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December 16, 2022

Dear New Jersey Crab Pot License Holder:
New Jersey Delaware Bay Crab Dredge License Holder:

The Marine Resources Administration (MRA) will accept applications for the transfer of the crab pot and Delaware Bay crab dredge licenses outside of immediate family between January 1, 2023, and February 28, 2023. Transfers are limited to the following:

License	Harvest Transfer Requirements	Number of Non- Family Transfers allowed
DB Crab Dredge	No Harvest Requirement	5
Crab Pot (Active)	200 or more of hard bushels or 2,000 or more number of peelers harvested in 2022	20
Crab Pot (Inactive)	199.99 or less hard crab bushels or 1,999.99 or less number of peelers harvested in 2022	5

In the case that MRA receives more applications than transfers allowed, a lottery will be held with winners selected randomly. For example, if MRA receives 6 transfer applications for an inactive crab pot, a lottery will be held, and 5 inactive crab pot licenses will be transferred, while one will not be transferred.

In order to qualify for a license transfer the license holder must have; 1. A current year's license, 2. Be up to date with reporting, 3. Not have any current license violations. The application must be completed in its entirety and signed by the current license holder and transferee. All applications must be postmarked, or hand delivered to either the Nacote Creek Marine Fisheries office in Port Republic NJ or the Delaware Bay Shellfish Office in Millville NJ by February 28, 2023.

The current license holder may only complete one transfer application per year for each gear type. If the license holder has both a crab pot and Delaware Bay crab dredge license, they may submit transfer applications for both licenses during the transfer period. For non-family member transfers, a potential transferee may only be listed on one transfer application for that gear type. This rule will allow all applicants to have an equal opportunity to transfer a license. Non-compliance with this requirement may result in disqualification.

License transfers to immediate family members are not restricted by the number of times the license can be transferred per year.

The transfer application can be found on NJ Fish and Wildlife's website under transfers of closed/ limited entry licenses and permits. (<https://dep.nj.gov/njfw/fishing/marine/commercial-licenses-and-permits/>)

All applications will be reviewed after the application period has closed on February 28. License holders will receive notification or status of application and if a lottery will be held.

Please contact the Nacote Creek Research Station at (609) 748- 2020 if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph A. Cimino", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Joseph A. Cimino
Marine Resources Administrator

