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## **2022-2023 Commercial Lobster Trap Tag Important Ordering Information**

The Department has mailed 2022-2023 commercial lobster trap tag allocation letters and order forms to all qualifying CT commercial lobstermen. Effective June 1, 2022, each lobster pot in LMA 6 must be tagged with a lobster pot tag authorized for fishing during the period June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023. New tags may be affixed to pots prior to May 31, 2022, but tags issued in 2021 must remain on pots fished in LMA 6 through May 31, 2022. Expired tags do not have to be removed from pots. All pots not tagged in this manner must be removed from the water.

The trap tag vendor, Cambridge Seals, has informed the department that fishermen **must allow 8 to 10 weeks** for processing and delivery of their trap tags. You must plan accordingly in order to obtain your tags prior to June 1, 2022. Failure to obtain and place tags on your traps by June 1, 2022 will prevent you from fishing those traps. If you have any questions or need further information regarding the trap tag program, please contact the Marine Fisheries Program by sending an e-mail to [deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov](mailto:deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov) or by calling 860.434.6043, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.

### **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 [listserv@list.ct.gov](mailto:listserv@list.ct.gov). Leave the subject line of the email blank and remove any signature and/or footer blocks in the message body. In the body of the email, type *subscribe DEEP\_marine\_fisheries* then leave a space and type your first name then leave another space and type your last name. After you send the email, you will receive an email that you have successfully subscribed to the listserv.

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: <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Fishing/CT-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.

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