## Instructions for the Federal Permit Application for Vessels Fishing in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)

In addition to the instructions provided herein, applicants with specific questions are encouraged to contact the Permits Office at (727) 824-5326 or toll free at (877) 376-4877 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. ET, or visit the SERO Permits website at sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/permits.

Please consult the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations whose guidance for application requirements, permit eligibilities, and related information will always prevail. NMFS will return incomplete or illegible applications.

## General Instructions:

## What Sections do I complete?

Complete all applicable sections of this application form. All application fields should be typed or printed in ink. Specifically,
$\sqrt{ }$ All applicants must fill out Section 1, and Section 2 and/or Section 3.
If the vessel's USCG documentation or state registration indicates the vessel is owned by one or more individuals, fill out Section 4.

If the vessel's USCG documentation or state registration indicates the vessel is owned by one or more businesses, fill out Section 5.

If the vessel is leased and the permit(s) will be issued to the lessee(s), complete Section 6.
If the vessel is owned by a business which is owned by another business, in addition to completing Section 5, complete Section 7. In Section 7, provide information about all businesses that are parent companies of businesses that own the vessel.

If the vessel is leased by a business which is owned by another business, in addition to completing Section 6 , complete Section 7. In Section 7, provide information about all businesses that are parent companies of businesses that lease the vessel.

If the vessel is owned or leased by a business, in addition to completing Section 5 and/or 6, complete Section 8. In Section 8, provide information about all individuals that are owners or officers of businesses listed in Section 5, Section 6, and/or Section 7.
Complete Section 9 if the any owners of the businesses listed in Section 5, Section 6, or Section 7 hold an ownership percentage less than $1 \%$. This is not common.

Applicants of Historical Captain Endorsements for Gulf of Mexico Charter/Headboat permits, or designated operator (income qualifier) for Commercial Spiny Lobster Permits, complete section 10Applicants requesting a Sea Bass Pot endorsement or Golden Crab permit fill out Section 11.
$\sqrt{\sqrt{2}}$ All applicants must fill out Section 12, and Section 13.
See pages 3-6 for information about specific sections of this application.

## What is the fee?

The application fee is $\mathbf{\$ 2 5}$ for one fishery and $\$ \mathbf{1 0}$ for each additional fishery, as described in the table below. This application fee is collected to cover the administrative cost of processing the application, and is non-refundable.
For Gulf of Mexico Charter/Headboat permits only, there is an additional, non-refundable $\mathbf{\$ 1 0}$ fee for each decal. The fee to replace one or more permits issued to a vessel is $\$ 18$. NMFS will not refund money for denied permits. A check or money order payable to the U.S. TREASURY must accompany each application.
Permits
$\begin{array}{lllllllll}1=\$ 25 & 2=\$ 35 & 3=\$ 45 & 4=\$ 55 & 5=\$ 65 & 6=\$ 75 & 7=\$ 85 & 8=\$ 95 & 9=\$ 105 \\ 10 & =\$ 115 & 11=\$ 125\end{array}$
Gulf of Mexico Charter/headboat Decals
$1=\$ 10 \quad 2=\$ 20$

## Where do I send the application?

Mail the complete application, payment, and all required supporting documentation to: National Marine Fisheries

Service (FISER14), 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701. To receive permits via overnight carrier, enclose a completed, pre-paid air bill and envelope. Please note using the prepaid overnight delivery option does not expedite permit processing; it only expedites delivery of your completed permit package.

## What about reporting compliance?

NMFS will not renew or transfer a permit until all reporting requirements for the permit being renewed or transferred have been met (e.g., logbooks, the MRIP For-Hire telephone survey, etc.). To avoid delays, applicants are encouraged to comply with all reporting requirements before submitting a permit application.

- Send Coastal and Pelagic logbook report(s) to National Marine Fisheries Service, Research Management Division, Logbook Program, P.O. Box 491500, Key Biscayne, FL 33149-9915. Please direct questions concerning reporting Coastal and Pelagic reporting requirements to the Southeast Research Management Division at (305) 361-4581. You can also check the status for these logbooks online at https://grunt.sefsc. noaa.gov/vrsr/VesselReportingStatus.jsp.
- Send Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Landing Reports and Gulf Shrimp Vessel \& Gear Characterization forms to Rebecca Smith, NMFS Galveston Laboratory, 4700 Avenue U, Galveston, TX 7755; also, Gulf Shrimp applicants need to ensure compliance with the cELB program. See www.galvestonlab.sefsc.noaa.gov/ELB/FAQ/elbresponsibilities.html for details. For information about all Gulf of Mexico Shrimp data collection programs contact Rebecca Smith at the NMFS Galveston Laboratory (409)-766-3783.
- Vessels selected for the For Hire headboat survey should contact Mr. Ken Brennan of the NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center at (252) 728-8618 for information about required reports.


