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2014 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 Person, Group or Business:	**Primary Contact Person:**
Physical Address of Sales Location:	**Business Phone Number:**
City, State, Zip:	**Business Fax:**
County:	**Email Address:**
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 Division - Bait Dealer Registration
P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, Mo. 65102
Phone: (573) 522-4115 ext. 3173
Fax: (573) 526-0990

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

2. Crustaceans.

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