

DEM Launches New RI Shellfish Harvester Education & Certification Program

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Dear Applicant:

DEM has launched a new education and certification program that is mandatory for everyone who commercially harvests and lands shellfish in RI. The goal of the program is to ensure that shellfish harvesters deliver a safe product to shellfish dealers and, in turn, to shellfish consumers. **This course must be completed prior to the issuance of a new license/endorsement.**

In accordance with US FDA requirements, and new regulations adopted by DEM in 2018, holders of all applicable commercial licenses and landing permits must obtain certification via the new program. Applicants must submit Certificate of Completion prior to license issuance (new applicants only).

The certification requirement applies to:

- All holders of commercial shellfish licenses -- i.e., Principal Efforts Licenses and Commercial Fishing Licenses with quahog, soft-shell clam, and/or shellfish other endorsements; Over 65 Shellfish Licenses, and Student Shellfish Licenses;
- All holders of Multipurpose Licenses who harvest shellfish; and
- All holders of landing permits who land shellfish.

The certification requirement applies to both license/permit renewals and new licenses/permits, beginning in 2018. All certificates are valid for 5 years, after which re-certification will be required.

There are two ways to obtain certification:

1. **Complete a 30-minute online tutorial, which is available here:**
<https://www.ri.gov/dem/training/shellfish/>
2. **Attend a presentation offered by DEM located in the Foundry Complex 235 Promenade St., Providence, RI 02908. Please contact Alicia Parenteau at 401-222-4700 x 2412 for further details.**

To learn more about the program, including detailed information on all regulatory requirements and exceptions pertaining to the program, visit www.dem.ri.gov/harvester.

For further information on any aspect of the new certification program, contact Robert Ballou in the DEM Director's Office at Robert.Ballou@dem.ri.gov, 401-222-4700, ext. 4420

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2019 RESIDENT MARINE LICENSE APPLICATION

Applicant ID: _____ Office Use only
Applicant Mailing Address **Residence Address (Cannot be a PO Box)**
 Name: _____
 Street: _____ Street: _____
 City: _____ RI 02 _____ City: _____ RI 02 _____
 DOB: _____
 Height: _____ Weight: _____ Fisheries Lic# _____
 Hair Color: _____ Eye Color: _____
 RI Drivers License #: _____ Occupation: _____

Has your commercial fishing license and/or permit been revoked or suspended in any state or jurisdiction?
 Yes No (Check One)

*** (APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THEN 02/28/2019) ***

Renewal Grace Period with \$200.00 Late Fee March 1, 2019 – April 29, 2019 – Does Not Apply to New License Applicants – Renewal Licenses Only – It is unlawful to fish or sell fishery products without a current 2019 license

Reporting Method - Mandatory	Check Method	Available Licenses		
Logbook - Endorsement	\$25.00	Commercial Fishing License		\$50.00
VTR		Endorsements		
Electronic		Please check	Description	Additional Fee each
			Quahog (Renewal Only)	\$25.00
			Shellfish Other	\$25.00
			Soft Shell Clam (Renewal Only)	\$25.00
			Whelk – Conch (Renewal Only)	\$25.00
			Non Lobster Crustacean	\$25.00
			Lobster (Renewal Only)	\$25.00
			Non Restricted Finfish	\$25.00
			Dockside (Lob/Non Lobster Endorsed Applicants Only)	\$25.00
			Purse Seine	\$20.00
			Mid Water/Pair Trawl	\$20.00
			Logbook	\$25.00
			SFO65- 65 and Over Shellfish License (Quahog Only)	\$ 0.00

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All holders of SFO65 & CFL licenses with quahog, softshell clam and/or shellfish other endorsements must complete, prior to license issuance, the 30 minute on line shellfish harvester tutorial located at <https://www.ri.gov/dem/training/shellfish/> and must submit Certificate of Completion with this application (new applicants only).

RIGL §20-1-3(10) "Resident" means an individual who has had his or her actual place of residence and has lived in the state of Rhode Island for a continuous period of not less than six (6) months.

Under penalty of perjury I declare I am a Rhode Island resident and the information contained herein is true and accurate:

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Telephone # _____
 Notary Public _____ Comm. Exp. _____

Note: Licensed fishers are obligated to comply with possession limits for finfish as provided in the Marine Fisheries listserve, dedicated phone line at (401) 423-1920, or webpage at www.dem.ri.gov/programs/fish-wildlife/marine-fisheries/mfsizes.php. Licensed shellfishers are obligated to comply with conditional closure areas as provided on DEM's dedicated phone line at (401) 222-2900.