

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Division of Fish and Wildlife
Marine Fisheries

Commercial and Recreational Saltwater Fishing
Licensing Regulations

RULE 6. GENERAL MANAGEMENT AND LICENSING REGULATIONS

(6.1) Management Controls

(6.1-1) Fishery Endorsements

(a) Fishery endorsement categories shall include:

- (i) Lobster;
- (ii) Non-Lobster Crustacean -- all crustacean species, as well as horseshoe crabs, available for commercial harvest, except lobster;
- (iii) Quahaug;
- (iv) Soft-shell Clam;
- (v) Shellfish Other -- all shellfish species available for commercial harvest, except quahaug and soft-shell clams;
- (vi) Restricted Finfish – scup (only from May 1 through October 31; scup shall be considered Non-Restricted January 1 through April 30 and November 1 through December 31), summer flounder, ~~winter flounder~~, tautog, striped bass, and black sea bass;
- (vii) Non-Restricted Finfish – all species of finfish and squid available for commercial harvest except the ~~six~~ five species specified in the restricted finfish endorsement category, with the inclusion of scup from January 1 through April 30 and November 1 through December 31; and
- (viii) Whelk – all whelk species available for commercial harvest.

(6.1-10) Exit/Entry Ratios

- (a) Restricted finfish – For every one license, eligible to harvest restricted finfish, namely, Multi Purpose Licenses and Principal Effort Licenses with a restricted finfish endorsement, that had some reported landings of restricted finfish during the prior calendar year and are retired, one new Principal Effort License with restricted finfish endorsement will be made available; provided, that if the application of the exit/entry ratio yields ~~one or two endorsements~~, a value less than a multiple of three endorsements, the number of endorsements will be rounded up ~~will be made available to yield~~

a multiple of three endorsements.

(6.8-11) Paper Catch and Effort Harvester and Dockside Sales Logbooks Endorsement

- (a) The logbook endorsement shall enable the holder to obtain paper logbooks, printed by RIDFW, that will be used to report all catch and effort information required by RIGL 20-4-5.
- (b) The endorsement shall be automatically available to anyone who holds a multipurpose fishing license, commercial fishing license with restricted or non-restricted finfish, lobster or non-lobster crustacean, horseshoe crab – biomedical, horseshoe crab - bait or whelk endorsements, or a principle effort license with restricted or non-restricted finfish, lobster or non-lobster crustacean, horseshoe crab – biomedical, horseshoe crab - bait or whelk endorsements.
- (c) By default, if the logbook endorsement is not purchased, license holders are required to electronically report all catch and effort and dockside sales data to the eTRIPS application of the Standard Atlantic Fisheries Information System (SAFIS).
- (d) Paper logbook submissions will not be accepted by RIDFW to meet the license holder's reporting requirement from any license holder who does not obtain the logbook endorsement.
- (e) All trips via electronic or paper recording, are required to be filled out at the end of each day fished, and both trip reports and did not fish reports are due to the Division of Fish and Wildlife quarterly.
- (f) The annual fee for the issuance of a logbook endorsement shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- (g) The logbook endorsement is not subject to the application deadline provisions as set forth in Rule 6.7-3; as such, the endorsement shall be available at any time during the year to holders of current and proper commercial fishing licenses issued by the Department.

~~(6.10-2) Resident Finfish Landing Permit~~

~~(a) The holder of a Resident Finfish Landing Permit may land, sell, or offer for sale finfish species, in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations governing those species.~~

~~(b) The annual fee for a Resident Finfish Landing Permit is two hundred dollars (\$200).~~

~~(6.10-3) Resident Shellfish Landing Permit~~

~~(a) The holder of a Resident Shellfish Landing Permit may land, sell, or offer for sale surf clams, blue mussels, ocean quahaugs, or sea scallops, including processed products, in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations governing those species and products.~~

~~(b) The annual fee for a Resident Shellfish Landing Permit is two hundred dollars (\$200).~~

~~(6.10-4) Resident Crustacean Landing Permit.~~

~~(a) The holder of a Resident Crustacean Landing Permit may land, sell, or offer for sale any crustacean species, including lobster, in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations governing those species.~~

~~(b) The annual fee for a Resident Crustacean Landing Permit is two hundred dollars (\$200).~~

(6.10-5) Resident ~~Multi-Purpose~~ Landing Permit

(a) The holder of a Resident ~~Multi-Purpose~~ Landing Permit may land, sell, or offer for sale any marine fishery species or product, in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations governing those species.

(b) The annual fee for a Resident ~~Multi-Purpose~~ Landing Permit is ~~three~~ two hundred dollars (~~\$300~~\$200).

