

DEEP Marine Headquarters to Fully Re-Open

The DEEP Marine District Headquarters (MDHQ) facility at 333 Ferry Road in Old Lyme will be fully reopened to the public beginning Monday, March 18, 2024.

We are also excited to announce that MDHQ will now offer services to commercial fishing license holders, including the processing of annual limited access commercial license and quota managed species endorsement renewals. Applications for open access commercial fishing licenses, party/charter vessel registrations, hunting/fishing guide registrations, and boating certificates can be processed at MDHQ, and recreational fishing and hunting licenses can also be purchased. Applications for 2024 commercial fishing licenses, party/charter vessel registrations, and hunting/fishing guide registrations can be found on the Department's website by using the following link: <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP-FishingLicense>.

Please be sure to complete the appropriate application(s) for license(s) you wish to obtain or renew and bring your completed form(s) with payment to MDHQ if you wish to renew in person at this location.

Customer Service Window Hours:

Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 4 pm

Commercial fishermen are encouraged to contact the Marine Fisheries Program with any questions regarding reporting status, blackfish tags, license eligibility, regulations, or other matters and if necessary make an appointment to meet with Commercial Statistics Project staff to discuss. If you do not reach out ahead of time to make an appointment, it is not guaranteed that Marine Fisheries Program staff will be available to assist you when you visit MDHQ. Commercial blackfish tags will **not** be available on demand at the customer service window at MDHQ. While arrangements can be made for commercial fishermen to pick up blackfish tags at MDHQ, a commercial blackfish tag request application must be submitted by the applicant and processed by Marine Fisheries Program staff before tags can be picked up.

The Marine Fisheries Program can be reached by email at deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov, by mail at PO Box 719, Old Lyme, CT 06371 or by calling 860.434.6043 between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

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