

## **DEM ANNOUNCES THAT COMMERCIAL STRIPED BASS TAGS AND FISHING LANDING PERMITS NOW AVAILABLE IN THE PORT OF GALILEE**

PROVIDENCE - Commercial striped bass tags and Rhode Island commercial fishing landing permits are now available at the Department of Environmental Management's [Division of Coastal Resources](#) in the Port of Galilee.

State regulations require that no striped bass may be sold unless it has been properly identified with a commercial striped bass tag provided by DEM's [Division of Fish and Wildlife](#).

Each year, [DEM](#) issues approximately 24,000 commercial striped bass tags to local seafood dealers who purchase RI commercially-harvested striped bass. There is no cost for the tags. In addition to the Galilee office, the tags will continue to be available at DEM's [Marine Fisheries](#) section in Jamestown located at 3 Fort Wetherill Road. All striped bass reporting requirements must be fulfilled before new tags are issued to any dealer.

"We are happy to be able to offer commercial striped bass tags and landing permits in the Port of Galilee for the convenience of local fishermen and seafood dealers," said DEM Director Janet Coit. "By making these items available where the majority of dealers are located, our [Coastal Resources Division](#) is supporting landside businesses and working to maintain a healthy and sustainable commercial fishing industry."

Rhode Island resident and non-resident commercial landing permits can be issued or renewed at DEM's [Coastal Resources office](#) in Galilee and at DEM's [Boat Registration and Licensing office](#) located at [235 Promenade Street](#) in Providence. Commercial fishing license applications or renewals must be completed at the [Boat Registration and Licensing office](#) in Providence or online on DEM's website at [www.dem.ri.gov](http://www.dem.ri.gov).

The [Coastal Resources Division](#) is located at 301 Great Island Road in Galilee and is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The total value of sales of commercially caught marine species landed in Rhode Island in 2010 was over \$200 million, and an estimated additional half a billion dollars was associated with imports. The total estimated employment associated with the commercial fishing industry is approximately 5,000 jobs.