWF Trip Ticket Program.

viii. Shipping Requirements

a. All vehicles used for the commercial transportation of "fish"/seafood must be marked with the name and address of the company. Shipments containing "fish" shall be plainly marked; records, tags or certificates to show the names of the consignee, with an itemized statement of the number of pounds of "fish" or seafood and the names of each kind of species contained therein, must accompany all shipments of "fish"/seafood. (R.S. 56:307.7)

e) **<u>In-State Restaurants and Retail Grocers</u>** (fully prepared product only)

i. If requested, must provide proof of purchase from program participant

ii. Must have a valid health permit (Title 51:23.5)

a. All restaurants and retail grocers in Louisiana must have a valid health permit with the appropriate retail food establishment code from LDHH to operate in Louisiana. (Title 51:23.5)

iii. Must have a scale certified annually by LDAF if the seafood product is sold by weight (R.S. 3:4608; R.S. 3:4622A.; LAC 7:XXXV.101; LAC 7:XXXV.129)

iv. Must package products with an accurate net weight where applicable (R.S. 3:4613; R.S. 3:4615; R.S. 3:4616)

v. License Requirements

a. If only purchase "fish"/seafood from a licensed Louisiana wholesale/retail dealer and sell such "fish"/seafood fully prepared by cooking for immediate consumption, no license is required. (R.S. 56:306.1)

b. If restaurant/retail grocer picks up seafood directly from wholesale/retail dealers and transport such "fish"/seafood to the place of business then Retail Seafood Dealer's License and Transport License is required. Transport license is required for operators and drivers of any form of commercial transport, except common carries, who are in the act of loading, unloading, or transporting fish. (R.S. 56:307)

vi. Purchases/Sales

a. Only purchase "fish"/seafood from a licensed Louisiana wholesale/retail seafood dealer. (R.S. 56:306.1)

b. Only sells fish/seafood directly to the consumer for personal or household use. (R.S. 56:306.1)

c. Not authorized to make wholesale transactions (sales intended to be resold) and not authorized to purchase fish from a commercial fisherman.

d. Shall not knowingly possess, package, process, sell, barter, exchange or attempt to sell, barter, trade or exchange shrimp which is represented to be a product of the United States or a product of Louisiana unless such shrimp is actually a product of the United States or a product of Louisiana. Violations of the provisions shall constitute a class four violation as defined in R.S. 56:34.(Title 76:365)

e. Shall not possess, package, process, sell, barter, exchange or attempt to sell, barter, trade or exchange shrimp from a foreign country which is commingled with shrimp caught in the United States or which is represented to be a product of the United States. Violations of the provisions shall constitute a class four violation as defined in R.S. 56:34. (Title 76:365)

vii. Records

a. Shall keep and maintain in the English language: (R.S. 56:306.5)

b. The date the "fish"/seafood was acquired and the full name and license number of

the wholesale/retail dealer from whom the "fish"/seafood was acquired

c. Records of the quantity and species of "fish"/seafood sold; when product sold to consumer, records shall indicate such.
d. Records shall be maintained for three years and shall be open to inspection by the department.
e. Records/invoices must differentiate program seafood from non-program seafood using the acronym "LWSCP".
f. In addition to the above requirements, shall keep and maintain in the English language: (Title 76:365)
g. Records shall specify the country of origin of shrimp acquired or purchased. Shrimp from different countries shall be recorded separately on all records.
h. Shrimp harvested or landed in Louisiana need to indicate shrimp as "Product of Louisiana" or "Louisiana (and shrimp species)".
i. Restaurants must submit invoices from the previous three months showing LWSCP certified seafood purchases from vendors who possess a valid LWSCP permit at the time of initial application for menu items bearing the LWSCP logo. Invoices must be maintained and submitted for six months out of the last twelve months for each annual permit renewal.
j. Invoices will not be required to disclose pricing information. Pricing information contained on invoices may be redacted, so long as the remainder of the invoices is not altered.
k. Invoices will be used for verification purposes only and the only record to be maintained will be a digital image of the submitted invoice with the exception of the invoice date.
l. Exceptions to the invoice submission requirements may be considered for persons participating in a LDWF approved electronic traceability program or the LDWF Trip Ticket Program.

