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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] SEVENTEEN,  
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

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

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number of licenses issued in two thousand [twelve] SIXTEEN and the limit established in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph[;

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

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

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

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

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

(ii) licenses may be issued to individuals only;

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

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

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

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

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

1 a. for the period beginning January first, two thousand [twelve]  
2 SIXTEEN through December thirty-first, two thousand [fifteen] SEVENTEEN,  
3 the number of resident commercial crab permits and the number of non-re-  
4 sident commercial crab permits shall not exceed the following annual  
5 limits:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

47 (iv) permits shall be issued only to persons who demonstrate in a  
48 manner acceptable to the department that they received an average of at  
49 least fifteen thousand dollars of income over three consecutive years  
50 from commercial fishing or fishing, or who successfully complete an  
51 apprenticeship pursuant to subdivision seven of this section. As used in  
52 this subparagraph, "commercial fishing" means the taking and sale of  
53 marine resources including fish, shellfish, crustacea or other marine  
54 biota and "fishing" means commercial fishing and carrying fishing  
55 passengers for hire. Individuals who wish to qualify based on income  
56 from "fishing" must hold a valid marine and coastal district party and

1 charter boat license. No more than ten percent of the permits issued  
2 each year based on income eligibility pursuant to this paragraph shall  
3 be issued to applicants who qualify based upon income derived from oper-  
4 ation of or employment by a party or charter boat.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

54 (iv) licenses shall be issued only to persons who demonstrate in a  
55 manner acceptable to the department that they received an average of at  
56 least fifteen thousand dollars of income over three consecutive years

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

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

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

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

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

33 (i) licenses shall be issued in the order in which the applications  
34 were received;

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

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