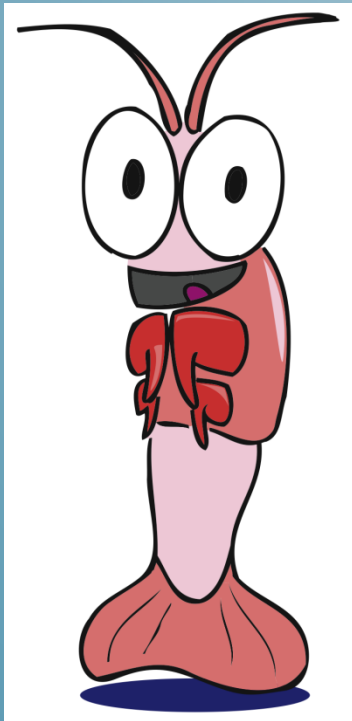


# FISH FARMING & FOOD REGULATIONS

*General information for Iowa  
aquaculture operations  
producing fish or fishery  
products for human  
consumption.*



# TOPICS WE WILL EXPLORE



- *When do state and federal food regulations apply to my operation*
- *What regulatory agencies have jurisdiction over my operation*
- *What regulations apply to my operation*
- *What licenses will I need*
- *Where can I go for guidance and information*

- When an operation engages in processing fish which will be sold as food intended for human consumption

## WHEN DO FOOD REGULATIONS APPLY

- [21 CFR, Part 123.3 – Definitions](#)

- **Fish** - means fresh or saltwater finfish, crustaceans, other forms of aquatic animal life (including, but not limited to, alligator, frog, aquatic turtle, jellyfish, sea cucumber, and sea urchin and the roe of such animals) other than birds or mammals, and all mollusks, where such animal life is intended for human consumption.
- **Processing** - Handling, storing, preparing, heading, eviscerating, shucking, freezing, changing into different market forms, manufacturing, preserving, packing, labeling, dockside unloading, or holding.



# WHAT REGULATORY AGENCIES HAVE JURISDICTION

*Direct to consumer sales*



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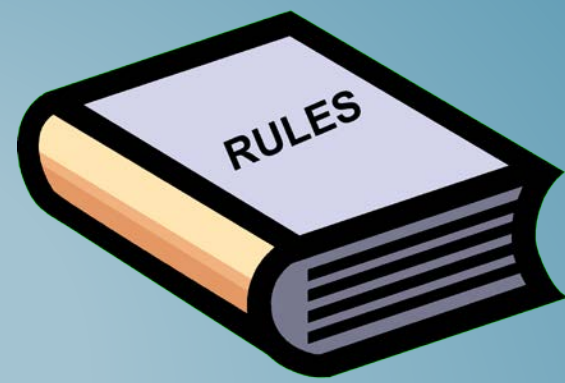
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*Wholesale sales*



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## WHAT REGULATIONS APPLY

### *Direct to consumer sales*

- *Iowa Food Code (2013 FDA Model Food Code with supplement)*
- *Iowa Code 137F*
- *Iowa Administrative Codes*
  - 481-30
  - 481-31

### *Wholesale sales*

- *Iowa Code 137F*
- *Iowa Administrative Codes*
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- [Title 21 CFR, Part 117](#) (*Good Manufacturing Practices, Hazard Analysis, & Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Human Food (Subparts A, B, & F)*)
- [Title 21 CFR, Part 123](#) (*Fish & Fishery Products*)
  - *Seafood HACCP*



## WHAT LICENSES ARE REQUIRED

### *Direct to consumer sales*

- *Retail Food Establishment License*
- *Food Service Establishment License*
- *Mobile Food License*
- *Farmers Market Food Establishment License*
- *Temporary Food Establishment License*

### *Wholesale sales*

- *Food Processing Plant & Food Warehouse License*
- *FDA Food Facility Registration*
  - *This is not a license and registration is free*
  - *There are some exemptions- please contact the FDA for guidance on food facility registration*

Iowa Licensing and Regulations  
Iowa Food Safety & Protection Task Force (use  
“Resources” menu option):  
<http://ia.foodprotectiontaskforce.com>

WHERE CAN I  
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Federal Regulations, Food Facility Registration,  
Seafood HACCP guidance, Aquaculture Guidance  
[www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov)

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