

My name is Charles Sawyer Jr. I am from Lowland, NC. I am 39 years old and have been a shrimper all of my life. I have shrimped on the east coast, Key West, and in the Gulf over off Texas.

I have 2 boats with rock shrimp endorsements. I just purchased one of the boats 2 months ago and the other in 2004 that has met criteria. I would like to see the 15,000 pound requirement taken off the endorsement. Because of the availability of product and fuel prices, it is costly to try and meet the criteria if shrimp are scarce. Fuel is now over \$3.00 a gallon. It would cost me about \$3,000.00 or more per boat to get to the fishing grounds. If there were not many shrimp around, I could probably do better catching soft shrimp. I believe things will come back in the fishery but if this requirement is taken off it will be one less thing to worry about.

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