

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Division of Shellfish Sanitation Staff

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SUBJECT: Shellfish Plants - Policy - Wet Storage Permits

Replaces Working Memo #252

PURPOSE: To define conditions where Wet Storage Permits will and will not be issued.

POLICY: It is critical that the Division be aware of all dealers who wet store on the bottom or in floats and where they carry out the practice.

1. CERTIFIED DEALERS - The following are situations where a Wet Storage Permit is to be issued to Certified Dealers:
 - A. Aquaculturists who grow shellfish in an onshore facility or in nets, bottom cages or floats in an approved area and who intend to sell their product. See WM #227, Aquaculture Operations.
 - B. Cage relayers
 - C. Certified dealers who store market- or near market-sized product in nets, bottom cages or floats in an approved area.
2. UNCERTIFIED OPERATIONS - Wet Storage Permits shall not be issued to uncertified persons or operations because the Division's regulatory control, within the context of a wet storage permit, applies to the certified dealer.

DISCUSSION: In the case of first time permits, follow the procedure in WM #228, Shellfish Wet Storage Application and Permit Procedures.

Dealers having existing wet storage permits may renew them without resubmitting an application. When conducting precertification inspections, the shellfish specialist should ask the dealers if they have wet storage permits that they wish to renew. If so, the plant information sheet should be marked "Y" under WET STORAGE: (Y/N), and the identification number(s) of the permit(s) should be listed to the right. Each wet storage location will be reevaluated, and the dealer will receive the new permit with his certification provided the evaluation is satisfactory. If the evaluation reveals that an area is not suitable for wet storage, the dealer and the shellfish specialist will be notified.