

Selling Farmed Striped Bass in New York

This card outlines the basic requirements for selling farm-raised striped bass in New York State. New York growers must acquire the appropriate licenses and permits through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). See “Growing Striped Bass in New York” resource for more details.

Fish Tagging

Before selling striped bass as food, each fish or part, must be tagged by the grower. Tags must be used in ascending numerical order and indicate the:

- (1) place of origin;
- (2) marine hatchery or culture permit number;
- (3) month and year of production;
- (4) species identification; and
- (5) tag number.

Bulk Sales

Shipping containers must be labeled with the following information:

- (1) the name and quantity of the species;
- (2) the name and address of the producer and receiver; and
- (3) the marine hatchery, on-bottom and off-bottom culture permit number of producer.

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The tag must remain attached until the product is prepared for final consumption. Once product is prepared for consumption the tags must be cut or broken in half so they cannot be re-used.

Unless sold direct to the consumer, striped bass sold as food must be accompanied by an invoice or shipping label that includes the date, the number of whole fish, or parts, in the container and their tag numbers, the species, the total weight, the culture facility of origin, the seller, and the buyer.

The sale of striped bass farmed in another state is permitted provided that the striped bass are tagged by the state of origin in accordance with NYS regulations. Tags are not required for farm raised hybrid striped bass but they must be marketed as hybrid.

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