## What supporting documentation do I need?

Documentation or state registration: Include a copy of the vessel's valid USCG Documentation or, if not required to be USCG Documented include a copy of the vessel's valid State Registration, with the application.

Payment: Include a check or money order made out to the US Treasury. See "What is the Fee" on page 1 of these instructions for more information. Include a separate check or money order if requesting Floy tags for Golden Crab or Sea Bass pots.

Lease Agreement: Include a copy of the current lease agreement if the vessel is leased, rented, or leased-to-own. The lease must identify the vessel, the individual(s) or business(es) leasing the vessel, and the vessel owners as listed on the vessel's USCG Certificate of Documentation or, if not documented, the State Registration. The lease agreement must include a lease start date, and lease expiration date. The lease must run for a minimum of 7 months from the date your application is received. The lease may extend for many years if the lessee and lessor anticipate a long-term arrangement. Both the vessel owner(s) and the lessee(s) must sign and date the lease agreement.
Original Permits: When transferring limited entry permits from one vessel to another, or from one owner or lessee to another owner or lessee, include the original permits being transferred.

- Except when transferring a permit to the same vessel owner(s) and lessee(s) (as applicable), the permit holder listed on the face of the permit must sign the back of the permit as the seller. If the permit holder is a business or organization, an officer or owner of the permit holder must sign the back of the permit as the seller. The seller's signature must be notarized.
- When transferring a Gulf of Mexico Charter/headboat permit, even to the same vessel owner(s) /lesee(s), the transferor must sign the back to affirm removal of the charter/headboat decal.
- If the transfer is not for a Gulf of Mexico Charter/ headboat permit, and the vessel owner(s)/lessee(s) will remain the same, the permit does not need to be signed.


## Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Workshop Certificate:

- To renew a Shark or Swordfish Directed or Incidental permit, include a copy of a valid Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop Owner's Certificate issued to the vessel owner.
- To transfer Shark or Swordfish Directed or Incidental permits, include a copy of either a valid Owner or Operator's Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop Certificate issued to the vessel owner.

Florida Saltwater Products License: To obtain a lobster tailing permit, if the vessel will not obtain or already possess a valid commercial spiny lobster permit, include a copy of a Florida Saltwater Products License with crawfish endorsement issued to the vessel or to the applicant.
Miscellaneous or uncommon documents: To transfer a Snapper Grouper Unlimited permit to an immediate family member, documentation proving the familial relationship will be required. To transfer a permit pursuant to will/probate of a deceased permit holder, copies of the will and court order will be required. For these sorts of unusual transfer transactions, we recommend you contact the Permits Office toll free at (877) 376-4877 to discuss the details of your particular situations.

## A few words about transfers and renewals...

- Any change to the identity of the entities that own or lease the vessel, or to the vessel to which permits are issued, means the permit cannot be renewed. If the permit is a limited entry permit, it may be transferred to the new vessel or vessel owner(s) and lessee(s). If the permit is open access, a new permit may be obtained.
- Various restrictions apply to the renewal or transfer of limited entry permits and endorsements. Consult the applicable US Code of Federal Regulations, available online at sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sustainable fisheries/policy branch/
- A vessel owner with moratorium Gulf of Mexico Coastal Migratory Pelagic Charter/Headboat and/or a Reef Fish Charter/Headboat permit(s) that transfers the permit(s) to another vessel owner or to another vessel, must remove the Federal Charter/Headboat decal from the vessel.
- With the exception of Sea Bass Pot endorsements and Golden Tilefish endorsements, NMFS cannot transfer expired permits/endorsements to a new permit holder. For all other limited entry permits, an applicant may transfer a permit only when the seller(s) signature is notarized BEFORE the expiration date, and the applicant submits an application to transfer the permit before the permit terminates, which is the date one year following the expiration date of the permit (or 6 months following the expiration date of a Golden Crab permit) and as printed on the face of the permit. An applicant may transfer a Sea Bass Pot endorsement or Golden Tilefish endorsements only when the seller(s) signature is notarized and the application is submitted BEFORE the termination date of the endorsements.


## APPLICATION SECTION 1 - VESSEL INFORMATION.

Complete all portions of Section 1.

- Enter the Official Number and the length of the vessel as they appear on the U.S. Coast Guard Certificate of Documentation, or the State Registration certificate for a vessel without USCG documentation.
- Provide the Hull Identification Number (HIN) if available. The HIN is a unique number assigned by the boat builder. Most HINs are shown on the state registration or USCG documentation.
- For Highly Migratory Species (HMS) applicants only:
o An International Maritime Organization (IMO) number is required for all vessels longer than 20 meters (65 feet 8 inches) applying for HMS commercial shark, swordfish or Atlantic Tuna longline permits.
o If applying for a HMS commercial swordfish, shark, or Atlantic Tuna Longline permit without a vessel, write "NO VESSEL" in the field for USCG Official Number.
o Shark and Swordfish directed and incidental permit applicants must indicate whether the vessel fishes with or carries on board longline and gillnet gear.
- For For-Hire vessel applicants only:
o Indicate if the vessel is an uninspected vessel authorized to use a "6-pack" license, or a USCG inspected vessel, and if so, the passenger capacity of the vessel.