viii. Shipping Requirements

a. All vehicles used for the commercial transportation of "fish"/seafood must be marked with the name and address of the company. Shipments containing "fish" shall be plainly marked; records, tags or certificates to show the names of the consignee, with an itemized statement of the number of pounds of "fish" or seafood and the names of each kind of species contained therein, must accompany all shipments of "fish"/seafood. (R.S. 307.7)

f) **<u>Out-of-State Retail Dealer, Restaurants and Grocers</u>**

i. Must be in compliance with state and federal regulations, specifically regarding:

a. Health permit and/or meeting basic sanitation requirements
b. License requirements for handling and/or sale of seafood, where applicable

c. Certified scale when seafood product sold by weight
d. Packaging products with an accurate net weight
e. Must be marked with the appropriate required labeling
f. Shipping requirements for transporting seafood, where applicable

ii. Provisions for out-of-state program participants that would otherwise be covered under Louisiana state law

a. Purchases/Sales of LWSCP seafood

(1) No retail seafood dealer shall knowingly possess, package, process, sell, barter, exchange or attempt to sell, barter, trade or exchange shrimp which is represented to be a product of the United States or a product of Louisiana unless such shrimp is actually a product of the United States or a product of Louisiana

(2) No retail seafood dealer shall possess, package, process, sell, barter, exchange or attempt to sell, barter, trade or exchange shrimp from a foreign country which is commingled with shrimp caught in the United States or which is represented to be a product of the United States

b. Records for LWSCP seafood

(1) Shall keep and maintain records in the English language

(2) The date the "fish"/seafood was acquired and the full name and license number of the wholesale/retail dealer from whom the "fish"/seafood was acquired

(3) Records of the quantity and species of "fish"/seafood sold; when product sold to consumer, records shall indicate such

(4) Records/invoices must differentiate program seafood from non-program seafood using the acronym "LWSCP".

(5) Records shall be maintained for three years and shall be open to inspection to ensure chain-of-custody for LWSCP product

(6) Records shall specify the country of origin of shrimp acquired or purchased; shrimp from different countries shall be recorded separately on all records

(7) Out-of-State retailers and restaurants selling and/or serving unpackaged seafood, prepared or not prepared, must submit invoices from the previous three months showing LWSCP certified seafood purchases from vendors who possess a valid LWSCP permit at the time of initial application for products and/or menu items bearing the LWSCP logo. Invoices must be maintained and submitted for six months out of the last twelve months for each annual permit renewal.

(8) Invoices will not be required to disclose pricing information. Pricing information contained on invoices may be redacted, so long as the remainder of the invoices is not altered.

(9) Invoices will be used for verification purposes only and the only record to be

maintained will be a digital image of the submitted invoice with the exception of the invoice date.

(10) Exceptions to the invoice submission requirements may be considered for persons participating in a LDWF approved electronic traceability program or the LDWF Trip Ticket Program.

10) PROGRAM TRAINING SUMMARY

Fresh products dealers and wholesale/retail dealers are required to complete an online training video as part of voluntary participation in the LWSCP. Please see the enclosed instructions titled "Training Video Instructions".

The primary goal of the training program is to provide information about the program rules and requirements. Additionally, the background, goals and potential benefits about the program will be explained. Further resources on processing regulations and requirements will also be provided.

Those participants holding a fresh products license and/or a wholesale/retail dealer license will be required to watch the training video and meet the completion criteria. Completion of the training will be logged electronically but we recommend you print a copy of the training certificate for your records. The training video can be accessed through Certified.LousianaSeafood.com.

11) APPLICATION SUBMISSION AND EVALUATION PROCESS

Applications for LWSCP permits and product registrations can be submitted online at https://lwscpadmin.wlf.louisiana.gov/. New users must create a new account to access the online application. Current LWCSP participants can access their information with a unique unlocking key. For more information or questions about setting up a new user account, completing an application, accessing current applications or for language assistance, please contact:

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF)
Phone: 225-765-3980
Toll Free: 855-262-1764
Email: OversightPrograms@wlf.la.gov

a) The following documentation should be submitted with the online application for a LWSCP permit:

