



Rhode Island

Department of Environmental Management

DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Marine Fisheries

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Dear Lobster Trap Allocation Holder,

December 14, 2012

If you wish to order lobster trap tags for the 2013 lobster season (June 1, 2013 – May 31, 2014), please read the instructions and material below and complete the lobster trap tag order. Lobster trap tag order forms are also available on-line at the DEM Marine Fisheries website at:

<http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/bnatres/fishwild/pdf/traptag.pdf>

TO REDUCE THE LIKELIHOOD OF A DELAY IN RECEIVING YOUR TAGS, PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. Allow for a minimum of eight (8) weeks delivery time. Forms may also be available at the following DEM offices:

Division of Fish and Wildlife
Marine Fisheries section
3 Fort Wetherill Road
Jamestown, RI 02835
423-1920

Office of Licensing and Registration Room
235 Promenade Street
Providence, RI 02908
222-6647

Port of Galilee
301 Great Island Road
Narragansett, RI 02882
(401) 783-5551

The Department assumes no responsibility for tags not received in the desired time. **The Lobster Trap Tag Program for the 2013/2014 fishing season will be effective June 1, 2013 to May 31, 2014. All traps in the water beginning June 1, 2013 must have new tags properly attached.**

To check current Lobster regulations, visit the RIDEM website at:
<http://www.dem.ri.gov/pubs/regs/fishwild/rimf156.pdf>

The Division appreciates your cooperation. If you have any questions, please call Peter Duhamel at (401)-423-1923.

Sincerely,

Mark Gibson, Deputy Chief

2013 LOBSTER TRAP TAG ORDER FORM INSTRUCTIONS
Original Trap Tags; Gear Rotation Trap Tags; and Catastrophic Loss Trap Tags

1. **You will need two (2) completed copies of the order form:** one to be provided to Stoffel Seals and a second copy to DEM Marine Fisheries, to the following addresses:

Stoffel Seals Corporation
P.O. Box 825 – Dept. 3
Nyack, NY 10960-0825

RIDEM/Division of Fish and Wildlife
Marine Fisheries section
3 Fort Wetherill Road
Jamestown, RI 02835

2. On the order form, provide the license holder's name, mailing address (town, state, zip code), telephone number, RI commercial fishing license number, vessel name, RI boat registration or Federal Vessel Documentation number and Federal Lobster Permit number (if applicable; if not applicable, write in "N/A"). **Order forms that do not include all information or that are not sent to both locations will not be processed and could result in a delay in receiving your tags.**
3. RI COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE NUMBER: Enter your Rhode Island commercial fishing license number (not your Pot number). NOTE: License numbers begin with a series of letters (MPURP, PEL, or CFL) followed by a series of six numbers (for example: MPURP 000000, PEL 000000, or CFL 000000).
4. VESSEL NAME: Enter your vessel's official name. If not named, please write "Unnamed."
5. RI BOAT REGISTRATION or FEDERAL VESSEL DOCUMENTATION NUMBER: Enter your vessel's Rhode Island boat registration number (hull identification number) or Federal Vessel Documentation number. **All trap tag orders MUST be assigned to a vessel with a current RI boat registration or Federal Vessel Documentation number.**
6. FEDERAL LOBSTER PERMIT NUMBER: If applicable, enter your vessel's Federal Lobster Permit Number.
7. LOBSTER MANAGEMENT AREAS DECLARED: **Applies only for vessels with a Federal Lobster Permit.** Vessels with a Federal Lobster Permit **MUST** declare the lobster management areas in which they will fish during the 2013 fishing season. Declaration of Area 2 **MUST** have qualified through the ASMFC Addendum VII process for an Area 2 trap allocation. Declaration of Area 3, Area 4, or Area 5 **MUST** have applied/qualified with National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) for trap history in these areas. Declaration of the Outer Cape Cod lobster management area **MUST** have applied/qualified through the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries process for Outer Cape Cod trap allocation. **Declared Lobster Management Areas are valid for the entire fishing season and may not be changed during the fishing season.** Lobster Management Areas declared to the State of RI must be identical to the Lobster Management Areas declared to the NMFS on the Federal Lobster Permit. If multiple lobster management areas are declared, the most restrictive management measures of all the areas declared will apply. (Note: For the purposes of your trap tag order, the Area 2/3 Overlap is automatically included with declaration of either Area 2 or Area 3.)
8. TRAP TAG ORDER: **MAKE SURE YOU ORDER THE CORRECT TYPE OF TRAP TAG.**
- **Original Trap Tags:** These are your initial allotment of trap tags. You are allowed 10% over-allotment for routine losses, and may order an additional 10% to your order. For Areas 2, 3, 4, 5, and Outer Cape Cod, the number of Original trap tags allowed to be purchased shall be based on the license/permit historic trap allocation. **These trap tags must be purchased and properly attached in order to deploy your lobster trap allocation legally.**
 - **Gear Rotation Trap Tags:** If you plan to rotate gear during the year, you may pre-order Gear Rotation trap tags, up to the number of traps allocated, but not including 10% over-allotment trap tags for routine losses. Gear Rotation trap tags will be held by the issuing authority (Division of Fish and Wildlife) and may be obtained on a one-for-one exchange basis with current original trap tags. **These trap tags are optional.**