## APPLICATION SECTIONS 2 AND 3 - Permits Requested.

Indicate the fishery and transaction type of the permits requested. For renewal and transfer requests of limited entry permits, indicate the permit number in the space provided.

Commercial Spiny Lobster Income Qualification: NMFS requires an Income Qualification Affidavit with each application for a Commercial Spiny Lobster permit, as proof of meeting permit income qualification requirement of the Commercial Spiny Lobster fishery. Additional income qualification documentation may be required upon request.


| SPINY LOBSTER INCOME REQUIREMENTS |  |
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| Percentage of earned income | At least 10\% |
| Source of earned income | Sale of catch |
| Time frame for qualification | Year prior to application |

Additionally, Lobster Tailing applicants must either obtain a Commercial Spiny Lobster permit or provide a copy of a valid Florida Saltwater Product License with a crawfish endorsement, issued to the vessel or the applicant.

## APPLICATION SECTION 4 -- Individuals that own the vessel.

 If the U.S. Coast Guard Certificate of Documentation or State Registration indicates the vessel is owned by one or more individuals, complete Section 4 for all owners listed. Complete Section 4 a for an individual owner. Also fill out Section $\mathbf{4 b}$ if the vessel is jointly owned by another individual. Photocopy Section 4 as necessary to provide information for all individuals that own the vessel.- For each owner, provide the owner's full name, tax ID number (SSN), date of birth, phone number, physical and mailing address, sex, and race/ethnicity information.
- Indicate if the owner is a United States citizen or permanent resident alien. Note, this information will not affect eligibility to obtain a permit.
- Provide an email address or SMS mobile phone number to receive digital updates about your permit and application status (when available).If there is more than one vessel owner, and the vessel is not leased, select a single Primary Mailing Recipient to whom all correspondence about this application and requested permits will be sent.


## APPLICATION SECTION 5 -- Businesses that own the vessel.

If the U.S. Coast Guard Certificate of Documentation or the State Registration is a business, provide information for all businesses listed. Complete section 5a for a single business owner. Also fill out Section $5 b$ if the vessel is jointly owned by another business.

- NMFS will not issue permits to a business with an INACTIVE status with the applicable Secretary of State.
- Provide the business's full name, tax ID number (FEIN), date the business was formed, phone number, physical and mailing address, and business type.
- Indicate if the business was established by the laws of the United States or any state of the United States. Note, this information will not affect eligibility to obtain a permit.
- Provide an email address or SMS mobile phone number to receive digital updates about your permit and application status (when available).
- If there is more than one vessel owner, and the vessel is not leased, select a single Primary Mailing Recipient to whom all correspondence about this application and requested permits will be sent.
- For a brief definition of applicable business types, see our frequently asked questions at http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/operations management information services/constituency services branch/permits/ permit faq/index.html


## APPLICATION SECTION 6 - LEASE Information

If the vessel is leased by one or more individuals, fill out section 6A. Copy this section as necessary to provide information about all individuals that lease the vessel.

- For each individual lessee, include the lessee's full name, tax ID number (SSN), date of birth, phone number, physical address, mailing address, sex, and race/ethnicity information.
- Indicate if the lessee is a United States citizen or permanent resident alien. Note, this information will not affect eligibility to obtain a permit.
- Provide an email address or SMS mobile phone number to receive digital updates about your permit and application status (when available).
- If there is more than one vessel lessee, select a single Primary Mailing Recipient to whom all correspondence about this application and requested permits will be sent.

If the vessel is leased by one or more businesses, fill out section 6B. Copy this page as necessary to provide information about all businesses that lease the vessel

- For each business that leases the vessel, provide the business's full name, tax ID number (FEIN), date the business was formed, phone number, physical address, mailing address, and business type.
- Indicate if the business was established by the laws of the United States or any state of the United States. Note, this information will not affect eligibility to obtain a permit.
- Provide an email address or SMS mobile phone number to receive digital updates about your permit and application status (when available).
- If there is more than one vessel lessee, select a single Primary Mailing Recipient to whom all correspondence about this application and requested permits will be sent.
- For a brief definition of applicable business types, see our frequently asked questions at http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/operations management information services/constituency services branch/permits/ permit fag/index.html
A SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT LEASES: There is no provision in the federal regulations to lease permits. Permit holders may lease a vessel and obtain permits on the vessel as the lessee. Note that vessel owners and lessees cannot independently hold permits for the same vessel at the same time.


