



RHODE ISLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES

Three Fort Wetherill Road

Jamestown, Rhode Island 02835

RI 2022 Research Pilot Aggregate Landing Program for Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass Application Form and Instructions

This application is to obtain a permit to land Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass in an aggregate possession limit pursuant to RI Marine regulations (RIMFR), Part 12 – Research Pilot Aggregate Program. **The application deadline is April 8, 2022.**

It is the responsibility of the authorized applicant to follow all regulations to maintain compliance with their LOA. Non-compliance with the provisions of these regulations or the permit conditions shall subject both the owner and/or operator to revocation of enrollment and participation in the program.

There are limited opportunities for participation. In the event that there are more applicants than available spots a lottery will take place to select applicant after the application period closes. Application forms are available [on-line](#) on the DEM Marine Fisheries website or at the Marine Fisheries office.

Criteria for eligibility:

1. Applicants must hold a valid commercial fishing license or landing permit issued by the Director authorized to possess and/or land Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass.
2. Applicant vessels must be commercially declared pursuant to Part 2 of RIMFR.
3. Applicants must have a historical record of landing Summer Flounder or Black Seas Bass as recorded in SAFIS for a minimum of one year.
4. Applicants shall agree to install a Division of Marine Fisheries approved **cellular based** vessel monitoring system (VMS) on their vessel. The cost of such vessel monitoring device shall be the responsibility of the applicant. The cellular VMS unit must be operational at all times during the program (May 1 – December 31) while vessel is in the water.
5. Applicants shall agree to submit catch and effort information prior to landing through a Division of Marine Fisheries approved electronic application. The cost of such application shall be the responsibility of the applicant.
6. Applicants shall agree to take any state or federally authorized observers at any time.
7. Application Period: Applications for 2022 participation must be received between March 15th and April 8, 2022

**RI 2022 Cooperative Multi-State Possession Pilot Program for Summer Flounder
Application**

Vessel Name:
Coast Guard Doc. #
Vessel Federal Permit Number:
Vessel Owner Name:
Phone number:
Email:

Owner Signature Date

Captain Name (Print): _____ DOB: _____

RI Commercial Fishing License (MPURP/PEL/RESLND/NRLNDR) #: _____
(Circle one)

Captain Signature Date

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Applications may be sent to:

Aggregate Landing Pilot Program

3 Fort Wetherill Rd.

Jamestown, RI 02835

Or Faxed to: **401-423-1925**

Or Emailed to: **john.lake@dem.ri.gov**