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AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to commercial fishing licenses

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of section 13-0328 of the  
2 environmental conservation law, as amended by chapter 383 of the laws of  
3 2011, are amended to read as follows:  
4 1. Commercial food fish licenses. Commercial food fish licenses  
5 provided for by section 13-0335 of this title shall be issued as  
6 follows:  
7 a. for the period beginning January first, two thousand [twelve]  
8 SIXTEEN through December thirty-first, two thousand [fifteen] NINETEEN,  
9 the number of resident commercial food fish licenses and the number of  
10 non-resident commercial food fish licenses shall not exceed the follow-  
11 ing annual limits:  
12 (i) for two thousand [twelve] SIXTEEN, the number of licenses shall be  
13 limited to the number of licenses issued in two thousand [eleven]  
14 FIFTEEN, plus fifty percent of any difference between the number of  
15 licenses issued in two thousand [eleven] FIFTEEN and one thousand  
16 [fifty-three] FOUR; AND  
17 (ii) for two thousand [thirteen] SEVENTEEN, the number of licenses  
18 shall be limited to the number of licenses issued in two thousand  
19 [twelve] SIXTEEN, plus fifty percent of any difference between the  
20 number of licenses issued in two thousand [twelve] SIXTEEN and the limit  
21 established in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph[;

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (iii) for two thousand fourteen, the number of licenses shall be  
2 limited to the number of licenses issued in two thousand thirteen, plus  
3 fifty percent of any difference between the number of licenses issued in  
4 two thousand thirteen and the limit established in subparagraph (ii) of  
5 this paragraph;

6 (iv) for two thousand fifteen, the number of licenses shall be limited  
7 to the number of licenses issued in two thousand fourteen, plus fifty  
8 percent of any difference between the number of licenses issued in two  
9 thousand fourteen and the limit established in subparagraph (iii) of  
10 this paragraph].

11 b. for the period beginning January first, two thousand [twelve]  
12 SIXTEEN through December thirty-first, two thousand [fifteen] SEVENTEEN,  
13 persons who were issued a commercial food fish license in the previous  
14 year shall be eligible to be issued such license.

15 c. for the period beginning January first, two thousand [twelve]  
16 SIXTEEN through December thirty-first, two thousand [fifteen] SEVENTEEN,  
17 the department shall issue commercial food fish licenses to persons who  
18 were not issued such license in the previous year provided that the  
19 total number of such licenses issued to such persons does not exceed the  
20 difference between the number of licenses established in paragraph a of  
21 this subdivision and the number of such licenses issued pursuant to  
22 paragraph b of this subdivision, subject to the following:

23 (i) licenses shall be issued in the order in which the applications  
24 were received, except that where multiple applications are received by  
25 the department on the same day, applicants for whom the department has  
26 received notice of successful completion of an apprenticeship pursuant  
27 to subdivision seven of this section shall be considered by the depart-  
28 ment prior to other applicants;

29 (ii) licenses may be issued to individuals only;

30 (iii) licenses shall be issued to applicants who are sixteen years of  
31 age or older at the time of the application; and

32 (iv) licenses shall be issued only to persons who demonstrate in a  
33 manner acceptable to the department that they received an average of at  
34 least fifteen thousand dollars of income over three consecutive years  
35 from commercial fishing or fishing, or who successfully complete a  
36 commercial food fish apprenticeship pursuant to subdivision seven of  
37 this section. As used in this subparagraph, "commercial fishing" means  
38 the taking and sale of marine resources including fish, shellfish, crus-  
39 tacea or other marine biota and "fishing" means commercial fishing and  
40 carrying fishing passengers for hire. Individuals who wish to qualify  
41 based on income from "fishing" must hold a valid marine and coastal  
42 district party and charter boat license. No more than ten percent of the  
43 licenses issued each year based on income eligibility pursuant to this  
44 paragraph shall be issued to applicants who qualify based solely upon  
45 income derived from operation of or employment by a party or charter  
46 boat.

47 2. Commercial lobster permits. Commercial lobster permits provided for  
48 by section 13-0329 of this title shall be issued as follows:

49 for the period beginning January first, two thousand [twelve] SIXTEEN,  
50 through December thirty-first, two thousand [fifteen] SEVENTEEN, only  
51 persons who were issued a commercial lobster permit in the previous year  
52 shall be eligible to be issued such permit.

