To all individuals purchasing a NH License to fish for northern shrimp:

With this being the first year of a Commercial Shrimp License in New Hampshire, I wanted to provide a brief explanation of why this license was implemented and to make you aware of certain previous management actions that may or may not affect your decision to purchase this shrimp license.

First of all, you will need this license to take, possess, land, or transport northern shrimp on New Hampshire waters by any method for the purpose of sale, regardless of where the catch was taken. **Purchasing a Commercial Saltwater License will no longer cover these activities for shrimp fishing.**

Next, as most of you know, northern shrimp has been managed cooperatively by the states of New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts under the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) since the 1970’s. Currently this is one of the last open access fisheries (where anybody can attain a license to participate) in the northeast. In recent years it has become apparent that the number of individuals participating in the fishery is not sustainable both biologically and on an economic basis. While the number of New Hampshire vessels/individuals fishing for shrimp has remained somewhat stable, the number of shrimp license holders in Maine has increased substantially. As a result, the ASMFC Northern Shrimp Section has taken two actions:

1. Initiated development of a management action to limit participation in the fishery
2. Approved a control date of June 7, 2011.

The license was implemented because NH is the only state without a Commercial Shrimp License; and without a license specifically for shrimp we could not limit participation in the fishery.

The control date of June 7, 2011, was established by the Northern Shrimp Section to inform the shrimp fishing industry that individuals/vessels without shrimp fishing history prior to the control date may be treated differently than those with history before that date in a future management action. I want every individual purchasing a New Hampshire commercial shrimp license in 2014 to consider this as you decide whether to purchase the license; particularly if you or your vessel does not have shrimp landings history prior to the control date. While the shrimp license is currently open access and anyone can purchase it, there is a potential that the management action under development may result in a requirement to limit the number of individuals/vessels who are eligible to purchase the license and the control date may be used as one of the criteria to determine who is eligible.

I also would like to encourage every person purchasing the new Commercial Shrimp License to include their email address on the application so we can provide you with notices of meetings and rules hearings pertaining to shrimp management in a timely and efficient manner.

If you have questions about this, please don’t hesitate to contact me or other Marine Division staff at the Region 3 office in Durham (868-1095).

Regards,

Douglas Grout
Chief of Marine Fisheries
APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL SALTWATER LICENSES
(RSA 211:49-a and RSA 211:49b)

To take, possess, land, or transport marine species for the purpose to sell (excluding lobsters, crabs and shrimp*).
This license is issued to an individual.

RESIDENT

❑ $50.00

NON-RESIDENT

❑ $500.00

*Nonresidents are not allowed to take lobster, crabs, sea urchins, clam worms, or scallops from N.H. waters unless state of residence has reciprocal licenses.
**Helpers shall not be allowed for the taking of sea urchins or scallops by diving.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY - Must be completed in full. Please include a copy of your driver's license and boat registration.

Legal Name of Applicant:

LAST NAME (plus suffix)          FIRST NAME         MI

HOME OR PERSONAL CELL PHONE NUMBER

STREET ADDRESS

CITY                          STATE          ZIP CODE          COUNTRY

MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE):

CITY                          STATE          ZIP CODE          COUNTRY

Date of Birth: ____________________________

**Optional: If you would like to receive timely and pertinent information regarding the fisheries you participate in, please provide your email address.

Date Issued_______________

Vessel/Boat Information:

State of Registration ____________________________

HOME OR PERSONAL CELL PHONE NUMBER

LAST NAME (plus suffix)          FIRST NAME         MI

STREET ADDRESS OF OWNER

CITY                          STATE          ZIP CODE          COUNTRY

Vessel Name

STATE REGISTRATION # OR COAST GUARD #

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES FEDERAL PERMIT #

PRINCIPAL PORT

HULL ID #

HULL CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL

Vessel Length: ______       Year Built: ________       Crew Size: ______      Gross Tons****: ______

Net Tons****: ______       Horsepower****: _______       Hold Capacity (in Tons)****: ______

****Complete for Federal documented vessels only.

Fishing Information:

Marine Species Sought:

❑ Groundfish       ❑ Other Finfish (specify) ____________________________

❑ Herring       ❑ Tuna

❑ Sea Urchins*       ❑ Scallops*       ❑ Other (specify) ____________________________

* Nonresidents must have reciprocal licensing privilege from their state.

Gear Information:

Type of Gear(s) used to harvest species sought

RESIDENT AFFIDAVIT:

I hereby certify that I am a resident of the State of New Hampshire and that I do not claim residence in any other state for any purpose. The word residence shall mean domicile. I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct. (Licensee subject to the penalties for making unsworn false statements under RSA 641:3).

NONRESIDENT AFFIDAVIT:

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct. (Licensee subject to the penalties for making unsworn false statements under RSA 641:3).

Sportsperson statement: I certify that my privileges to fish, guide, take or land lobsters, or engage in commercial marine fishing activities are not under suspension or revocation in any state or province (RSA 214:18b) and further certify that I am aware that any conviction of certain felonies in any state or province prohibits the possession of a firearm or other dangerous weapon.

APPLICANT’S SIGNATURE

APPLICATION’S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

LICENSE EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, ___________.

Please enclose a 4" x 9-1/2", self-addressed, stamped envelope.

WHITE - Business Office Copy       YELLOW - Region 3 Copy