APPLICATION SECTION 7 -Businesses that Own Businesses
Complete this section for any business that owns more than $1 \%$ of any business within the ownership hierarchy of vessel owners or lessees listed in section $5 a, 5 b$, or $6 b$. For every business, the sum of ownership, by either individuals or other businesses, must total $100 \%$. Photocopy this section as necessary to provide information about all businesses within the ownership hierarchy of the vessel.

- For each business, provide the business's full name, tax ID number (FEIN), date the business was formed, phone number, physical and mailing address, and business type.
- Indicate if the business was established by the laws of the United States or any state of the United States. Note, this information will not affect eligibility to obtain a permit.
- Provide an email address or SMS mobile phone number to receive digital updates about your permit and application status (when available).
- For a brief definition of applicable business types, see our frequently asked questions at http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/operations management information services/constituency services branch/permits/ permit fag/index.html
Example: If a vessel's USCG documentation indicates that the vessel is owned by Company A, and Company A is owned by Company B. Provide information about Company A in section 5 and Company B in section 7 .


## APPLICATION SECTION 8 -Businesses Officers and Individual Owners

Complete this section for any individual that owns more than $1 \%$ of any business within the ownership hierarchy of vessel owners or lessees, as listed in section $5 a, 5 b, 6 b$, or 7 . For every business, the sum of ownership, by either individuals or other businesses, must total 100\%. Photocopy this section as necessary to provide information about all businesses within the ownership hierarchy of the vessel

- For each individual owner or officer, include the entity's full name, tax ID number (SSN), date of birth, phone number, physical address, mailing address, sex, and race/ethnicity information.
- Indicate if the individual is a United States citizen or permanent resident alien. Note, this information will not affect eligibility to obtain a permit.
- Provide an email address or SMS mobile phone number to receive digital updates about your permit and application status (when available).

Example: If a vessel's USCG documentation indicates that the vessel is owned by Company A, provide information about all owners and officers of Company $A$. If Company $A$ is also owned in whole or part by Company B, complete section 8 to provide information about all individual owners and officers of Company $A$ and Company B.
Photocopy this section as necessary to provide information about all businesses and their respective owners and officers that comprise the ownership hierarchy of the vessel.

## APPLICATION SECTION 9 - Minor shareholders

This section is left blank for most applicants. Complete Section 9 if a business listed in Section 5a, 5b, 6b, or 7 has owners that individually own less than $1 \%$ of the business. Provide the total percentage of ownership which is individually held by owners who own less than $1 \%$.

## APPLICATION SECTION 10 -- Historical Captain or Designated Operator (Income Oualifer)

This section does not apply for most applications. Only complete this section for

1) Gulf of Mexico Charter/Headboat permits with a Historical Captain endorsement, or
2) Commercial Spiny Lobster permit for which the income qualification requirement has been met the fishing income of a Designated Operator. A Designated Operator is a vessel operator who is neither a vessel owner nor lessee listed in Section 4a, 4b, 6a, nor an officer of a business that owns or leases the vessel as listed in 7a.

- For each historical captain or designated operator, include the individual's full name, tax ID number (SSN), date of birth, phone number, physical and mailing address, and gender/ethnicity information.
- Indicate if the individual is a United States citizen or permanent resident alien. Note, this information will not affect eligibility to obtain a permit.
- Provide an email address or SMS mobile phone number to receive digital updates about your permit and application status (as available).
- Note that Designated Operators must ALSO sign the application in Section 13.


## APPLICATION SECTION 11-Sea Bass pots or Golden Crab pots

Complete this section only if you fish with pots in the snapper-grouper fishery or traps in the golden crab fishery off the southern Atlantic states.

- The Sea Bass pot fishery requires tags be ordered through NMFS. Trap Tags for the golden crab fishery do not need to be ordered through NMFS.
- To order tags from Floy Tag Inc through NMFS, complete this section and include a separate check or money order for pot or trap tags ( $\$ 2.00$ per tag) payable to FLOY TAG INC. Floy Tag Inc. will ship all Floy Tag orders to you directly; NMFS will not send tags with the permit package.


## APPLICATION SECTION 12 - Small Business or Organization Certification

This section is required for ALL applicants. Your revenue and employment estimates for the most recent complete calendar year your business or organization was active should include the revenues and employees of ALL affiliated businesses or organizations. In general, businesses or organizations are affiliated with each other when one business or organization controls or has the power to control another business or organization, or a third party controls or has the power to control both. Specifically, businesses or organizations are considered to be affiliated if they have $5 \mathbf{5 0 \%}$ or more ownership in common. For e.g., if the same individual or individuals own or co-own multiple businesses, those businesses would be considered affiliated and thus should be treated as a single operation for the purpose of estimating annual gross revenues and employment.

