

## Live Bait Shrimp License vs. Commercial Shrimp License

### Live Bait Shrimp License

- Trawling is allowed only during daylight hours (30 minutes before sunrise and ending at sunset)
- A single trawl net no larger than 16 feet on the headrope and 22 feet on the footrope, except areas west of Bayou Caddy, where trawls may be 25 feet on the headrope and 32 feet on the footrope
- Tow time limited to 25 minutes including the time it takes to put out or to pick up a trawl
- Trawling is permitted within ½ mile of the mainland shoreline up to the CSX Railroad bridges
- Can catch shrimp year round (no season)
- Limited to sale of no more than 500 live shrimp to an individual per day
- Limited to sale of dead shrimp in containers no larger than 16 oz. and no more than 5 containers can be sold to each individual per day
- Must be open to the public from May 31 to December 1, at least 5 days a week, for at least 8 daylight hours per day
- Required to have shaded, rounded, and well aerated tanks on vessel, at bait camp, and on transport vehicle
- Catcher boat, camp, and transport vehicle must be properly marked/labeled
- Must have a valid place of business for selling bait within Mississippi
- **Cannot have any interest in a commercial shrimping operation; cannot sell shrimp for consumption**
- Camp, boat, and transport vehicle must pass inspection by MDMR personnel

### Commercial Shrimp License

- Trawling is allowed 24 hours a day while season is open
- Up to two trawl nets no larger than 25 on the headrope and 32 feet on the footrope
- No tow time limit when using trawls
- Trawling is **not** permitted within ½ mile of the mainland shoreline
- Can catch shrimp only during the open shrimp season
- No limitations or restrictions on bulk sales of live shrimp
- No limitations or restrictions on bulk sales of dead shrimp
- No requirement for operating hours
- No requirement for holding tanks
- No marking/labeling requirements
- No requirement for business
- Not applicable
- No inspections necessary