53 3. Commercial crab permits. Commercial crab permits provided for by  
54 section 13-0331 of this title shall be issued as follows:

55 a. for the period beginning January first, two thousand [twelve]  
56 SIXTEEN through December thirty-first, two thousand [fifteen] SEVENTEEN,

1 the number of resident commercial crab permits and the number of non-re-  
2 sident commercial crab permits shall not exceed the following annual  
3 limits:

4 (i) for two thousand [twelve] SIXTEEN, the number of permits shall be  
5 limited to the number of permits issued in two thousand [eleven]  
6 FIFTEEN, plus fifty percent of any difference between the number of  
7 permits issued in two thousand [eleven] FIFTEEN and [six hundred  
8 sixteen] FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO; AND

9 (ii) for two thousand [thirteen] SEVENTEEN, the number of permits  
10 shall be limited to the number of permits issued in two thousand  
11 [twelve] SIXTEEN, plus fifty percent of any difference between the  
12 number of permits issued in two thousand [twelve] SIXTEEN and the limit  
13 established in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph;

14 (iii) for two thousand fourteen, the number of permits shall be limit-  
15 ed to the number of permits issued in two thousand thirteen, plus fifty  
16 percent of any difference between the number of permits issued in two  
17 thousand thirteen and the limit established in subparagraph (ii) of this  
18 paragraph;

19 (iv) for two thousand fifteen, the number of permits shall be limited  
20 to the number of permits issued in two thousand fourteen, plus fifty  
21 percent of any difference between the number of permits issued in two  
22 thousand fourteen and the limit established in subparagraph (iii) of  
23 this paragraph].

24 b. for the period beginning January first, two thousand [twelve]  
25 SIXTEEN through December thirty-first, two thousand [fifteen] SEVENTEEN,  
26 persons who were issued a commercial crab permit in the previous year  
27 shall be eligible to be issued such permit.

28 c. for the period beginning January first, two thousand [twelve]  
29 SIXTEEN through December thirty-first, two thousand [fifteen] SEVENTEEN,  
30 the department shall issue commercial crab permits to persons who were  
31 not issued such permit in the previous year provided that the total  
32 number of such permits issued to such persons does not exceed the  
33 difference between the number of permits established in paragraph a of  
34 this subdivision and the number of such permits issued pursuant to para-  
35 graph b of this subdivision, subject to the following:

36 (i) permits shall be issued in the order in which the applications  
37 were received, except that where multiple applications are received by  
38 the department on the same day, applicants for whom the department has  
39 received notice of successful completion of an apprenticeship pursuant  
40 to subdivision seven of this section shall be considered by the depart-  
41 ment prior to other applicants;

42 (ii) permits may be issued to individuals only;

43 (iii) permits shall be issued to applicants who are sixteen years of  
44 age or older at the time of the application; and

45 (iv) permits shall be issued only to persons who demonstrate in a  
46 manner acceptable to the department that they received an average of at  
47 least fifteen thousand dollars of income over three consecutive years  
48 from commercial fishing or fishing, or who successfully complete an  
49 apprenticeship pursuant to subdivision seven of this section. As used in  
50 this subparagraph, "commercial fishing" means the taking and sale of  
51 marine resources including fish, shellfish, crustacea or other marine  
52 biota and "fishing" means commercial fishing and carrying fishing  
53 passengers for hire. Individuals who wish to qualify based on income  
54 from "fishing" must hold a valid marine and coastal district party and  
55 charter boat license. No more than ten percent of the permits issued  
56 each year based on income eligibility pursuant to this paragraph shall

1 be issued to applicants who qualify based upon income derived from oper-  
2 ation of or employment by a party or charter boat.

3 4. Commercial whelk or conch licenses. Commercial whelk or conch  
4 licenses provided for by section 13-0330 of this title shall be issued  
5 as follows:

6 a. for the period beginning January first, two thousand [twelve]  
7 SIXTEEN through December thirty-first, two thousand [fifteen] SEVENTEEN,  
8 the number of resident commercial whelk or conch licenses and the number  
9 of non-resident commercial whelk or conch licenses shall not exceed the  
10 following annual limits:

11 (i) for two thousand [twelve] SIXTEEN, the number of licenses shall be  
12 limited to the number of licenses issued in two thousand [eleven]  
13 FIFTEEN plus fifty percent of any difference between the number of  
14 licenses issued in two thousand [eleven] FIFTEEN and two hundred [seven-  
15 ty-one] SIXTY-ONE; AND

