

Permit Holder Name
Permit Number
Street Address
City, State Zip

Dear Permit Holder:

We have received your application to fish for lobster with traps in Lobster Conservation Management Area(s) (insert OCC or 2). Your application is incomplete for the following reasons:

Qualifying year does not fall within the fishing years of May 1, 1999 to April 31, 2001 qualification period (for Area OCC);

Qualifying year does not fall within the fishing years of May 1, 2001 to April 31, 2003 qualification period (for Area 2);

Documentation for more than one qualifying year used to satisfy eligibility criteria for specified LCMA(s);

Insufficient documentation provided to substantiate the use of lobster traps in LCMA(s) OCC or 2 during the specified qualifying years (If an LCMA 2 fisher was incapable of fishing during the 2001-2003 fishing years, that individual could apply for a hardship that would allow them to use landings from 1999 and 2000 as the basis for qualification);

You did not complete the Lobster Trap Fishery Area Eligibility Application and Trap Allocation Affidavit Form certifying the number of traps historically fished by your vessel for the areas specified in your application;

Other as described here

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Please provide the missing materials or information to the address below within 14 days of the date of this letter. Otherwise, your application will be invalid.

Return to: National Marine Fisheries Service
Lobster Area Eligibility Program
55 Great Republic Drive
Gloucester, MA 01930

Sincerely,

Ted Hawes
Section Chief
Permits and Limited Access Programs

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All data will be kept confidential as required by NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, Confidentiality of Fisheries Statistics; however, final eligibility determinations and trap allocations may be made available to the public, consistent with current practices relative to NMFS permit data. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subjected to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

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