



Notice to Fishermen: 2023 License Applications

Please use the website link below to find your commercial fishing license, seafood dealer license, bait dealer license, personal use licenses, commercial fishing vessel permit and party/charter vessel registration applications for 2023. Please be sure to complete the appropriate application(s) for licenses you wish to obtain or renew and mail your completed form(s) with payment for the required amount to:

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

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

Link to 2023 CT DEEP Marine Fishing License Applications:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP-FishingLicense>

Important Reminders:

- Public Act 15-52, which went into effect on January 1, 2016, **requires that moratorium licenses be renewed by March 31st** annually to maintain their eligibility for renewal in the future.
- The law also requires a Commercial Fishing Vessel Permit be purchased annually **to remain eligible** to renew a moratorium license.
- Quota Managed Species Endorsements– for fluke, scup, black sea bass and hand harvest of horseshoe crabs – also **require annual renewal by March 31**. The fee is \$15 per species.
- *****PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE NOT UP TO DATE ON YOUR 2022 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, YOUR 2023 LICENSE RENEWAL(S) WILL NOT BE PROCESSED PER CGS SECTION 26-142a.***** If you are unsure of your current reporting status or require additional commercial fisheries catch logs or report forms, please contact DEEP Marine Fisheries using one of the methods outlined below. Delinquent letters were mailed to license holders who are not current in their reporting requirements on November 16, 2022. Personal use lobster and personal use gillnet annual reports are not due until January 31, 2023.
- **The Marine Fisheries Program has migrated completely to e-mail notification for all business functions including license renewal notifications and will no longer be sending notifications via U.S. Mail.** Please be sure to include a functional email that you routinely use on your license application(s). Please also be sure to subscribe to the CT Marine Fisheries ListServ to receive important notices and updates for fishermen from the CT Marine Fisheries Program. Directions to subscribe can be found using the following link: [Marine Fisheries Updates by Email \(ct.gov\)](https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP-FishingLicense).

Contacting DEEP Marine Fisheries:

For any questions regarding reporting requirements, obtaining additional logbooks or license applications, contact the CT DEEP Marine Fisheries Program by mail at PO Box 719, Old Lyme, CT

06371-0719, by email at 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. We ask that you do not contact the DEEP License and Revenue Unit for such inquiries as they cannot assist you on these matters.

Staying Informed:

Visit: <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP-Commercial-Fishing> for all current commercial fishery possession limits, notices to fishermen, additional license forms and other useful information concerning commercial and recreational fishing in Connecticut.

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