## APPLICATION SECTION 13 - SIGNATURE FOR APPLICATION

If the vessel is leased, a lessee or a lessee's representative must sign the application as the applicant. If the vessel is not leased, a vessel owner or an owner's representative must sign the application as the applicant.

If the vessel has a Designated Operator/Income Qualifier for Commercial Spiny Lobster permits, the Designated Operator must also sign and date the application.

The following flowchart describes how to identify who needs to sign the application.


KNOWINGLY SUPPLYING FALSE INFORMATION OR WILLFULLY OVERVALUING ANY FISHING INCOME TO OBTAIN A PERMIT IS A VIOLATION OF FEDERAL LAW PUNISHABLE BY A FINE ANDIOR IMPRISONMENT.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 50 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other suggestions for reducing this burden to: PRA Officer, National Marine Fisheries Service, F/SER26, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

The National Marine Fisheries Service requires this information for the conservation and management of marine fishery resources. The data reported will be used to develop, implement, and monitor fishery management activities for a variety of other uses. Responses to this collection are required to obtain or retain a fisheries permit under the Magnuson - Stevens Act. Non-confidential information may be released via a NOAA Fisheries website. Non-confidential information means: Name, Street Address, City, State, Zip Code, Effective Date of Permit, Permit Types, Vessel Name, Vessel Identification Number, Vessel length, Vessel tonnage (gross and net), Vessel horse power, in the case of a "for hire" vessel the Passenger Capacity, or individual, corporate and lease holders of permits. All other data submitted will be handled as confidential material in accordance with NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, Protection of Confidential Fishery Statistics. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subjected to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number

For Privacy Act information related to SERO Permits and Permit Applications go to goo.gl/1Zwvbh

St. Petersburg, FL 33701
Toll Free 877-376-4877 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. ET)
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| Reviewer Initials and date |  |
| Application Check Or Money <br> Order number and Amount |  |
| Floy Tag Check or Money <br> Order Number and Amount |  |
| Non Compliance Hold date |  |
| Non Compliance Cleared date |  |
| Expiration Date(s) |  |
| SCAN DATE AND INITIALS |  |

REMEMBER TO SEND A COPY of the current (not expired) United States Coast Guard (USCG) Certificate of Documentation or a copy of the State Vessel Registration. Do not send the original. If the vessel's state registration does not list all owners, also provide a copy of the vessel's title, or other documentation from the appropriate state agency, that identifies all vessel owners.


## SECTION 2 - OPEN ACCESS PERMITS AND ENDORSEMENTS

Payment Reminder: All applications must include payment of a non-refundable application fee in the form of a check or money order made payable to the U.S. Treasury. The fee is $\$ 25.00$ for the first permit and $\$ 10.00$ for each additional permit or endorsement requested on this application. A separate decal is now required for each Gulf of Mexico charter/headboat permit. The fee is $\$ 10$ per decal per permit. The fee schedule is found with the Gulf of Mexico Charter/headboat permit requests on page 3.

## FEE SCHEDULE FOR PERMITS AND ENDORSEMENTS:

$\begin{array}{lllllllllll}\text { Permit: } & 1: \$ 25 & 2: \$ 35 & 3: \$ 45 & 4: \$ 55 & 5: \$ 65 & 6: \$ 75 & 7: \$ 85 & 8: \$ 95 & 9: \$ 105 & 10: \$ 115\end{array}$ 11: \$125$\quad$ 12: $\$ 135$
INSTRUCTIONS: Find the permits in the left column and mark the check box beside that fishery to indicate what transaction(s) you want.

| OPEN ACCESS COMMERCIAL PERMITS | NEW | RENEW |
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| ATLANTIC DOLPHIN/WAHOO (ADW) |  |  |
| SPINY LOBSTER (LC) (Not required for the EEZ off Florida) |  |  |
| SPINY LOBSTER TAILING (LT) You must have an LC permit OR provide your FL SPL information below. |  |  |
| SPANISH MACKEREL (SM) |  |  |
| ROCK SHRIMP - CAROLINAS ZONE (RSCZ) |  |  |
| SOUTH ATLANTIC PENAEID SHRIMP (SPA) |  |  |
| GULF ROYAL RED SHRIMP ENDORSEMENT (GRRS) You must have a valid Gulf of Mexico Shrimp permit |  |  |
| HMS COMMERCIAL CARIBBEAN SMALL BOAT PERMIT (CCSB) Valid only in U.S. Caribbean (Puerto Rico and UsVI) |  |  |
| SMOOTH HOUND SHARK (SHS) |  |  |
| OPEN ACCESS CHARTER/HEADBOAT PERMITS | NEW | RENEW |
| ATLANTIC CHARTER/HEADBOAT FOR DOLPHIN/WAHOO (CDW) |  |  |
| ATLANTIC CHARTER/HEADBOAT FOR COASTAL MIGRATORY PELAGICS (CHS) |  |  |
| SOUTH ATLANTIC CHARTER/HEADBOAT FOR SNAPPER-GROUPER (SC) |  |  |

