



Notice to Commercial Fishermen

COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE RENEWAL DEADLINE REMINDER

Public Act 15-52, which went into effect on January 1, 2016, **requires commercial limited access (moratorium) licenses to be renewed annually by March 31st**. License applications **MUST BE RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED BY MARCH 31st**. The law also **requires a Commercial Fishing Vessel Permit to be purchased annually** for the primary vessel identified on a limited access (moratorium) license for the license **to remain eligible** for renewal in the future. **Quota Managed Species Endorsements**– for fluke, scup, black sea bass and hand harvest of horseshoe crabs – also **require annual renewal by March 31st**. The fee is \$15 per species.

**** PLEASE NOTE, DUE TO COVID-19, ALL CT DEEP OFFICES ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC. ALL COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE RENEWALS MUST BE MAILED TO CT DEEP LICENSING IN HARTFORD FOR PROCESSING:**

CT DEEP Licensing
79 Elm Street, 1st Floor
Hartford, CT 06106-1650

IT MAY TAKE UP TO 7 DAYS TO PROCESS YOUR LICENSE ONCE YOUR APPLICATION IS RECEIVED**

For further information:

Limited access (moratorium) commercial fishing license and vessel permit applications can be accessed on the CT DEEP website using the following link:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Fishing/General-Information/Fisheries-Licenses-and-Permits>.

Please refer to the 2021 Marine Fisheries Information Circular for complete details on each license using the following link:

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/fishing/commercial/marinecircpdf.pdf>

You may also contact the DEEP Marine Fisheries Program with any questions by mail at PO Box 719, Old Lyme, CT 06371-0719, by email at deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov, or by leaving a voicemail at 860.434.6043.

Staying Informed:

Regulation changes, notices of public meetings and other important and relevant information are disseminated via the *DEEP Marine Fisheries News*, our periodic email notice to fishermen. If you haven't already, you can join our email distribution list by sending an email to iMailSrv@list.state.ct.us. In the body of the email, type *subscribe DEP-marine-fisheries* then leave a space and type your full name. Also, leave the subject line blank and remove any signature blocks or any other text in the message body. Call our 24/7 phone line: 860.434.6374 for a recorded message detailing current commercial possession limits and other timely commercial fisheries related news. Visit: www.ct.gov/deep/fishing for all current commercial fishery possession limits,

notices to fishermen and other useful information concerning commercial and recreational fishing in Connecticut. NOTE: We do not use email addresses provided through the licensing system for commercial fishery or personal use lobster / gillnet related communication.

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer that is committed to complying with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Please contact Barbara Viadella or Cenit Mirabal, DEEP Office of Diversity and Equity at (860) 418-5910 or by email @ deep.accommodations@ct.gov if you are requesting a communication aid or service, have limited proficiency in English, need some other type of accommodation, or if you wish to file an ADA or Title VI discrimination complaint. In order to facilitate efforts to provide an accommodation, please request all accommodations as soon as possible following notice of any agency hearing, meeting, program or event.