



**MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
BAIT PRESERVATION PERMIT APPLICATION
(Valid March 1, – February 28)**

Complete the following information (please print):

Full name (Last, First, Middle): _____

Business name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Business Telephone Number: _____

License Number: _____

Which commercial licenses do you currently hold? (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Farm | <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Netting (cannot sell minnows) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Private Fish Hatchery | <input type="checkbox"/> Fish Packer (cannot sell minnows) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Minnow Dealer | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing Guide (cannot sell minnows) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Minnow Retailer | |

Applicant Signature

Date

Return Application to:

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Permit Conditions for Bait Preservation

The permittee must agree to comply with the conditions of the permit

Approved Preservation Methods:

- Preservative Fluid:

Isopropyl alcohol (70% or higher) or ethyl alcohol (70% or higher) are approved to be used as preservative fluids. Place bait in a sealable container, along with any desired scents or commercial attractants. Add one of the approved preservative fluids until all fish are completely covered. Seal the container, and allow to stand for a minimum of 14 days for preservation to occur.

- Salt/Borax Mixture:

Bait can be preserved using a mixture of 2 lbs. non-iodized salt and ½ c. borax. Thoroughly coat each fish in salt/borax mixture and allow to stand for a minimum of 14 days for preservation to occur. Fish should be left in a well-ventilated area while coated in this mixture to allow for drying.

- Heat Inactivation:

Expose bait to 140° F for at least 15 minutes to inactivate the VHS virus. This method should only be used in conjunction with dehydration.

Distribution/Sale Limitations:

Permittee may not distribute or sell preserved bait until the preservation process is complete, labeling is affixed to the package/container, and the reporting form is completed for the lot.

Labeling Requirements:

Each container or package of preserved bait must be labeled with the following information:

- MN DNR bait preservation permit number
- Lot number (consecutive numbers starting with 1)
- Date processing initiated
- Date processing completed

Reporting Requirements:

Bait preservation permittees must maintain records on forms provided by the commissioner for each lot of fish preserved. These records must be retained for three years and are open to inspection by the commissioner at any reasonable time. The records must include:

- MN DNR bait preservation permit number
- Lot number
- Species preserved
- Number of fish in lot
- Source waterbody for fish in lot
- Method of preservation
- Date processing initiated
- Date processing completed