## SPINY LOBSTER INCOME QUALIFICATION AFFIDAVIT

An Income Qualification Affidavit is required with each application: "50CFR622.400 An applicant must provide the following information: (vi) A sworn statement by the applicant for a vessel permit certifying that at least 10 percent of his or her earned income was derived from commercial fishing, that is, sale of the catch, during the calendar year preceding the application. "Knowingly supplying false information or willfully overvaluing any fishing income for the purpose of obtaining a permit is a violation of Federal law punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment. The affidavit below fulfills this requirement to obtain a Spiny Lobster Permit
The following information applies to my income qualification for the Spiny Lobster fishery:
I, $\qquad$ , hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing information is true and correct (28 USC 1746; 18 USC 1621; 18 USC 1001; 16 USC 1857). I agree to provide the necessary documentation to prove that I met the earned income requirement when so requested by the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Executed on $\qquad$ (date signed). Printed Name $\qquad$ Signature

Business Name (if Applicable) $\qquad$ Type of business (if Applicable) $\qquad$
Position In Business (if Applicable)

## FOR LOBSTER TAILING PERMIT APPLICANTS ONLY

LOBSTER TAILING APPLICANTS: To obtain a lobster tailing permit you must possess a Florida Saltwater Products License (SPL) with Restricted Species and Crawfish endorsements. If you do not have a Florida SPL with Restricted Species and Crawfish Endorsements, you must possess or simultaneously obtain a valid Federal Spiny Lobster (LC) permit.

You must provide a copy of your Florida SPL if you do not have a Federal Spiny Lobster (LC) permit

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| Saltwater Products License Number |  |
|  |  |
| Saltwater Products License |  |
| Expiration Date |  |

$\square$ Expiration Date

## SECTION 3 - LIMITED ACCESS/MORATORIUM PERMITS AND ENDORSEMENTS

Payment Reminder: All applications must include payment of a non-refundable application fee in the form of a check or money order made payable to the U.S. Treasury. Please refer to the fee schedule in section 2 of the application.,

INSTRUCTIONS: Find the permits in the left column and mark the check box beside that fishery to indicate what transaction(s) you want.


## LIMITED ACCESS CHARTER/HEADBOAT PERMITS

Fee Schedule for Charter Decals: 1 Decal - \$10 2 Decals - \$20.
Note: Decal fees are in addition to normal permit fees. See fee Schedule at the top of section 2.


## SECTION 4 - INDIVIDUAL VESSEL OWNER(S) INFORMATION

Section 4a: Primary or Sole Owner: Complete this section if there is one or more individual shown on the USCG documentation, State Registration or title as the registered owner of the vessel. Select only ONE mailing recipient.


Section 4b: Joint Owner. Complete this section if there is more than one individual shown on the USCG documentation, State Registration or title as the registered joint owner of the vessel. Copy this page as needed to include ALL owners of the vessel.


OPTIONAL: Check here if you would you like to receive digital updates (texts \& emails). Provide your digital contact information below.
Email
Cell Phone number and provider:

## SECTION 5 - BUSINESS VESSEL OWNER(S) INFORMATION

Section 5a: Primary or Sole Owner: Complete this section if there is one or more businesses shown on the USCG Documentation, State Registration or Title as the registered owner of the vessel. Select only ONE mailing recipient.

$\square$ MAILING RECIPIENT - All mail about this permit will go to the business listed in Section 5a
Registered Name of Business
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Check box if the Physical Address is the same as the mailing address.


OPTIONAL: Check here if you would you like to receive digital updates (texts $\&$ emails). Provide your digital contact information below.


Section 5b: Joint Owner: Complete this section if there is another business shown on the USCG Documentation, State Registration or Title as the registered joint owner of the vessel.


MAILING RECIPIENT - All mail about this permit will go to the business listed in Section 5a
Registered Name of Business

$\square$ Check box if the Physical Address is the same as the mailing address.


OPTIONAL: Check here if you would you like to receive digital updates (texts $\&$ emails). Provide your digital contact information below.


## SECTION 6 -LEASE INFORMATION

If the permit holder is leasing the vessel from the vessel owner in order to assign permits to the vessel, provide the lease information in this section. You must provide a copy of the lease agreement. The term of the lease must be a minimum of 7 months. Please Note: Any permits already held and assigned to the vessel by the vessel owner will be ended and will not be valid for fishing if the vessel is leased to another permit holder whose permits are assigned to the vessel.


Section 6a: Individual or Joint Lessee: Complete this section if an individual is leasing the vessel from the vessel owner. If more than one individual is leasing the vessel from the vessel owner. Copy this page as needed to provide information on all lessees.


