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2025 RHODE ISLAND LOBSTER TRAP TAG ORDER FORM

1. **State waters trap tags:** 2024 state waters trap tags remain valid and must remain affixed to traps through May 31, 2025. 2025 state waters trap tags must be affixed to traps beginning June 1, 2025 and remain valid through May 31, 2026.
2. **Federal trap tags (federal permit holders):** 2024 federal trap tags remain valid and must remain affixed to traps through April 30, 2025. 2025 federal trap tags must be affixed to traps beginning May 1, 2025 (NOAA deadline for affixing 2025 trap tags to lobster traps is June 1, 2025) and remain valid through April 30, 2026.
3. Tags are ordered through an outside vendor, Cambridge Security Seals. Send the order form directly to CSS at the address provided below. **Order early! Allow for ten (10) weeks processing time to receive your tags after the order is received.**
4. **TRAP TAG ORDER:**
 - **Original Trap Tags:** These are the primary tags. The number of original tags ordered may be in any amount not to exceed the license holders authorized allocation, plus an additional 10% over the authorized allocation to be used **only** in the event of routine gear or original tag loss. **Note that federal Area 1 and 3 orders may not include the additional 10% routine loss tags per Addendum XXXI of the FMP.**
 - **Gear Rotation Trap Tags:** Gear rotation (GR) tags are optional. GR tags may only be ordered if the maximum number of original tags are ordered. GR trap tags may be ordered in any amount not to exceed the licensee's authorized allocation (i.e., may not include the 10% for routine loss). GR tags ordered will be sent directly to DMF and will be issued on a one-for-one (1-for-1) exchange basis upon receipt of the original tag from the license holder.
 - **Catastrophic Tags:** Catastrophic tags may not be pre-ordered; please contact the Division to make of claim of catastrophic loss and order tags.
5. **Send completed order form directly to Cambridge Security Seals at:**

Cambridge Security Seals
One Cambridge Plaza
Pomona, New York 10970
ATTN: RI Lobster Trap Tag Order
Email: traptag@cambridgeseals.com
Fax: 845-290-0676
6. For changes to information or questions regarding allocation or regulations, contact Peter Duhamel at DEM Marine Fisheries at (401) 423-1927 or peter.duhamel@dem.ri.gov. For questions regarding order processing, contact Cambridge Security Seals at traptag@cambridgeseals.com or 845-520-4111.

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Name of license/permit holder: _____

Mailing Address (*please print clearly - tags will be sent to this address*):

Street: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone/email: _____

Vessel Name: _____

Identify State or Federal vessel (select either state or federal vessel, not both):

- **State vessels (RI state waters):** Provide commercial fishing license type and number (*please print clearly - this number will be on the tags*):

License type: Multipurpose (MPURP) or Resident Standard (RSTND)
(circle one)

Eight (8) digit license #: _____

- **Federally permitted vessels (LCMA's 1, 2 and/or 3):** Provide the 6-digit Federal Lobster Permit Number and Lobster Management Conservation Areas (LCMA) declared (*please print clearly - this number will be on your tags*):

_____ Area 1 / Area 2 / Area 3
(provide 6 digit #)

Order information:

TRAP TAG TYPE	NUMBER OF TAGS ORDERED	PRICE	TOTAL COST
Original*		\$ 0.20/tag	\$
Gear Rotation		\$ 0.20/tag	\$
7% RI SALES TAX (if applicable)			\$
ORDER TOTAL			\$

*** Contact DEM Marine Fisheries if you are unsure of the number of tags. Inaccurate order forms will delay delivery! Note Federal Area 1 and 3 orders! The order may not include the additional 10% routine loss tags per Addendum XXXI of the FMP**

Payment Information: Only certified checks, money orders, and credit cards will be accepted as payment; **personal or business checks will not be accepted. Make out to "Cambridge Security Seals". Please print clearly**

- Name on Card: _____
- Card number: _____ - _____ - _____ Security code/CVC: _____
- Expiration date (month/year): _____ / _____ Billing zip code: _____

Signature: _____

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND - DIVISION OF TAXATION

SALES AND USE TAX

COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

NAME OF
SELLER: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

I hereby certify that the tangible personal property described below will be used by me exclusively for commercial fishing and is thereby exempt from the sales or use tax, pursuant to Chapter 18, Section 30:

1. ☐ The property being purchased will be consumed by me in the production of commercial fishing. (Specify below)
2. ☐ The property being purchased is the nets, cables, tackle and other fishing equipment appurtenant to or used in connection with a vessel in excess of five (5) net tons used exclusively in commercial fishing.

NOTE: Refer to Regulation SU 03-22 for further information about exempt status requirements or exempt items.

DESCRIPTION OF
PROPERTY: _____

I agree that if the tangible personal property purchased under this certificate be determined to be taxable, I will pay the tax plus any interest and penalties as provided by law.

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME OF BOAT: _____ NET TONS: _____

All vessel owners wishing tax exempt status must possess a valid Commercial Fishing License.

LICENSE NO.: _____ STATE ISSUED BY: _____ EXPIRATION DATE: _____

OWNER OR CORPORATE
OFFICER: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE NO.: _____ SIGNATURE: _____