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2017 Bait Dealer Registration

Any person, group or business that sells live bait, as defined in 3 CSR 10-6.605 of the Wildlife Code of Missouri, must register annually with the department as a live bait dealer. *"Initial registration may occur at any time. Annual registration in successive years shall occur on or after January 1, but prior to March 1*." Live bait may not be sold if obtained from the waters of the state except when taken by a licensed commercial fisherman from commercial waters. Live bait purchased or obtained from a licensed commercial fisherman or other legal sources must be species listed in the Approved Aquatic Species List (3 CSR 10-9.110 of the Wildlife Code of Missouri). Live bait obtained as described in this rule may be possessed in any number.

Only the Virile ("Northern") crayfish may be purchased for re-sale or sold for use as live bait. They may not be imported live into the state (3 CSR 10-9.110(3)(E)).

Registration is not required for the sale of preserved fish or preserved crayfish, earthworms, crickets, mealworms, waxworms or invertebrates other than crayfish.

Name of Business, Group, or Person:		**Primary Contact Person:**
Physical Address of Sales Location:		**Business Phone Number:**
City, State, Zip:		**Business Fax:**
County:	**Email Address:**	**Website:**
Mailing Address (if Different From Physical Address):		
City, State, Zip:		

The following will be sold as bait **(check all that apply):** ☐ Live fish ☐ Live crayfish

State where bait originated **(check all that apply)**:

☐ Missouri ☐ Arkansas ☐ Other State (specify here: _____) ☐ Unknown

_____ _____

Applicant's signature or typed name **Date**

A completed application constitutes acceptance of all rules pertaining to the above permits according to the Wildlife Code of Missouri.

Email or snail mail completed form to:

baitdealer@mdc.mo.gov
Missouri Department of Conservation
Attn: Fisheries - Bait Dealer Registration
PO Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102

Phone: (573) 522-4115 ext. 3173
Fax: (573) 526-0990
Visit: https://huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/fishing/where-fish/live-bait-dealers

Bait Dealer Permits

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- ** Only the Virile (or "Northern") crayfish (*orconectes virilus) may be purchased for re-sale or sold for use as live bait. Live Virile ("Northern") crayfish may not be imported into the state. 3 CSR 10- 9.110(3)(E)*

Approved Aquatic Species List

1. Fishes.

A. Alligator Gar (*Lepisosteus spatula*)
B. American eel *(Anguilla rostrata)*
C. Atlantic salmon *(Salmo salar)*
D. Bighead carp *(Hypophthalmichthys nobilis)*
E. Bigmouth buffalo (*Ictiobus cyprinellus*)
F. Black bullhead (*Ameirus melas*)
G. Black crappie (*Pomoxis nigromaculatus*)
H. Blue catfish (*Ictalurus furcatus*)
I. Bluegill (*Lepomis macrochirus*)
J. Blue sucker *(Cycleptus elongatus)*
K. Bluntnose minnow (*Pimephales notatus*)
L. Bowfin (*Amia calva*)
M. Brook Trout *(Salvelinus fontinalis)*
N. Brown bullhead (*Ameirus nebulosus*)
O. Brown trout (*Salmo trutta*)
P. Channel catfish (*Ictalurus punctatus*)
Q. Coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*)
R. Common carp (*Cyprinus carpio*)
S. Cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus clarkii*)
T. Fathead minnow (*Pimephales promelas*)
U. Flathead catfish (*Pylodictis olivaris*)
V. Freshwater drum *(Aplodinotus grunniens)*
W. Gizzard shad (*Dorosoma cepedianum*)
X. Golden shiner (*Notemigonus crysoleucas*)
Y. Golden trout (*Oncorhynchus aquabonita*)
Z. Goldfish (*Carassius auratus*)
AA. Grass carp (*Ctenopharyngodon idella*)
BB. Green sunfish (*Lepomis cyanellus*)
CC. Largemouth bass (*Micropterus salmoides*)
DD. Longear sunfish (*Lepomis megalotis*)
EE. Longnose gar (*Lepisosteus osseus*)
FF. Mosquitofish (*Gambusia affinis*)
GG. Muskellunge (*Esox masquinongy*)
HH. Northern pike (*Esox lucius*)
II. Orangespotted sunfish (*Lepomis humilis*)
JJ. Paddlefish (*Polyodon spathula*)
KK. Pumpkinseed (*Lepomis gibbosus*)
LL. Quillback *(Carpiodes cyprinus)*
MM. Rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)
NN. Redear sunfish (*Lepomis microlophus*)
OO River carpsucker *(Carpiodes carpio)*
PP. Sauger (*Sander canadensis*)
QQ. Shortnose gar (*Lepisosteus platostomus*)
RR. Shovelnose sturgeon *(Scaphirhynchus platorynchus)*
SS. Smallmouth bass (*Micropterus dolomieu*)
TT. Spotted bass (*Micropterus punctulatus*)
UU. Spotted gar (*Lepisosteus oculatus*)
VV. Striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*)
WW. Threadfin shad (*Dorosoma petenense*)
XX. Walleye (*Sander vitreus*)
YY. Warmouth (*Lepomis gulosus*)
ZZ. White bass (*Morone chrysops*)
AAA. White crappie (*Pomoxis annularis*)
BBB. White sucker *(Catostomus commersoni)*
CCC. Yellow bullhead (*Ameirus natalis*)
DDD. Yellow perch (*Perca flavescens*)

2. Crustaceans.

A. Calico ("Papershell") crayfish *(Orconectes immunis)*
B. Freshwater prawn (*Macrabrachi um rosenbergii*)
C. Pacific white shrimp (*Litopenaeus vannamei*)
D. Red Swamp crawfish (*Procambarus clarkii*)
E. Virile ("Northern") crayfish (*Orconectes virilis*)
**** The only crayfish species that can be sold as live bait.**
F. White River crawfish (*Procambarus acutus*)