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5. DEFINITIONS

(5.1) “Actively Fishing” – A license holder will be considered to have been actively fishing that license/endorsement if he or she demonstrates by dated transaction records, as verified by dealer reports to the Department, that he or she has fished at least seventy-five (75) days in the preceding two calendar years, with some of the fishing activity occurring in each of the two years. Evidence as to days fished may be supplemented by one or more Vessel Trip Reports, which specifically reference the license holder’s name and license number, and correspond to dated transaction records, where in the determination of the Department such dates are verified by dealer reports to the Department; where such reports verifiably reflect two or more calendar days at sea during a single trip, those days may be used to establish fishing activity. For the purpose of this definition the term “day” shall mean any 24-hour period or part thereof.

A license holder with a dockside sales endorsement who sells all of his or her lobster and/or crab landings dockside may utilize documentation other than dated transaction records to establish fishing activity, pursuant to the standards and criteria set forth in section 6.7-11(~~ef~~).

(6.7-3) License Renewals, Transitions and Upgrades

(l) The provisions of this section apply only to the license year beginning on January 1, ~~2014~~ 2015, and the issuance of licenses pursuant to this section is subject to the license application deadlines and other requirements set forth under sections 6.7-1, 6.7-2, and 6.7-3.

(6.7-6) Issuance of New Licenses and Endorsements; Prioritization

(c) Third priority in the issuance of new licenses with applicable endorsement(s) shall be given to any resident, aged ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18) or older.

(d) Fourth priority in the issuance of new licenses with applicable (i.e., restricted finfish) endorsement shall be given to any non-resident, aged ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18) or older.

7. AVAILABILITY OF NEW LICENSES AND ENDORSEMENTS FOR ~~2014~~ 2015

(7.1) Multi-Purpose Licenses: No new Multi-Purpose Licenses shall be available for ~~2014~~ 2015, except pursuant to sections 6.7-8 and 6.7-9.

(7.2) Principal Effort Licenses

(a) A limited number of new Principal Effort Licenses with Restricted Finfish endorsements will be available for ~~2014~~ 2015 for qualified applicants pursuant to the

exit/entry ratio set forth in section 6.1-10 and the prioritization process established in sections 6.7-6 and 6.7-7 and the Management Plan for the Finfish Sector.

(b) No other new Principal Effort Licenses shall be available for ~~2014~~ **2015**, except pursuant to sections 6.7-8 and 6.7-9.

(c) For applicants obtaining Principal Effort Licenses via renewal, the following new endorsements, in addition to the one(s) they qualify for, will be available: Non-Lobster Crustacean (resident only), Shellfish Other (resident only), and Non-Restricted Finfish.

(7.3) Commercial Fishing Licenses

(a) New Commercial Fishing Licenses shall be available to any resident or non-resident, provided that all applicable application requirements are met.

(b) The following new endorsements will be available to all holders of Commercial Fishing Licenses: Non-Lobster Crustacean (resident only), Shellfish Other (resident only), and Non-Restricted Finfish.

(c) A limited number of new Commercial Fishing Licenses with Quahaug and Soft-Shell Clam endorsements will also be available for ~~2014~~ **2015** for qualified applicants pursuant to the exit/entry ratios set forth in section 6.1-10 and the prioritization process established in sections 6.7-6 and 6.7-7 and the Management Plan for the Shellfish Sector.

(7.4) Student and 65 and Over Shellfish Licenses: New Student and 65 and Over Shellfish Licenses shall be available to any Rhode Island resident, provided that all applicable application requirements are met.

(7.5) Fish Trap Endorsements: No new Fish Trap gear endorsements shall be available for ~~2014~~ **2015**, unless specified via separate regulatory action undertaken by the Director in accordance with RIGL Chapter 20-5.

(7.6) Gill Net Endorsements: No new Gill Net gear endorsements shall be available for ~~2014~~ **2015**, except pursuant to sections 6.7-8 and 6.7-9 if deemed applicable by the Director.

(7.7) Purse Seine Endorsements and Mid Water/Pair Trawl Endorsements: New Purse Seine and Mid-Water/Pair Trawl Endorsements will be issued annually, pursuant to subsection 6.8-7(d).

(7.8) Whelk Endorsements: No new Whelk endorsements shall be available for ~~2014~~ **2015**, except pursuant to subsection 6.7-4(f).

8. HARVEST AND GEAR LEVELS FOR ~~2014~~ **2015**