

## Types of Food Establishments: Descriptions for Permitting

Environmental Health and Food Safety Division

### **EATING ESTABLISHMENT:**

Any premise in which food is **processed\*** and distributed for human consumption.

### **FOOD SHOP:**

Any premise in which food is stored and distributed, but not **processed\***, and excludes Eating Establishments as defined above.

### **MOBILE FOOD SERVICE:**

Is a self-contained mobile unit, which is used for the preparation and/or retail dispensing of food products. The **unit** is capable of **moving**, or **being moved**, and is **not left** in any **one location** for a period longer than **one week**. This would include push carts, chip trucks and mobile meat/fish vendors, etc.

### **MOBILE, LOBSTER FISHER (live lobster only):**

A lobster fisherman licensed under the Fisheries Act (Canada) for commercial fishing, is required to have a Mobile Food Establishment Permit to sell his own catch of live lobster from a mobile vehicle at roadside. This Permit will contain a condition of "Live Lobster Sales Only". Fee is required if selling species (fish, scallops, etc.) other than live lobster as this would be considered a Mobile Food Service as described above.

### **SEASONAL:**

A facility which operates up to six (6) months during one fiscal year; Apr 1 to Mar 31. *For example: June to December.*

### **\* PROCESS:**

As defined in the *NS Food Safety Regulations*, Section 2, to substantially change or alter the appearance or nature of a food, to combine with an ingredient or additive or to make foods ready-to-eat.

