DEM Launches New
RI Shellfish Harvester Education & Certification Program

January 2019

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/](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](http://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
**Application for Rhode Island Landing License**

Applicant Name: __________________________ Mailing Address: __________________________
Home Address: __________________________ City: __________________________
State/Zip Code: __________________________ Hair/Eye: __________________________
DOB: __________________________ Phone #: __________________________
Driver’s License State & #: __________________________

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<td>Resident Landing License RESLND</td>
<td>RI residents*** only, <strong>ALLOW</strong> landing of restricted finfish* and all other marine species permitted by regulation and harvested outside of RI waters</td>
<td>$200.00</td>
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<td>Non Resident Landing License NRLAND</td>
<td>Non-RI Residents only, <strong>DOES NOT ALLOW</strong> landing restricted finfish*, <strong>ALLOW</strong> landing of all other marine species permitted by regulation and harvested outside of RI waters</td>
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<td>Non Resident, Restricted Finfish Landing License NRLNDR**</td>
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Federal Permit #: __________________________ (include copy)
Out of State License #: __________________________ (include copy)
Applicants must submit a copy of Federal Fisheries Permit or out of state license for this permit to be valid.

**Non Resident, Restricted Finfish Landing Licenses- renewal applicants must show evidence of RI landings of more than one thousand pounds of one or more of RI’s restricted finfish per year in four of the five years preceding the application. New applications restrictions apply.

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***Rhode Island Resident is 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.

Applicant’s Signature: __________________________ Date: __________________________
Notary Public (New Applicants Only): __________________________