i. **Fresh Products Dealers**
   a. Current Fresh Products License, driver's license, and current LDAF-issued license for all weighing and measuring devices used for seafood sales (if applicable)
ii. **Wholesale/Retail Dealers and Processors**
   a. Current Wholesale/Retail Seafood Dealer's License, driver's license (of person responsible for business operations), all current health permits issued by LDHH required for the sale of seafood, and current LDAF-issued license for all weighing and measuring devices used for seafood sales
iii. **In-State Retail Seafood Dealers**
   a. Copies of current Retail Seafood Dealer's License, driver's license (of person responsible for business operations), all current health permits issued by LDHH required for the sale of seafood, current LDAF-issued license for all weighing and measuring devices used for seafood sales, and invoices showing purchase of LWSCP certified seafood
iv. **In-State Restaurants and Retail Grocers**
   a. Copies of driver's license (of person responsible for business operations), all current health permits issued by LDHH required for the sale of seafood, current LDAF-issued license for all weighing and measuring devices used for seafood sales, and invoices showing purchase of LWSCP certified seafood
v. **Out of State Retail Dealer, Restaurants and Grocers**
   a. Copies of driver's license (of person responsible for business operations), all current health permits issued by state required for the sale of seafood, all current weighing and measuring device licenses issued by state used for seafood sales, and invoices showing purchase of LWSCP certified seafood

b) Multiple locations
   i. Only one application is allowed per individual LDWF license
   ii. If a dealer or processors own multiple locations, each location is required to submit an application
   iii. Each retail/restaurant location is required to submit a separate application
c) Marketing database
   i. Applicants have the option of allowing their names and contact information to be placed on the marketing database as stated on the application. This information will be crucial for the marketing and promotion of program participants
d) Participation database
   i. Applicant's contact information (name and address) provided on application can be accessed by all program participants to determine applicant's participation status in the program
e) All applications submitted will be reviewed for qualification. LDWF, LDAF and LDHH will check program participants for state and federal violations to determine

program eligibility, based on the violations and penalties section (see Section 14, page 22). If applicant is ineligible, applications will be held until minimum requirements are met by applicant.

f) In the event that additional information not submitted with the online application is required to prove eligibility, the applicant agrees to submit that information in a timely manner. If application is incomplete, it will be sent back for applicants to make appropriate corrections.
g) All applicants will receive a letter stating status of program eligibility (eligible, ineligible until minimum requirements are met, or ineligible/can't participate in program).
h) All qualifying applicants will receive a participation permit. Once an applicant is approved to participate in the program, image files for use of packages/labels can be accessed and download through the online application system.
i) Permits expire annually. Program participants can renew their permits to continue participation in the program beginning ninety (90) days before their permit expires.
    i. Permits are valid for one year, beginning on the day the permit is approved and expire three-hundred and sixty-five (365) days later.
    ii. Online applications for the LWSCP shall be accepted at any time of the year.

12) PRODUCT REGISTRATION

All seafood or seafood products that are packaged for retail sale that possess the LWSCP logo must be registered with LDWF.

a) Applications for product registration must be submitted by the person who owns the brand.
b) The following information must be provided in order to register a product with LDWF:
    i. The brand name of the product to be registered
    ii. The person who owns the brand name of the product being registered
    iii. The person who packages the product
    iv. The species or species group of the product being registered
    v. A photo or image of the package containing the product brand and name
    vi. Three months of invoices showing LWSCP certified seafood purchases specific to the product being registered. Invoices submitted directly by packagers listed in the product registration will be accepted if the packager possesses a valid LWSCP permit.
        a. Invoices submitted for product registration will not be required to disclose pricing information. Pricing information contained on invoices may be redacted, so long as the remainder of the invoices is not altered.
        b. Invoices will be used for verification purposes only and the only record to be maintained will be a digital image of the submitted invoice with the

exception of the invoice date.

c. Exceptions to the invoice submission requirement for product registration may be considered for persons participating in a LDWF approved electronic traceability program or the LDWF Trip Ticket Program.

d. Product registrations expire annual. Brand owners can renew their product registrations beginning ninety (90) days before their permit expires.

ii. Product registrations are valid for one year, beginning on the day the registration is approved and expire three-hundred and sixty-five (365) days later.

iii. Online applications for product registration shall be accepted at any time of the year.

13) LOGO USE GUIDELINES/BRAND STANDARDS

a) Logo use is restricted to Fresh Products dealers, wholesale/retail dealers, and retailers that have a valid LWSCP permit

b) The 'Certified Authentic Louisiana Wild Seafood' trademark (the "logo," shown below) shall only be used in accordance with the certification standards filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). The logo shall only be used by participants in the LWSCP who are in compliance with the program rules and regulations. Further, the logo shall only be used on or in connection with product which complies with the program rules and regulations. Product and associated paperwork/records bearing the logo, or with which the logo is used, must be made available for inspection upon request.

c) All uses of the logo must adhere to the specific guidelines filed with the USPTO.

