

Vessel Name
Permit Number
MRI Number

Date

Permit Holder Name
Address
City, State, Zip Code

American Lobster Trap Fishery Area 2 and Outer Cape Effort Control Program

Dear Federal lobster Permit Holder:

Congratulations! Your Federal lobster permit [*permit number*], [*MRI number*] associated with the subject vessel is officially approved for the Area 2 and/or Outer Cape Area Effort Control Program. Your specific Area qualification and allocation can be found below in Table 1 of this letter. This qualification will allow you to elect the qualified Area (s) on your future Federal permit application. This allocation will allow you to fish up to the individual trap allocation number in the associated Area listed below, subject to the most restrictive rule.

Table 1

Qualification and Allocation	Outer Cape Area	Area 2
Area 2 and the Outer Cape Area		
Area Qualification	Yes	No
Area Trap Allocation	800	0

This application process is separate from your annual permit renewal application process. Therefore, you must renew your Federal lobster permit, if you have not already done so. Please retain this letter as your proof of qualification and allocation into the Area2 and Outer Cape Area Effort Control Program.

If you have any lobster regulatory questions, please contact [insert name] by telephone at [insert phone number], or by email at [insert email address].

Sincerely,

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Section Chief

Permits and Limited Access Programs

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