

**15.25.1 Eligibility Criteria** – In order to be determined to be eligible for the issuance of a voucher by the Commercial Fisheries Research Foundation, an applicant must satisfy Subparts 15.25.1 A through G and, if applicable, Subpart H of the following criteria:

- A. Must apply to the Commercial Fisheries Research Foundation (the "CFR Foundation") by the deadline specified by the CFR Foundation;
- B. Must be a RI resident;
- C. Must hold a current and valid 2010 RI state license (Multipurpose License, Principal Effort License with Lobster endorsement, or Commercial Fishing License with Lobster endorsement) and/or a 2009 federal lobster permit for Area 2;
- D. Must have a current and valid Area 2 trap allocation;
- E. Must have purchased lobster trap tags for either the 2009 (6/09-5/10) or 2008 (6/08-5/09) fishing years;
- F. Must have actively fished for lobster during the 2009 or 2008 fishing years (i.e., must have had some activity during at least two months during either year);
- G. Must have actively fished south of the COLREGS lines and outside of all RI coastal pond inlets; and
- H. In addition, satisfying the requirements set forth in Subparts 15.25.1 A through G, any applicants who have fished less than 50 traps during the 2009 or 2008 fishing years must submit an affidavit certifying that they have fished their traps using trawls and groundline.

**15.25.2 Determination of Traps Fished**

- A. DEM will review trap tag orders for the 2009 and 2008 fishing years, and Vessel Trip Reports (VTRs) or state logbooks for the same years and, on the basis thereof, determine the number of traps fished, per applicant. That number will be the highest number of traps fished in either year.
- B. The number of traps fished may be equal to, or less than, the applicant's Area 2 trap allocation

**15.25.3 Added credit**

- A. Fishermen who responded to the Lobster Trap Fishery Gear Survey conducted by DEM in October/November 2006 and, in response thereto, stated that they were using floating groundline, will receive added credit in the form of a 50% bonus added to the total amount of their vouchers.