

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.

Link to 2023 CT DEEP Marine Fishing License Applications:

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

Please use this website link to find your commercial fishing license and commercial fishing vessel permit 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**

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

****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.

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/Fishing/Commercial/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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