

RIMFC Industry Advisory Committee

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2012 -2013 License Activity Summary

| LICENSE TYPE | ENDORSEMENT | 2012 TOTALS | 2013 TOTALS | 12-13 DELTA | 2013 Non-renewals |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| CFL | | 398 | 420 | 22 | 43 |
| | CLOBS | 16 | 15 | -1 | 1 |
| | CNLOBS | 114 | 100 | -14 | 11 |
| | CQUOH | 158 | 165 | 7 | 9 |
| | CSSCLM | 174 | 163 | -11 | 11 |
| | CSFOTH | 171 | 160 | -11 | 21 |
| | CNFIN | 252 | 256 | 4 | 29 |
| | CPURSE | 42 | 40 | -2 | 6 |
| | CMWPT | 40 | 46 | 6 | 5 |
| | CWLK | 109 | 92 | -17 | 17 |
| | RSA | N/A | 7 | 7 | N/A |
| MPURP | | 853 | 829 | -24 | 24 |
| | MGILL | 233 | 227 | -6 | 6 |
| | FTRAPM | 4 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| | MMWPT | 131 | 132 | 1 | 3 |
| | MPURSE | 139 | 134 | -5 | 5 |
| | RSA | N/A | 14 | 14 | N/A |
| PEL | | 690 | 655 | -35 | 35 |
| | PLOBS | 36 | 30 | -6 | 6 |
| | PNLOBS | 33 | 35 | 2 | 2 |
| | PSSCLM | 256 | 235 | -21 | 21 |
| | PSFOTH | 225 | 211 | -14 | 14 |
| | PQUOH | 398 | 376 | -22 | 22 |
| | PRFIN | 266 | 262 | -4 | 8 |
| | PNFIN | 131 | 135 | 4 | 4 |
| | PPURSE | 8 | 7 | -1 | 1 |
| | PMWPT | 9 | 8 | -1 | 1 |
| | PWLK | 146 | 118 | -28 | 28 |
| | RSA | N/A | 3 | 3 | N/A |
| STUDSF | | 49 | 48 | -1 | 15 |
| SFO65 | | 240 | 268 | 28 | 18 |



Shellfish Sector

- Commercial Fishing Licenses (CFL)
 - 9 CFL Quohaug endorsements not renewed, 2 had some activity in 2012 (> 1 landing)
 - 11 CFL Soft Shell Clam endorsements not renewed, 1 had some activity in 2012 (> 1 landing)
 - 8 CFL Whelk endorsements not renewed, 1 met activity standard (> 75 Landings over 2 years), 2 had some activity in 2012 (> 1 landing)
- Principal Effort Licenses (PEL)
 - 22 PEL Quohaug endorsements not renewed, 1 met activity standard (> 75 Landings over 2 years), 4 had some activity in 2012 (> 1 landing)
 - 17 Soft Shell Clam endorsements not renewed, 1 had some activity in 2012 (> 1 landing)
 - 14 Whelk endorsements not renewed, 1 had some activity in 2012 (> 1 landing)
- Multipurpose Licenses (MPURP)
 - 24 MPURP not renewed
 - 1 MPURP met activity standard for Quohaugs (> 75 Landings over 2 years)
 - 1 MPURP had some activity for Soft Shell Clams in 2012 (> 1 Landing)
 - 1 MPURP had some activity for Whelk in 2012 (> 1 Landing)
- Quohaug License opportunities: 55 eligible licenses not renewed -> **2:1 ratio = 28 new CFL w/ QUOH**
- Soft Shell Clam License opportunities: 52 eligible license not renewed -> **5:1 ratio = 11 new CFL w/ SSCLM**
- Whelk License opportunities: 69 eligible licenses not renewed ->
 - **Status Quo: No new WLK endorsements open to PEL or CFL QUOH/SSCLM license holders**
 - **3:1 ratio of eligible licenses = 23 new CFL w/ WLK**
 - **1:1 ratio of active licenses = 5 new CFL w/ WLK**



Finfish Sector

- Commercial Fishing Licenses (CFL)
 - CFL restricted endorsement no longer exists
- Principal Effort Licenses (PEL)
 - 8 PEL restricted endorsements not renewed, 4 had some activity in 2012 (> 1 landing)
- Multipurpose Licenses (MPURP)
 - 24 MPURP not renewed, 4 had some activity in 2012 (> 1 landing)
- Restricted Finfish License opportunities:
 - 32 eligible licenses not renewed
 - 8 licenses considered active (> 1 landing in 2012)
 - **1:1 ratio of active license = 8 new PEL w/ RFIN**



Crustacean Sector

- Commercial Fishing Licenses (CFL)
 - 1 CFL lobster endorsement not renewed
- Principal Effort Licenses (PEL)
 - 5 PEL restricted endorsements not renewed, 2 had some activity in 2012 (> 1 landing)
- Multipurpose Licenses (MPURP)
 - 24 MPURP not renewed, 1 had some activity in 2012 (> 1 landing)
- Lobster License opportunities:
 - ASMFC moratorium on issuance of new lobster licenses still in effect
 - Transferability of traps on horizon



