New Taxation Certification Requirements

A new state law, enacted in 2004, requires everyone applying for any license from the state to first certify that they have filed all required state tax returns and paid all taxes due to the State, or entered into a written installment agreement with the Tax Administrator to pay delinquent state taxes. Accordingly, all applicants for new or renewed commercial fishing licenses must first complete one of the following two requirements:

a) Sign a Taxation Certification, certifying compliance with all state tax obligations as noted above; the form must also include the applicant’s social security number or FEIN, or

b) Furnish a Letter of Good Standing from the Tax Administrator. (401)574-8756

The Taxation Certification form is available from DEM; it may be completed at the counter while applying for a license, or may be filled out online and submitted as part of the online renewal process. Letters of Good Standing must be obtained from the RI Division of Taxation, Collections Division, One Capital Hill, Providence, RI 02908 (401)574-8756. **DEM will not issue any new or renewed license until the applicant has submitted a properly completed Taxpayer Affidavit or a Letter of Good Standing.**

Any questions regarding the new tax law should be directed to the RI Division of Taxation at 401-574-8941.
Office of Boat Registration & Licensing  
3rd Floor Room 360  
(401) 222-6647

**Taxpayer Certification**

You are required to furnish your Social Security # or FEIN pursuant to Chapter 76 of Title 5 and Chapter 3 of Title 31 of the RI General Laws, as amended. Any person applying for any license or permit to conduct a business or occupation within Rhode Island or any person renewing a motor vehicle operator's license or motor vehicle registration within Rhode Island must have filed all required state tax returns and paid all taxes due the state or must have entered into a written installment agreement to pay delinquent state taxes that is satisfactory to the Tax Administrator. Failure to provide the Department with your Social Security # or FEIN will result in you having to obtain a Letter of Good Standing from the RI Division of Taxation, One Capitol Hill Providence, RI 02908 PRIOR to the issuance or renewal of your license. If you have any questions regarding your tax status, please contact Taxation directly at 401-574-8941.

*I hereby declare, under penalty of perjury, that I have filed all required state tax returns and have either paid all taxes due the state or have entered into a written installment agreement with the Rhode Island Division of Taxation.*

Applicant’s Signature ____________________________ Date ________________

Printed Name _____________________________________

Social Security # or FEIN _________________________

Marine License # ________________________________

Please submit this Certification, Letter of Good Standing or Installment Agreement (Taxation Audit & Discovery Section 401-574-8756) along with your marine license application to the RI DEM Office of Boat Registration & Licensing, 235 Promenade St. Room 360, Providence, RI 02908.