

Accompanying the fifteenth recommendation of the Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Recreational Vehicles (House, No. 123).  
Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Five.

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**AN ACT REGARDING THE COMMERCIAL TAKING, LANDING AND DISTRIBUTION OF FISH.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Section 80 of Chapter 130 is hereby amended by striking the first  
2 and second sentences of the second paragraph and inserting the  
3 following in place thereof.

4 A person shall not for commercial purposes acquire, handle,  
5 store, distribute, process, fillet, ship or sell raw fish, whether frozen  
6 or unfrozen, procured from any person who does not hold a valid  
7 commercial fisherman permit, in bulk or for resale, and without  
8 first obtaining a wholesale dealer permit, provided that the holder  
9 of a valid commercial fisherman permit who catches fish or takes  
10 lobsters and sells such fish or lobsters to wholesale or retail dealers  
11 exclusively shall be exempt from obtaining a wholesale dealer  
12 permit. A person shall not sell raw fish at retail, whether frozen or  
13 unfrozen, procured from any person who does not hold a valid  
14 commercial fisherman permit or valid wholesale dealer permit, and  
15 without first obtaining a retail dealer permit, provided that the  
16 holder of a valid wholesale dealer permit may sell fish at retail at  
17 one location which shall be named on the permit.

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