

## Fish Buyers

### **1. What purchases do I need to report to the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (NSDFA)?**

Except for lobster and snow crab, you are only required to report purchases of fish, fish products, or marine plants when the purchase is from a harvester, and when the transaction occurs in Nova Scotia (NS).

For lobster and snow crab, you must report purchases from harvesters **and** other buyers (both licensed by NSDFA and not licensed), when the transaction occurs in NS.

### **2. What does it mean “when the transaction occurs in NS”?**

If the ownership of the product changes hands in NS, the transaction occurs in NS. For example:

- If a NS or out-of-province harvester lands fish in NS and sells the fish to a buyer in NS, the transaction occurs in NS.
- If an out-of-province harvester (or agent of the harvester), lands catch in another province but drives into NS to sell fish or fish products to a buyer, the transaction occurs in NS.
- If a NS buyer (or agent of the buyer) drives to another province or country to purchase fish or fish products from a harvester, the transaction occurs outside of NS.
- If a NS buyer imports fish or fish products from overseas and pays for the fish or fish products in advance of delivery to NS, the transaction occurs outside of NS.

### **3. I purchase fish from multiple ports, how do I report this?**

You must report all purchases of a single species from **each port separately**.

### **4. What if the port I purchased from in NS is not listed?**

Choose the applicable county and select “other” for the port.

### **5. What if I purchased product from out-of-province but the transaction occurred in NS?**

Choose “other” county, and “other” port.

### **6. What if I did not purchase product at a port, but rather I purchased the product at a facility?**

Choose the closest port to the transaction location.

### **7. Where can I find more information/guidance materials for the Fish Buyers Online Reporting System (FBORS)?**

For assistance with the Fish Buyers Online Reporting System (FBORS), click the ‘**Help**’ tab in your FBORS account.

### 8. I don't currently purchase fish. Do I need to complete reports each month?

Yes. You must complete a report each month even if you did not purchase fish. You may also enter a **NIL** report for an extended period (e.g., Jan to Dec). Failure to report in a timely manner may lead to enforcement action.

## Fish Processors

### 1. What do I need to report to NSDFA?

Report incoming and outgoing product for all species processed. Do **not** report purchases and sales of live lobster and live snow crab that you sell live to other buyers or processors. This information will be captured in the reporting requirements for Fish Buyers Licence Holders.

If you process aquaculture products, ensure that the product is indicated with the word "aqua" to identify it was sourced from an aquaculture operation (example, aqua oyster).

### 2. I have multiple facilities. Can I submit one report that covers all facilities?

No. You are required to submit one report for each facility (i.e., each fish processors licence).

### 3. What is incoming product?

Incoming product is considered any product that comes into your facility, regardless of its source, that will be processed in your facility. Live lobster and live snow crab that you sell live to other buyers or processors is not considered incoming product. For incoming product, use one line per form of product and product origin. See example below.

Species	Form of Product	Total Purchased (lbs)	Product Origin (Country or Province if Within Canada)
Halibut	Fresh	50,000	Nova Scotia
Halibut	Fresh	10,000	Newfoundland and Labrador
Halibut	Fresh	20,000	USA
Halibut	Frozen	10,000	USA

### 4. What is outgoing product?

Outgoing product is considered any product that has been processed and either sold throughout the year or kept as inventory (at the end of the calendar year). For outgoing product, use one line per form of product and location of sale. See example below.

Species	Form of Product	Total Processed (lbs)	Location of Sale (Country or Province if Within Canada)	Inventory (x = yes)
Halibut	Frozen	40,000	Nova Scotia	
Halibut	Frozen	5,000	Newfoundland and Labrador	
Halibut	Fresh	15,000	USA	
Halibut	Frozen	5,000	USA	
Halibut	Frozen	2,000		X

**5. I have a lot of species on my licence but only process a couple. How do I report the species I do not process?**

You only need to list the species that have been processed. There is no need to list every species on the report.

**6. Do I still need to complete the processing report if I did not process?**

Yes. You are required to complete processing reports even if you didn't process. Failure to report in a timely manner may lead to enforcement action.

**7. My facility is in voluntary closure. Do I still need to complete the processing report?**

Yes. You are required to complete processing reports even if your facility is in voluntary closure.