



RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES
Three Fort Wetherill Road
Jamestown, Rhode Island 02835

**RI 2023 Summer/Fall Aggregate Program for Black Sea Bass
(May 1 – Dec. 31)
Application Form and Instructions**

This application is to obtain a permit to harvest and land Black Sea Bass for the Summer/Fall Aggregate Program (May 1 – Dec. 31) pursuant to RI Marine Fisheries regulations [Part 23](#) *“Aggregate Program for Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass”*.

Eligibility criteria and permit conditions are provided in the rule. It is the responsibility of the applicant to read and understand these regulations.

Prior to submitting an application, a functioning RIDEM approved Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) tracking unit must be installed and functioning on your vessel. Currently there are three approved devices, two of which are for sale:

| Vendor | Device Name | Website | Phone | Email |
|------------------|--------------|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Woods Hole Group | NEMO | https://whgnemo.myportfolio.com | (240) 492- 1944 | support@woodsholegroup.com |
| Viatrax | Boat Command | https://boatcommand.com | (918) 824- 1400 | support@viatrax.com |

The Faria Beede Sentry VMS unit is no longer offered for sale but remains an approved device.

Also prior to submitting an application, applicants must have an electronic data reporting account in the Standard Atlantic Fisheries Information System (SAFIS). For information on how to get started visit our website: <https://dem.ri.gov/natural-resources-bureau/marine-fisheries/commercial-fishing-dealer-resources/commercial-licensing> .

The application form is attached below. Submitted completed application forms to:

RIDEM Division of Marine Fisheries
3 Fort Wetherill Road
Jamestown, RI 02835
john.lake@dem.ri.gov
[Attn: Aggregate Program Application](#)

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Application Form

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| Vessel Name: |
| Coast Guard Doc/ State Reg. #: |
| Vessel Federal Permit Number: |
| Vessel Owner Name: |
| Vessel Owner Address (street, town/city, zip): |
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| Contact (phone #/email): |

Operator 1 Name (Print): _____ **DOB:** _____

RI Commercial Fishing/Landing License (acronym and #): _____

I hereby attest to the best of my knowledge that I have not been assessed a criminal or administrative penalty for violations of State or Federal commercial fishing regulations or laws within the past three (3) years. I also attest that I have read the regulations for this program.

Operator 1 Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Operator 2 Name (Print): _____ **DOB:** _____

RI Commercial Fishing/Landing License (acronym and #): _____

I hereby attest to the best of my knowledge that I have not been assessed a criminal or administrative penalty for violations of State or Federal commercial fishing regulations or laws within the past three (3) years. I also attest that I have read the regulations for this program.

Operator 2 Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Operator 3 Name (Print): _____ **DOB:** _____

RI Commercial Fishing/Landing License (acronym and #): _____

I hereby attest to the best of my knowledge that I have not been assessed a criminal or administrative penalty for violations of State or Federal commercial fishing regulations or laws within the past three (3) years. I also attest that I have read the regulations for this program.

Operator 3 Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Vessel Monitoring System:

Please indicate the type of VMS unit you have installed on the vessel.

_____ Faria Beede Sentry Serial # _____

_____ Viatrax Boat Command Serial # _____

_____ Woods Hole Group NEMO Serial # _____

Electronic Reporting Information:

Please indicate the user name used by each operator to submit electronic reports.

Operator 1 SAFIS User Name: _____

Operator 2 SAFIS User Name: _____

Operator 3 SAFIS User Name: _____

I hereby attest to the best of my knowledge that the information submitted on this application is complete and correct. I also attest that I have read and agree to comply with the regulations for this program.

Vessel Owner Signature: _____ **Date:** _____