- **Catastrophic Loss Trap Tags:** Commercial licensees may pre-order a complete duplicate set of trap tags, including 10% over-allotment for routine losses, to be used in the event of catastrophic gear loss (i.e. greater than 10% of maximum number of traps fished). Catastrophic loss trap tags shall be distinguishable from original trap tags (i.e. color). Pre-ordered Catastrophic Loss trap tags shall be held by the issuing authority. **If ordered, the number of catastrophic loss trap tags must be the same as the number of Original trap tags ordered. These trap tags also are optional.**

9. **NUMBER OF TRAP TAGS:** Do not order more original trap tags than is allowed for the Lobster Management Areas you have declared (see Area Trap Limit), including the 10% over allotment for routine gear loss. **For those with State of Rhode Island commercial fishing licenses, only one (1) set of Original trap tags will be issued per license/person.** If you are unsure of your allocation, please contact the Marine Fisheries office at 423-1920.

For those who own a vessel, or vessels, with a Federal Limited Access Lobster Permit, only one (1) set of trap tags will be issued per vessel (historic participation for Areas 2, 3, 4, 5, and Outer Cape Cod). Vessels with a Federal Limited Access Lobster Permit will only be eligible to be issued traps tags designated for federal Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) waters and will not be eligible to be issued or allowed to deploy trap tags designated for RI State waters only.

10. **COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE:** If you wish to receive tax exemption for your order payment, complete the attached State of Rhode Island Commercial Fishermen Tax Exemption Certificate and mail or fax with your order form to Stoffel Seals at the address below. **Orders received without a Commercial Fishermen Tax Exemption Certificate will not be processed unless 7% Rhode Island Sales Tax is included in the payment.**
11. If paying by credit card (VISA or MASTERCARD only), please include your signature and credit card expiration date (month/year). 7% Rhode Island Sales Tax will automatically be included unless you submit a State of Rhode Island Commercial Fishing Tax Exemption Certificate. **Personal or business checks will not be accepted for payment.**
12. The price is 16 cents (\$0.16) per trap tag.

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND/DEM MARINE FISHERIES
2013 LOBSTER TRAP TAG ORDER FORM**

1. License Holder/Corporation Name: _____
2. Mailing Address: _____
3. City / Town: _____ 4. State: _____ 5. Zip Code: _____
6. Telephone: _____
7. RI COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE NUMBER: _____
8. VESSEL NAME: _____
9. RI BOAT REGISTRATION or FEDERAL DOCUMENTATION NUMBER: _____
10. FEDERAL LOBSTER PERMIT NUMBER (If applicable): _____

11. **FEDERAL LOBSTER PERMITS ONLY – LOBSTER MANAGEMENT AREAS DECLARED:**

Please place an "X" next to each Lobster Management Area you will declare on your Federal Lobster Permit for the 2013 fishing year (June 1, 2013 – May 31, 2014) (see Map). Trap tags for Areas 3, 4, and 5 MUST have applied/qualified for trap history with NMFS. Trap tags for Area 2 and Outer Cape Cod MUST have qualified for trap history through ASMFC Addendum III, Addendum VII or XIII processes.

- AREA 1 AREA 3 (history) AREA 5 (history)
 AREA 2 (history) AREA 4 (history) Outer Cape Cod (history)

12. **TRAP TAG ORDER PAYMENT:**

Please indicate your method of payment. Personal or business checks will not be accepted. If payment by credit card, please provide credit card number, expiration date, and your signature.

- Certified Bank check or Money Order MASTERCARD VISA

Credit Card Number

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Expiration Date

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Month Year

Signature Required

<u>TRAP TAG TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF TRAP TAGS</u>	<u>PRICE PER TAG</u>	<u>TOTAL COST</u>
ORIGINAL	_____	x \$ 0.16 =	\$ _____
GEAR ROTATION	_____	x \$ 0.16 =	\$ _____
CATASTROPHIC #1	_____	x \$ 0.16 =	\$ _____
CATASTROPHIC #2	_____	x \$ 0.16 =	\$ _____
		*RI SALES TAX (7%) =	\$ _____
		ORDER TOTAL =	\$ _____

* Please add 7% RI sales tax if you do not provide a State of RI Commercial Fisherman Tax Exemption Certificate.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND – DIVISION OF TAXATION
SALES AND USE TAX
COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

Stoffel Seals Corporation (Name of Seller) Date _____, 2013.

P.O. Box 825 – Dept. 3, Nyack, NY 10960-0825

I hereby certify that the tangible personal property described in the categories 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 is a vessel not less than five (5) net tons to be used exclusively in commercial fishing.
2. ____ The property being purchased is a U.S.C.G. documented passenger carrying commercial fishing vessel not less than five (5) net tons which meets all the criteria set forth under Rhode Island regulation SU 88-23.
3. ____ The property being purchased is the nets, cables, tackle and other fishing equipment appurtenant to or used in connection with a vessel not less than five (5) net tons used exclusively in commercial fishing.
4. X The property described below will be consumed by me in this state exclusively in the production of commercial fishing within one year from the date such property is first used directly in such production.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lobster trap tags

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

NAME OF VESSEL: _____

NET TONS: _____ LICENSE NUMBER: _____

Signature of Owner or Corporate Officer: _____

(State Title if Corporate Officer): _____

Address: _____