d) Only the electronic logo files that are made available to LWSCP participants for download may be used to create the logo. Further, LWSCP participants must follow these additional guidelines:

i. The logo shall not be used on top of complex visuals or photography that bars

readability.

ii. The logo's proportions shall not be changed in any way and shall always remain 1.78 times as wide as it is tall.

iii. The minimum size of the logo on product packaging shall be 0.73 inches tall by 1.3 inches wide.

iv. No photocopy of the logo shall be used on any materials.

v. Labels using the logo shall have a clear or white background. Labels shall only be professionally printed with indelible ink on moisture-proof, cold-temperature adhesive material. Non -adhesive paper for labels shall not be used.

e) The following are allowable uses for this logo by program participants:

i. Printing of the logo directly on LWSCP product packaging

ii. Printing of the logo on adhesive labels to be attached to LWSCP product packaging

iii. Use on promotional materials featuring LWSCP product (e.g. table tents, recipe cards, point-of-sale signage, etc.), or their participation in the LWSCP program

iv. Use on restaurant menus to designate items using LWSCP product

v. Print and Television advertising promoting the participant's use of LWSCP product or their participation in the LWSCP program

vi. Fresh product displays in retail/grocery venues with 'ice picks' or other signage clearly identifying LWSCP product

vii. On-site signage such as banners and posters promoting LWSCP product availability

viii. Use on websites, mobile applications, and other digital mediums that promote the participant's use of LWSCP product or their participation in the LWSCP program

ix. Printing or distribution by packaging distributor of packaging material with the LWSCP logo, to any persons who are not in the program shall be deemed a violation of this section

f) When the LWSCP logo is used to represent product in a retail location or menu items in a restaurant location, each location must clearly identify which product or menu items are LWSCP products.

g) When the LWSCP logo is used for general marketing purposes and is not associated with a specifically names product, one of the following statements must appear immediately below the LWSCP logo:

i. "Ask us about our certified products", or

ii. "Ask us about our certified menu items"

iii. Alternative statements may be approved by LDWF on a case by case basis upon request.

h) The Secretary may authorize use of the logo in materials promoting the LWSCP.

14) MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT

a) Upon submission of permit application, LDWF shall validate the applicant's required licenses and permits.
b) Program applicable LDWF, LDHH, and LDAF violations shall be reported to LWSCP program monitors on a regular basis. Any convictions found shall be treated in a manner consistent with section 14 of this provision.
c) Product containing the LWSCP label, and all required records associated with such product, must be made available upon request of any LDWF, LDAF, or LDHH agent for inspection and sampling to ensure certification standards are being followed. Failure to comply shall result in removal of the product from the market (R.S. 56:578.15(B)) and shall be considered a record keeping violation as described in section 14 of this provision.
d) Product samples shall be taken to conduct DNA or protein based country of origin tests. Discovery of any foreign product shall be considered as commingling under section 14 of this provision and may result in fines and penalties notwithstanding those associated with LWSCP.

15) Violations and Penalties

a) Violations of any LWSCP program rule shall constitute a class 1 violation under the authority of R.S. 56:23 and LAC 76:1 Chapter 7. The official rules can be found in Chapter 7 of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries rule and regulations. The provisions of this Section do not exempt any person from other laws, rules, regulation, and license requirements for this or other jurisdictions.
b) If any required licenses or permits (LDWF, LDAF, LDHH) are revoked or temporarily suspended, the participant shall be automatically removed from the LWSCP and shall not be able to use the LWSCP logo. When the license(s) or permit(s) are reinstated, participant can be reinstated into the LWSCP via the renewal application process.
c) The following program violations involving LWSCP labeled seafood product shall result in its seizure: commingling non-certified seafood with certified seafood, intentional misrepresentation of program seafood, any trademark infringement practices with LWSCP trademark and trade name, fraudulent trip tickets and/or record keeping, and short weight violations. Any seizures or forfeitures of LWSCP labeled seafood product or materials shall be disposed of in accordance with LAC 76:I(B).305.
d) LDWF shall not issue a permit or register a product to any person convicted of the following offenses (see next page) for the specified length of time from date of conviction:

Offense	Ineligible Period
Commingling non-certified seafood into certified program packaging	36 months
Misrepresentation of program seafood	36 months
Any trademark infringement practices with LWSCP trademark and trade name	36 months
Falsification of trip tickets or other sales records, invoices, or bills of lading required by the program	36 months
Submission of fraudulent LWSCP application	36 months
Short weights	First offense 12 months; second offense 36 months
Scale tampering	First offense 12 months; second offense 36 months
Not adhering to labeling guidelines	First offense 12 months; second offense 36 months

Louisiana Wild Seafood Certification Program (LWSCP)

Training Video Instructions

The purpose of these instructions is to enable you to complete the LWSCP Training Video as efficiently as possible. **Please note that if the training video is not watched in its entirety, or if any questions remained unanswered, the completion criteria will not be met and your LWSCP application may be delayed until you complete the training.** We recommend that you fill out your application prior to beginning the training video and that you wait to mail it until the training is completed. Information entered on your application will be required during the training.