Check box if the Physical Address is the same as the mailing address.


OPTIONAL: Check here if you would you like to receive digital updates (texts \& emails). Provide your digital contact information below.
Email Cell Phone number and provider: $\square$

Section 6b: Business Lessee: Complete this section if a business is leasing the vessel from the vessel owner. If a business is leasing the vessel, officer and owner information for the business must be provided in section 7 .


MAILING RECIPIENT - All mail about this permit will go to the business listed in Section 6b
Registered Name of Business


Check box if the Physical Address is the same as the mailing address.


OPTIONAL: Check here if you would you like to receive digital updates (texts \& emails). Provide your digital contact information below.
$\square$ Cell Phone number and provider: $\square$

## Section 7a: Business owner:

Business for which this business is an owner of: $\square$

## Percent of Business Owned: $\quad \square$



Registered Name of Business


Check box if the Physical Address is the same as the mailing address.


OPTIONAL: Check here if you would you like to receive digital updates (texts $\&$ emails). Provide your digital contact information below.


## Section 7b: Additional Business owner:

Business for which this business is an owner of: $\square$


| Type of business: | S Corporation <br> C Corporation | Cooperative <br> Limited Liability Co. | Was this Business properly established by the laws of the United States or any state of the United States? |
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Registered Name of Business


Check box if the Physical Address is the same as the mailing address.


OPTIONAL: Check here if you would you like to receive digital updates (texts $\&$ emails). Provide your digital contact information below.
$\square$ Cell Phone number and provider: $\square$

## SECTION 8 - BUSINESS OFFICERS AND INDIVIDUAL OWNERS

Complete this section by providing information on all individual officers and owners that own $1 \%$ or more of any business listed in sections $5 a, 5 b, 6 b, a n d$. Copy this section as needed.


Section 8b: Additional Officer/Owner:
Business for which this individual is an officer/owner of: $\square$ Position Held - Check ALL That Apply
 Percent of Business Owned: $\square \quad$ Is this individual a United States citizen or permanent resident $\quad \square$ YES $\square$ NO


## SECTION 9 - OWNER INFORMATION FOR UNNAMED MINOR SHAREHOLDERS OF BUSINESSES

MINOR OWNERS - Check here if one or more owners (individual OR business) holds shares that are less than $1 \%$ of the total business shares.
TOTAL PERCENTAGE of the business shares held by minor owners.
SECTION 10 - HISTORICAL CAPTAIN OR DESIGNATED OPERATOR (INCOME QUALIFIER)

This individual is a (check Historical Captain OR Designated Operator):
$\square$ Historical Captain for Gulf of Mexico Charter/Headboat permits


Designated Operator (Income Qualifier who is not the Permit Holder) for Commercial Spiny
Lobster A Historical Captain MUST sign Section 13 as the applicant.

## A Designated Operator MUST sign Section 13 as the operator along with the applicant.

NOTE: All mail about historical Captain Permits will go to the individual listed as the Historical Captain.
Is this individual a United States Citizen or permanent resident alien? $\square$ YES $\quad \square$ No


## SECTION 11 - SEA BASS POTS OR GOLDEN CRAB TRAPS

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF YOU HAVE SEA BASS POTS OR IF YOU HAVE GOLDEN CRAB TRAPS.

Tag cost is $\$ 2.00$ per tag made payable by check or money order to Floy Tag, Inc.
I need tags for: $\square$ Sea Bass Pots $\square$ Golden Crab Traps

What color are your Buoys for Sea Bass Pots or Golden Crab Traps? $\square$
South Atlantic Sea Bass Pot/Golden Crab Trap Information - You are allowed a MAXIMUM of 35 Sea Bass Pots

| Number of |
| :---: |
| Pots/Traps |


| Pot or Trap Height <br> (inches) | Pot or Trap Length <br> (inches) | Pot or Trap Width <br> (inches) | Mesh Size Height <br> (inches) | Mesh Size Width <br> (inches) |  |
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## SECTION 12 - SMALL BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION CERTIFICATION

ALL applicants must complete this section

- For vessels that are leased, complete this section for business(es), including sole proprietorship(s),or organization(s) that lease the vessel.
- For vessels that are not leased, complete this section for business(es), including sole proprietorship(s), ororganization(s) that own the vessel (i.e., the business(es), including sole proprietorship(s), or organization(s) that appear on the vessel's USCG documentation or state registration).

