



RHODE ISLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES

3 Fort Wetherill Road

Jamestown, Rhode Island 02835

2019 Research Pilot Aggregate Program Application Form and Instructions

This application is to obtain a permit allowing participation in a pilot summer flounder and black sea bass aggregate landing program. The pilot project is evaluating the impacts of aggregate possession limits on fishing behavior relative to quota management. Specific details pertaining to the program can be found in the RI Marine Fisheries regulations (RIMFR) Part 12 - Research Pilot Aggregate Program.

The application period will close on January 15, 2019 at 4:00 PM. No permits will be issued prior to the close of the application period. It is the responsibility of prospective applicants to read and understand the regulations adopted for this program. Eligibility requirements are specified in section 12.7.2 of the regulations, including:

- The owner and operator(s) must hold a valid 2019 commercial license/permit capable of landing summer flounder and black sea bass (i.e., MPURP, PEL, RESLND, NRLNDR).
- Vessels shall agree to install a vessel monitoring device on their vessel or allow access to a device already in use on the vessel for use during participation in the program; all costs associated with the vessel monitoring device shall be the responsibility of the participant.
- Applicant vessels must have historical logbook records (state and/or federal) of landing summer flounder and black sea bass validated by SAFIS dealer reports dating back to the year 2014 minimum.
- Each participant shall submit catch and effort information through the Division approved electronic application with each landing event.
- Permits are non-transferable. Only vessels authorized by the Director may participate in the pilot program during 2019. Sale of a vessel during the study period will nullify the permit.
- Successful applicants to the program will agree to allow DEM access to their vessel tracking data, including the Division of Law Enforcement. All analytical products regarding vessel location from the program will be kept confidential.

Application forms are available on-line at the DEM Marine Fisheries website at: <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/fish-wildlife/marine-fisheries/forms-permits.php>, at the Marine Fisheries office in Jamestown, RI, or at the DEM Coastal Resources office in Narragansett, RI (Galilee). Submit the completed application to:

DEM Division of Marine Fisheries

3 Fort Wetherill Road

Jamestown, RI 02835

Attn: 2019 Research Pilot Aggregate Program

For questions please contact John Lake at (401) 423-1942 or john.lake@dem.ri.gov.

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1. Vessel Information:

Vessel name: _____

Vessel owner name (print): _____

Vessel owner signature: _____

RI boat registration or Federal Documentation Number: _____

Gear type (**NON-BINDING**):

Primary: _____

Secondary: _____

2. Captain Information (operator #1):

Captain Name (print) _____ DOB: _____

Captain RI Commercial Fishing License # (MPURP/PEL/RESLND/NRLNDR): _____

Captain signature: _____

Captain contact information (telephone; email): _____

3. Additional Operator Information:

Operator (2) name (print) _____ DOB: _____

Operator (2) signature: _____

Operator (2) RI Commercial Fishing License # (MPURP/PEL/RESLND/NRLNDR): _____

Operator (2) contact information (telephone; email): _____

Operator (3) name (print) _____ DOB: _____

Operator (3) signature: _____

Operator (3) RI Commercial Fishing License # (MPURP/PEL/RESLND/NRLNDR): _____

Operator (3) contact information (telephone; email): _____