Below is an excerpt from the revised regulations COMAR 08.02.04.04 which went into effect by emergency in July 2013.

B. Tagging.

(5) Tags:

(a) Shall be durable and waterproof;

(b) Shall be at least 5 ½ x 2 ¾ inches in size;

(c) Shall stay affixed to the container until the container is in the possession of a person who is licensed and certified to sell shellfish by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in accordance with COMAR 10.15.07; and

(e) May not be reused**.**

(7) An individual shall only possess one type of tag, wild shellfish or farm raised shellfish, while harvesting oysters.

(8) An individual may not use a farm raised shellfish tag to tag wild shellfish.

(9) An individual may not use a wild shellfish tag to tag farm raised shellfish.

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(3)(b) Each tag contains the statement "Wild Shellfish" and, in the order specified, the following information:

(i) The harvester's license number as assigned by the Department;

(ii) The date of harvest, including the year;

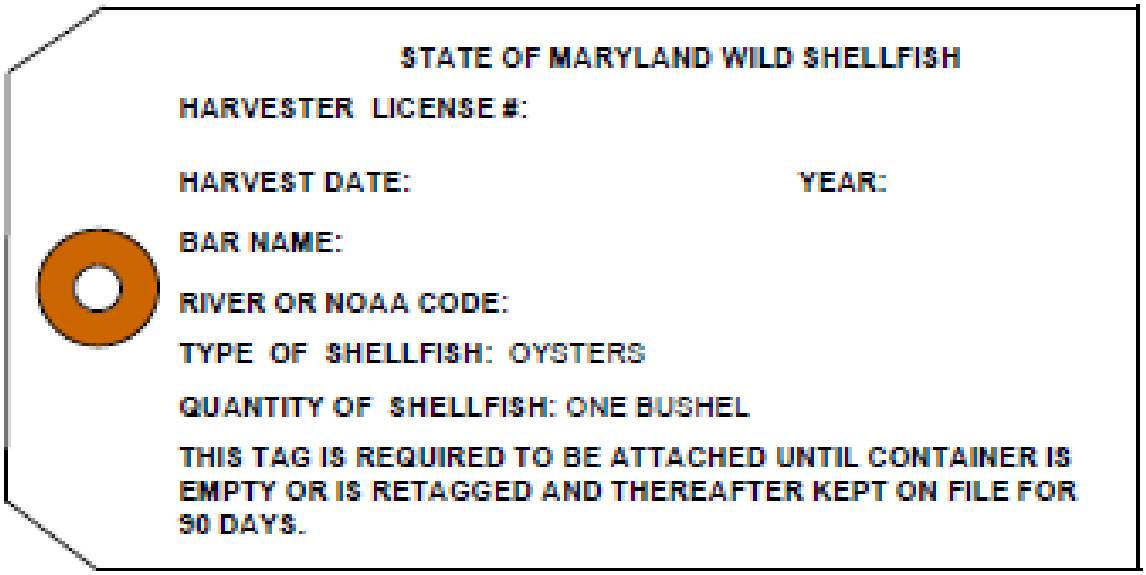
(iii) The name of the state in which the harvest occurred;

(iv) The bar name;

(v) The name of the region or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration code for the area in which the harvest occurred;

(vi) The type and quantity of shellfish; and

(vii) The statement "THIS TAG IS REQUIRED TO BE ATTACHED UNTIL CONTAINER IS EMPTY OR IS RETAGGED AND THEREAFTER KEPT ON FILE FOR 90 DAYS" in bold capitalized type.



There are many companies that produce commercial shellfish tags. A simple internet search of the phrase "shellfish tag company" will produce many useful results.