



National Marine Fisheries Service  
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Initial Application for a Northeast  
Commercial Vessel Operator Permit

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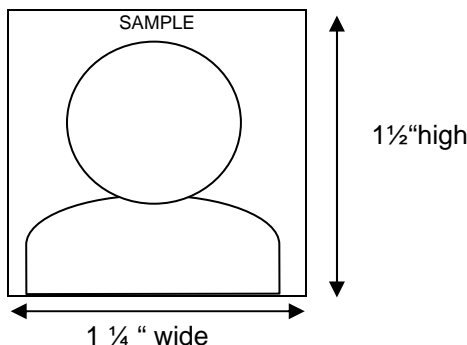
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Section 1	
Last Name_____	First Name_____ MI_____
<b>Mailing Address</b> _____	
City / ST / Zip Code_____ / _____ / _____	
Phone Number_____ - _____ - _____	Date of Birth____/____/____ (MO/DAY/YR)
Eye Color_____	Hair Color_____
Weight (lbs)_____	Height (ft/in)____/_____

**Please enclose ONE color passport sized photo of yourself, which is recent (taken no more than 1 year prior to the date of this application).**

**Recommended  
Picture Size**

1 ¼ inches wide  
X  
1 ½ inches high



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## United States Coast Guard Requirements

Any vessel of at least five net tons which engages in the fisheries on the navigable waters of the United States or in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), Great Lakes trade, or coastwise trade, unless exempt under 46 CFR § 67.9(c), must have a Certificate of Documentation bearing a valid endorsement appropriate for the activity in which engaged [46 CFR § 67.7]. The EEZ extends up to 200 nautical miles (370 km) from the U.S. coastline. Only a citizen of the United States may serve as master, chief engineer, radio officer, or officer in charge of a deck watch or engineering watch on a United States documented fishing vessel [46 USC 8103 (a)].

Section 2	
<p>I affirm that all information I have given on this application is true and correct. Making a false statement on this application is punishable by law [18 USC 1001]. I understand that violations of Federal fisheries laws and regulations may subject me to criminal and civil penalties including fine and/or revocation of license. Further, as a condition of this operator's permit, I agree that if this permit is suspended or revoked pursuant to 15 CFR part 904, I will not be on board a Federally permitted fishing vessel in any capacity while the vessel is at sea or engaged in offloading.</p> <p>I also understand, in obtaining this operator's permit, that I must comply with current law, which includes a requirement that I be a U.S. citizen to serve as master or officer in charge of a deck watch on a U.S. documented fishing vessel fishing (see USCG regulations above).</p>	
<b>Signature of Applicant</b>	<b>Date</b>

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