Estate Planning for Commercial Licenses

Commercial Fishing Licenses as part of an Estate

Transferable Licenses:

- Commercial Fisherman Registration License (CFRL)
- Class A Gill Net
- **ALL** Crab Licenses
- Conch Pot
- Oyster User Fee All Gear
- Commercial Hook & Line

Additional Transferable Licenses:

- Commercial Striped Bass Quota
- Summer Flounder Endorsement License
- Black Sea Bass Directed Quota
- Black Sea Bass Bycatch Permit
- Spiny Dogfish

**Please check with staff to verify that the licenses are eligibile to transfer for the above licenses/quota prior to submitting application and required documents. Contact information is listed below.

Required documents:

Only **ONE** of the below documents:

- Probated Will - detailing license recipient
- Small Estate Affidavit
  - VMRC licenses **MUST** be listed on the document
- Executor Statement
- Letter of qualification
- Administrator assignment

It is encouraged to transfer **licenses** within 18 months after death.

AND the documents listed below:

- Original Death Certificate
- Signed & notorized transfer application(s)

  The executor or administrator of the estate shall sign on behalf of the deceased party (transferor) and the beneficiary of the licenses shall sign as the transferee.

*A small estate affidavit can be used if the property value is less than $50,000 and at least 60 days have passed since the decedent's death, see § 64.2-600-605 of the Code of Virginia for additional stipulations.

Contact information for transfers:

Commercial Fisherman Registration License (CFRL)
Class A Gill Net
ALL Crab Licenses
Conch Pot

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Commercial Hook & Line
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