16 (ii) for two thousand [thirteen] SEVENTEEN, the number of licenses  
17 shall be limited to the number of licenses issued in two thousand  
18 [twelve] SIXTEEN, plus fifty percent of any difference between the  
19 number of licenses issued in two thousand [twelve] SIXTEEN and the limit  
20 established in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph[;

21 (iii) for two thousand fourteen, the number of licenses shall be  
22 limited to the number of licenses issued in two thousand thirteen, plus  
23 fifty percent of any difference between the number of licenses issued in  
24 two thousand thirteen and the limit established in subparagraph (ii) of  
25 this paragraph;

26 (iv) for two thousand fifteen, the number of licenses shall be limited  
27 to the number of licenses issued in two thousand fourteen, plus fifty  
28 percent of any difference between the number of licenses issued in two  
29 thousand fourteen and the limit established in subparagraph (iii) of  
30 this paragraph].

31 b. for the period beginning January first, two thousand [twelve]  
32 SIXTEEN through December thirty-first, two thousand [fifteen] SEVENTEEN,  
33 persons who were issued a commercial whelk or conch license in the  
34 previous year shall be eligible to be issued such license.

35 c. for the period beginning January first, two thousand [twelve]  
36 SIXTEEN through December thirty-first, two thousand [fifteen] SEVENTEEN,  
37 persons who were not issued a commercial whelk or conch license in the  
38 previous year shall be eligible to be issued such license provided that  
39 the total number of such licenses issued to such persons shall not  
40 exceed the difference between the number of licenses established in  
41 paragraph a of this subdivision and the number of such licenses issued  
42 pursuant to paragraph b of this subdivision, subject to the following:

43 (i) licenses shall be issued in the order in which the applications  
44 were received, except that where multiple applications are received by  
45 the department on the same day, applicants for whom the department has  
46 received notice of successful completion of an apprenticeship pursuant  
47 to subdivision seven of this section shall be considered by the depart-  
48 ment prior to other applicants;

49 (ii) licenses may be issued to individuals only;

50 (iii) licenses shall be issued to applicants who are sixteen years of  
51 age or older at the time of the application; and

52 (iv) licenses shall be issued only to persons who demonstrate in a  
53 manner acceptable to the department that they received an average of at  
54 least fifteen thousand dollars of income over three consecutive years  
55 from commercial fishing or fishing, or who successfully complete an  
56 apprenticeship pursuant to subdivision seven of this section. As used in

1 this subparagraph, "commercial fishing" means the taking and sale of  
2 marine resources including fish, shellfish, crustacea or other marine  
3 biota and "fishing" means commercial fishing and carrying fishing  
4 passengers for hire. Individuals who wish to qualify based on income  
5 from "fishing" must hold a valid marine and coastal district party and  
6 charter boat license. No more than ten percent of the licenses issued  
7 each year pursuant to this paragraph shall be issued to applicants who  
8 qualify based upon income derived from operation of or employment by a  
9 party or charter boat.

10 5. Marine and coastal district party and charter boat licenses. Marine  
11 and coastal district party and charter boat licenses provided for by  
12 section 13-0336 of this title shall be issued as follows, except that  
13 this subdivision shall not apply to the owner or operator of a party  
14 boat or charter boat whose vessel is classified by the United States  
15 Coast Guard as an Inspected Passenger Vessel and which is licensed to  
16 carry more than six passengers:

17 a. for the years two thousand [eight] SIXTEEN through two thousand  
18 [fifteen] SEVENTEEN, the annual number of marine and coastal district  
19 party and charter boat licenses issued shall not exceed five hundred  
20 seventeen.

21 b. for the years two thousand [eight] SIXTEEN through two thousand  
22 [fifteen] SEVENTEEN, persons who were issued a marine and coastal  
23 district party and charter boat license in the previous year shall be  
24 eligible to be issued such license.

25 c. for the years two thousand [eight] SIXTEEN through two thousand  
26 [fifteen] SEVENTEEN, the department shall issue marine and coastal  
27 district party and charter boat licenses to persons who were not issued  
28 such license in the previous year, provided that the total number of  
29 licenses issued does not exceed five hundred seventeen, subject to the  
30 following:

31 (i) licenses shall be issued in the order in which the applications  
32 were received;

33 (ii) licenses shall be issued only to persons who hold an Uninspected  
34 Passenger Vessel license issued by the United States Coast Guard.

35 S 2. This act shall take effect December 31, 2015; provided, however,  
36 that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any  
37 rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its  
38 effective date is authorized and directed to be made and completed on or  
39 before such effective date.