



OYSTER LICENSE BUYBACK PROGRAM APPLICATION
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

APPLICANT INFORMATION - (Please list a mailing address and phone number where you may be contacted if additional information is required.)

Please print or type:

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

BOAT INFORMATION - (Please include a copy of Texas Boat registration, Certificate of Documentation, or other proof of ownership)

Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_

USCG Cert. of Documentation No. or State Reg. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Length \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Year Built \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Horsepower \_\_\_\_\_

LICENSE INFORMATION

License # \_\_\_\_\_

LICENSE BUYBACK BID OFFER

In the space provided below, please indicate the amount you would be willing to accept for the license that you are offering to the department in this buyback application.

Your Bid Offer \_\_\_\_\_ License Type \_\_\_\_\_
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ . 00 Commercial Oyster Boat License

I understand that under Texas Penal Code §37.10, it is a crime to make a false statement on this form.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department maintains the information collected through this form. With few exceptions, you are entitled to be informed about the information we collect. Under Sections 552.021 and 552.023 of the Texas Government Code, you are also entitled to receive and review the information. Under Section 559.004, you are also entitled to have this information corrected.

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**Information and Instruction Sheet**

**General Information:**

1. Each applicant offer for the license buyback within each individual application period will be ranked against all other applicant offers within that application period. Funds permitting the Department will hold at least one application period per license year.
2. The ranking will consider applicant bid amount and several other factors such as: length of vessel, duration holding the license, amount of money in the buyback fund, and number of total licenses in the oyster fishery
3. **ALSO**, a maximum amount that the department can pay for each individual license will be established using the criteria in Number 2 (above). If your bid is greater than this maximum amount your bid will be rejected during this application period, but can be considered in future application periods. There will be no opportunity to modify your bid after it has been rejected for the round.
4. The department will attempt to contact each applicant within 21 days of the end of the application period to indicate acceptance or rejection of the bid. If accepted, you will have 15 days from the date of the acceptance letter to notify the department that you intend to sign a contract and set up a time to make the license transfer.
5. Department records will be used to verify all information supplied by or pertaining to the applicant's history in the oyster fishery. By submitting this application, you are certifying that you were eligible to purchase the license that you are offering to sell.
6. **Your individual bid information on this application will remain confidential.**
7. You must fill out all application blanks to be considered for that application period.
8. All applications must be received at the address listed on the back of your application and postmarked prior to the application deadline. The application deadline is **January 31, 2018**. To ensure your application is received by the Department, you may consider using Certified Mail.
9. You must provide copies of documentation that indicates you are the sole owner of the vessel for which you are offering the license from. If you represent a partnership or corporation that holds the license, you are responsible to obtain legal documentation from all members of the partnership or the management of the corporation indicating they are in agreement with the License Buyback Bid Offer. **This is solely your responsibility and must be completed before the application can be considered.**
10. Please **send only copies** of any licenses, proof of ownership documents, or special documents proving your history in the commercial oyster fishery.
11. If you are submitting licenses from more than one vessel, please fill out a separate application for each different vessel.
12. Payment for any prior monies owed the department will be paid in full prior to completing a buyback transaction with the Department. Payment for any prior monies or liens owed to the state or the Attorney General's office will be seized in full prior to the applicant receiving any remaining balance.

**MAIL THIS APPLICATION TO:**

Oyster License Buyback Program  
Coastal Fisheries Division  
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department  
4200 Smith School Road  
Austin, Texas 78744