1. You may complete this training using any computer or smart mobile device. If you wish to use a mobile device you must first install the free Brainshark application available through the App Store or Android Market, pictured on the right.

2. To begin the training video, go to **Certified.LouisianaSeafood.com** and click on the "Online Training" link, or you can scan the QR code, to the right, by using any mobile device equipped with a QR code scanner application.

3. If using a mobile device, you must click the link "Launch in Brainshark App" that will appear below the presentation.

4. Enter the required details into the Guestbook that appears. The First and Last name should be that of the person completing the training. The Applicant/Business Name, Permit Type, and LDWF/State License Number entered into the Guestbook should be identical to those submitted on your LWSCP application. Entering an email address will allow your completion certificate to be emailed to you. Click 'Submit' in order to start the training video.

5. If you are submitting multiple applications, **each business location applying for a permit should have someone on staff that has completed the training.** If you are unsure if a separate training is required for each application, you may use the "contact us" link on the above mentioned website or contact South Central Planning and Development Commission (SCPDC) at 1-800-630-3791.

6. The training video is divided into 4 sections, and you must answer a series of questions at the end of each section. The video is approximately 40 minutes long, so please allow at least 1 hour to watch the full video and to answer all questions.

   Warning: Once you have started the video, if you need to stop and exit the presentation for any reason, the information previously entered may be lost.

7. **Once you have listened to the full training video and have answered all questions correctly, you will be able to receive your Certificate**. When you have reached this point, please disable the pop-up blocker (usually found under the "tools" menu) in your internet browser, and completely close the window in which the presentation is playing. Then, a separate window will open, allowing you to download your Certificate. LDWF will receive an internal confirmation that you have completed the training video, but we also recommend that you print or save a copy of the Certificate for your own records. If you entered an email address into the address book your certificate will be emailed to you as well.

Louisiana Wild Seafood Certification Program
Resource List

Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries
Phone: (225) 765-2800
www.wlf.louisiana.gov

Louisiana Commercial Fishing Regulations
www.wlf.louisiana.gov/regulations
Louisiana Trip Tickets
www.wlf.louisiana.gov/licenses/trip-tickets
Louisiana Commercial Fishing Licenses
www.wlf.louisiana.gov/licenses/fishing/commercial/

Louisiana Department of Agriculture
Agro-Consumer Services
Phone: (225) 922-1341
www.ldaf.state.la.us/portal/

Weights and Measures – scales
www.ldaf.state.la.us/portal/Offices/AgroConsumerServices/WeightsMeasures/tabid/123/Default.aspx

Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals
Sanitarian Services
Commercial Seafood Program Administrator
Phone: (225) 342-7641
http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/444

FDA
U.S. Food and Drug Administration/Food Facility Registration
5100 Paint Branch Parkway, HFS-681
College Park, MD 20993
Phone: (800) 316-7331
Fax: (301)436-2804
www.access.fda.gov/oaa/

South Central Planning and Development Commission (Language Assistance)
Wildlife and Fisheries Program
Phone: (985) 851-2900
www.scpdc.org

Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board
1051 North 3rd Street, 3rd Floor
Baton Rouge, LA 70802
Phone: (225) 342-0552
www.louisianaseafood.com/

LSU AgCenter
Seafood HACCP

Louisiana Sea Grant
www.laseagrant.org

United States Coast Guard
Eighth Coast Guard District
Phone: (504) 671-2020
After Hours: (504) 319-2229
www.uscg.mil/d8/default.asp

Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council
Phone: (888) 833-1844
www.gulfcouncil.org

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
NOAA Fisheries
Southeast Regional Office
Phone: (727) 824-5301
http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/

Louisiana Department of Revenue
Phone: (225) 219-7356
http://rev.louisiana.gov/

Louisiana Secretary of State Commercial Division
Phone: (225) 925-4704
Email: fss@sos.louisiana.gov
www.sos.la.gov/BusinessServices/