Information needed to complete this section: Please estimate your annual gross revenues (sales) for the most recent calendar year your business or organization was active prior to this year. Your primary activity is the activity that generated the greatest percentage of annual gross revenues in the most recent complete calendar year the business or organization was active. Review the business/organization descriptions in Boxes 1 through 7 and identify the one that describes the applicant's primary activity. If the business is primarily a seafood dealer or processor, estimate the number of employees for the most recent calendar year your business or organization was active prior to this year. Include all full-time, part-time, and temporary employees in your estimate, but do not include crew that work on any vessels owned by the business or organization or its affiliates. Your estimates should account for the revenues and employees of ALL businesses and organizations with which your business or organization is affiliated. See the instructions at the beginning of the application package for more information about affiliation. If you have questions about affiliation and how it applies in your case, please call 727-824-5305 and ask for one of our Office's economists.
How to fill out the form: Start with Box 1. If the answer to the question in Box 1 is "Yes," check "Yes" and answer the questions in the box to the right and follow the instructions in that box. If the answer to Question 1 is "No," check "No" and go to Box 2. Continue this process until you have either: (1) answered "Yes" to ONE of the questions in Boxes 1 through 6 AND the applicable questions in the boxes to the right, OR (2) answered all questions in Box 7.

Box 1. Is the business primarily involved in harvesting seafood (commercial fishing)?


If the answer is yes, go to question 1 A to the right. Otherwise, go to Question 2 below.

1B) What was the most recent year the business was active prior to this year?

Did the business have more than $\$ 11$ million in gross receipts in that year? Yes $\square$ No $\square$ You are done. Go to Section 13 of the

Box 2. Is the business primarily involved in for-hire fishing services (charter, party/ headboat)?


If the answer is yes, go to question 2A to the right. Otherwise, go to Question 3 below.

2B) What was the most recent year the business was active prior to this year?

Did the business have more than $\$ 7.5$ million in gross receipts in that year? Yes $\square$ No $\square$ You are done. Go to Section 13 of the

Box 3 . Is the business primarily involved in buying and selling seafood (seafood dealer/wholesaler)?


If the answer is yes, go to question $3 A$ to the right. Otherwise, go to Question 4 below.


Box 4. Is the business primarily involved in processing seafood (seafood processor)?


If the answer is yes, go to question 1 A to the right. Otherwise, go to Question 5 on the next page.
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 application.

3A) Was the business active prior to this year?
Yes $\square$


If yes, go to question 3B. If no, you are done. Go to Section 13 of the application.

3B) What was the most recent year the business was active prior to this year?

Did the business have more than 100 employees? Yes $\square$ No $\square$ You are done. Go to Section 13 of the application.

4A) Was the business active prior to this year?


If yes, go to question 4B. If no, you are done. Go to Section 13 of the application.

4B) What was the most recent year the business was active prior to this year?

Did the business have more than 750 employees? Yes $\square$ No $\square$ You are done. Go to Section 13 of the application.

## SECTION 12 - SMALL BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION CERTIFICATION (Continued from previous page)

Box 5. Is the organization an Environmental, Conservation and Wildlife, or Professional Non-Profit Organization?


If the answer is yes, go to question 5 A to the right. Otherwise, go to Question 6 below.



5B) What was the most recent year the organization was active prior to this year?

Did the organization have more than \$15 Million in gross receipts? Yes $\square$ No $\square$
You are done. Go to Section 13 of the application.

$\longrightarrow$| 6A) Was the organization active <br> prior to this year? <br> Yes $\square$ <br> If yes, go to question 6B. If no, you <br> are done. Go to Section 13 of the <br> application. | 6B) What was the most recent year the <br> business was active prior to this year? |
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| Did the organization have more than \$7.5 <br> Million in gross receipts? Yes <br> You are done. Go to Section 13 of the <br> application. |  |

7) The business or organization must be primarily involved in another industry not related to fishing or seafood. Refer to SBA's list of NAICS codes (see https://go.usa.gov/XRGvQ) and enter the NAICS code for your


Based on the applicable SBA size standard, check the appropriate box to indicate if the business or organization is Large or Small and report the year on which that conclusion was based.
Large $\square$ Small $\square$ Year: $\square$ You are done. Go to Section 13 of the application.

## SECTION 13 - SIGNATURE FOR APPLICATION - REQUIRED

The undersigned certifies under penalty of perjury that the foregoing information is true and correct (28 USC 1746; 18 USC 1621; 18 USC 1001, 16 USC 1857). Further, the undersigned certifies that if a spiny lobster tailing permit is requested, the applicant routinely fishes commercially in Federal waters on trips of up to 48 hours or more and that such fishing activity requires the separation of the tail and carapace to maintain quality product.

Please note: If the vessel listed in Section 1 is leased, the applicant who signs below must be an individual named as a lessee in Section 6a, or an officer or shareholder of the lessee as listed in Section 7b, with that individuals information listed in section 8 . If the vessel listed in Section 1 is not leased, the applicant must be an individual named as an owner in Section 4, or an officer or shareholder of the owner as listed in Section 8.

| Applicant Signature | Position in Business | Date |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Print Name | Designated Operator Signature | Date |

