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SHELLFISH MARICULTURE CHECKLIST

Obtain a Water Bottom for a Shellfish Harvest Area

- **State Intertidal water bottom**
 - Leases are advertised by CRD and awarded via a competitive bid process.
- **Private Intertidal water bottom**
 - Must be inside an Approved Growing Area.
 - Applicant must prove valid ownership and/or lease contract.
- **Subtidal water bottoms**
 - Leases are advertised and offered via a lottery by CRD.

For more information and view current leasing opportunities, visit

<https://coastalgadnr.org/commercialshellfishharvest>

Start GA Dept. of Agriculture Certification Process

You must be certified by the GADOA before harvesting product from your Harvest Area

GADOA Contact: Krissa Jones (404) 657-4801

For more information, visit: <http://www.agr.georgia.gov/seafood.aspx>

Obtain CRD Commercial Fishing License with Shellfish Endorsement

Contacts: CRD (912)264-7218

For more information, visit: <https://coastalgadnr.org/CommercialFishing>

Obtain CRD Master Harvester Permit

Contacts: CRD (912)264-7218

An MHP application will be provided by the department once an applicable Harvest Area has been identified.

Apply for Shellfish Mariculture Permit

Contacts: CRD (912)264-7218

For a digital copy of an SMP, visit: <https://coastalgadnr.org/commercialshellfishharvest>

Obtain US Army Corps of Engineers Permit

Contact: Skye Stockel (912)652-5690, Skye.H.Stockel@usace.army.mil

For more information, visit: <https://www.sas.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Permitting/>

Receive GA DNR Shellfish Mariculture Permit

- Cage Permit authorized with SMP if necessary (oyster gear only).

Before placing gear in the waters of the state, all State and Federal Permits must be obtained