(c) This landing permit category consolidates the following permit types under one streamlined permit:

Resident Finfish Landing Permit

Resident Crustacean Landing Permit

Resident Shellfish Landing Permit

Resident Miscellaneous Landing Permit

Resident Multipurpose Landing Permit

~~(6.10-6) Resident Miscellaneous Landing Permit~~

~~(a) The holder of a Resident Miscellaneous Landing Permit may land, sell or offer for sale any species or seafood products not specified elsewhere in this subsection, in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations governing those species and products.~~

~~(b) The annual fee for a Miscellaneous Landing Permit is two hundred dollars (\$200).~~

(6.10-7) Non-Resident ~~Restricted Finfish~~ Landing Permit **with Restricted**

Finfish

(a) The holder of a Non-Resident ~~Restricted Finfish~~ Landing Permit **with Restricted Finfish** may land, sell, or offer for sale restricted finfish species, in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations governing those species.

(b) The annual fee for Non-Resident ~~Restricted Finfish~~ Landing Permit **with Restricted Finfish** is four hundred dollars (\$400); ~~however, this fee shall be waived if the applicant also obtains a Non-Resident Multi-Purpose License.~~

(c) New Non-Resident ~~Restricted Finfish~~ Landing Permit **with Restricted Finfish** will only be

issued if the landing is charged to the quota of the state in which the vessel making the landing is registered or documented; or, if the state where the vessel making the landing is registered or documented allows Rhode Island residents to land against its quota for that species; or, if the Department pursuant to a duly adopted fisheries management plan determines there to be excess harvesting capacity in the Rhode Island commercial quota for that species.

(d) Renewal of ~~Non-Resident Landing Permits for restricted finfish~~ **Non-Resident Landing Permit with Restricted Finfish** are considered to be new permits subject to the provisions of subsection 6.10-7(c) unless the applicant can show evidence of Rhode Island landings of more than one thousand pounds of that species per year in four of the five years preceding the application. Having made that demonstration, a holder of a ~~Non-Resident Landing Permit for a restricted-species~~ **Non-Resident Landing Permit with Restricted Finfish** who held that permit as of the immediately preceding year may renew it for the immediately following year as set forth herein.

(e) If a non-resident vessel is upgraded by twenty percent (20%) or more in length, displacement or horsepower, renewal of a ~~Landing Permit for restricted finfish~~ **Non-Resident Landing Permit with Restricted Finfish** will be considered a new permit application, issuance of which is subject to the requirements of subsection 6.10-7(c).

(f) This landing permit category consolidates the following permit types under one streamlined permit:

Non-Resident Restricted Finfish Landing Permit

~~(6.10-8) Non-Resident Non-Restricted Finfish Landing Permit~~

~~(a) The holder of a Non-Resident Non-Restricted Finfish Landing Permit may land, sell, or offer for sale non-restricted finfish species, in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations governing those species.~~

~~(b) The annual fee for a Non-Resident Non-Restricted Finfish Landing~~

~~Permit is four hundred dollars (\$400);~~

~~(6.10-9) Non-Resident Shellfish Landing Permit~~

~~(a) The holder of a Non-Resident Shellfish Landing Permit may land, sell, or offer for sale surf clams, blue mussels, ocean quahaugs, or sea scallops, including processed products, in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations governing those species and products.~~

~~(b) The annual fee for a Non-Resident Shellfish Landing Permit is four hundred dollars (\$400).~~

~~(6.10-10) Non-Resident Crustacean Landing Permit.~~

~~(a) The holder of a Non-Resident Crustacean Landing Permit may land, sell, or offer for sale any crustacean species, including lobster, in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations~~

~~governing those species.~~

~~(b) The annual fee for a Non-Resident Crustacean Landing Permit is four hundred dollars (\$400).~~

(6.10-11) Non-Resident ~~Multi-Purpose~~ Landing Permit

(a) The holder of a Non-Resident ~~Multi-Purpose~~ Landing Permit may land, sell, or offer for sale any marine fishery species or product, except restricted finfish, in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations governing those species and products.

(b) The annual fee for a Non-Resident ~~Multi-Purpose~~ Landing Permit is ~~six~~ **four** hundred dollars (~~\$600~~**\$400**).

~~(6.10-12) Non-Resident Miscellaneous Landing Permit~~

~~(a) The holder of a Non-Resident Miscellaneous Landing Permit may land, sell or offer for sale any species or seafood products not specified elsewhere in this section, in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations governing those species and products.~~

~~(b) The annual fee for a Miscellaneous Landing Permit is four hundred dollars (\$400).~~

(c) This landing permit category consolidates the following permit types under one streamlined permit:

Non Resident Finfish Landing Permit

Non Resident Crustacean Landing Permit

Non Resident Shellfish Landing Permit

Non Resident Miscellaneous Landing Permit

Non Resident Multipurpose Landing Permit