Landing Permits

- Currently landing permits include 11 different categories
- Multiple categories result in confusion especially among non residents
- Species such as lobster and sea scallop frequently landed on finfish landing permits
- Non – Resident restricted finfish permit holders must acquire a MPLAND permit to land sea scallops and lobster
- Non – Resident non – restricted finfish have occasional restricted species landings (fluke, scup)
- In 2012 landings recorded on 52 landing permits, of those permits:
 - 36 were multipurpose landing permits
 - 14 were finfish landing permits
 - 1 was a lobster landing permit
 - 1 was a shellfish landing permit
- RIDFW proposes to simplify system by trimming permit categories to three classes of multipurpose landing permits:
 - Resident **\$300**
 - Non Resident **\$600**
 - Non Resident with restricted finfish (grandfathered permit no longer available) **\$600**
- Fees based on current multipurpose landing permits
- Change permit prefixes to:
 - MPLNDR (Resident)
 - MPLNDN (Non-Resident)
 - MPLNDS (Non-Resident Restricted Finfish)



RIDFW Proposed Amendments to “Commercial and Recreational Saltwater Fishing Licensing Regulations”

Strike Completely:

- (6.10-2) Resident Finfish Landing Permit, (6.10-3) Resident Shellfish Landing Permit
- (6.10-4) Resident Crustacean Landing Permit, (6.10-6) Resident Miscellaneous Landing Permit
- (6.10-8) Non-Resident Non-Restricted Finfish Landing Permit, (6.10-9) Non-Resident Shellfish Landing Permit
- (6.10-10) Non-Resident Crustacean Landing Permit, (6.10-12) Non-Resident Miscellaneous Landing Permit

Amend:

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

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

(b) The annual fee for a Non-Resident ~~Multipurpose Landing Permit with Restricted Finfish Landing Permit~~ 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 ~~Multipurpose Landing Permits with Restricted Finfish Landing Permits~~ 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 ~~Multipurpose Landing Permits with Landing Permits for~~ 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 restricted~~ species per year in four of the five years preceding the application. Having made that demonstration, a holder of a Non-Resident ~~Multipurpose Landing Permit with Landing Permit for a~~ restricted finfish species 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 ~~Multipurpose Landing Permit with Landing Permit for~~ restricted finfish will be considered a new permit application, issuance of which is subject to the requirements of subsection 6.10-7(c).

Remains status quo:

- (6.10-5) Resident Multi-Purpose Landing Permit, (6.10-11) Non-Resident Multi-Purpose Landing Permit



RIDFW Paper Logbook Endorsement

- ♦ Funding for logbook program is being reduced and will not be available after 2015
- ♦ Endorsement proposed to off set cost of printing, mailing, processing and data entry of RIDFW Harvester Logbook
- ♦ As an alternative, E – trips available at no cost to harvesters
 - ♦ Electronic data submission is more cost effective, timely and readily accessible
 - ♦ E – trips provides benefits to users by allowing them to receive reports on data they have entered
 - ♦ E – trips functionality allows for ease of reporting
 - ♦ Current project underway in RI to make E –trips available on mobile devices
 - ♦ Users will sign up for an account through RIDFW
 - ♦ RIDFW will provide training for E-trips
 - ♦ E –trips is already in use and approximately 50 new users have been added in 2013
- ♦ RIDFW is willing to continue the paper logbook program if users are willing to pick up the cost by purchasing an endorsement
- ♦ Logbook endorsement will identify who needs a logbook and eliminate waste
- ♦ Logbook endorsement would be available for a fee of **\$25**, throughout entire year
- ♦ Current costs of logbook program
 - ♦ Printing and mailing **\$9** / logbook
 - ♦ Data entry and QA/QC **\$9** / logbook
 - ♦ Additional fees put towards offsetting program administration (training, compliance, technical support etc...)



Horseshoe Crab Endorsement

- RI 2013 Landings
 - Bait
 - 18,030 crabs landed
 - exceeded quota of 7,694 crabs by (134%)
 - Biomed
 - 14,938 crabs landed
 - Biomed quota has never been reached
- RI stock status 2011 update:
 - Fishing mortality below Fmsy (no overfishing)
 - Biomass below Bmsy (overfished)
- Horseshoe crab management
 - Possession limits
 - Season
 - Area closures
- Licensing/Reporting
 - MPURP or PEL/CFL non lobster crustacean endorsement required
 - Permit required in addition to commercial license administered by RIDFW
 - Dealers must report landings
 - Harvester Logbook reporting required
 - Additional weekly and monthly reports required
- RIDFW proposal
 - Commercial Horseshoe crab endorsement to be issued by office of boat registration and licensing during open period (Dec – Apr)
 - Eliminate recreational permit
 - Open endorsement
 - Fee \$20



Restricted Species Status of Winter Flounder and Scup

Winter Flounder

- ♦ Winter flounder no longer closed to federal vessels, states considering increasing possession limits
- ♦ ASMFC is discussing measures to allow states to administer increase in state ACL
 - ♦ Higher state water possession limits
 - ♦ Quota management
- ♦ Winter flounder is the only species on restricted list which does not operate on a quota system
- ♦ Restricted status prevents non-resident federal ground fish vessels from landing in RI ports with a RIDEM landing permit
- ♦ RIDFW proposes to remove winter flounder from the restricted species list

Scup

- ♦ Scup jointly managed between the states and MAFMC
 - ♦ Individual state quotas Between May 1 – October 31
 - ♦ Coast wide federally managed quota November 1 – April 30
- ♦ Restricted status is to protect RI state quota
- ♦ Restricted status during the winter period prevents non – resident vessels from landing in RI ports with a RIDEM landing permit
- ♦ RIDFW proposes to remove scup from the restricted species during the winter period



Sale of license, vessel, and gear

Discussion of activity standard of vessel involved in sale of license, vessel and gear

