



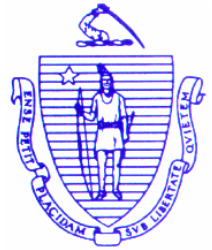
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Doug Grout, Marine Division Chief, NH Fish and Game

FROM: Paul Diodati, Director, MA Division of Marine Fisheries

DATE: December 14, 2010

SUBJECT: Recreational Saltwater Fishing Permit/License Reciprocity Agreement

I have determined that the requirements of the New Hampshire Recreational Saltwater Fishing License issued pursuant to RSA 214:9, XVIII are substantially the same as the requirements of the Massachusetts Recreational Saltwater Fishing Permit issued pursuant to 322 CMR 7.10, and that New Hampshire provides privileges to its resident under RSA 214:9, XVIII that are similar to those privileges granted to Massachusetts residents under 322 CMR 7.10.

Given this determination, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (*MarineFisheries*) will establish it as policy, provided that New Hampshire Fish and Game will establish a reciprocal policy, that:

- 1) An individual, that is not a resident of Massachusetts, holding a valid New Hampshire Recreational Saltwater Fishing License may engage in lawful recreational fishing activities from land or waters under the jurisdiction of *MarineFisheries* without holding a Massachusetts Recreational Saltwater Fishing Permit; and
- 2) A for-hire vessel with a valid New Hampshire Saltwater Fishing Charter Boat or Party Boat License may engage in lawful for-hire fishing activities from waters under the jurisdiction of *MarineFisheries* without holding a Massachusetts Saltwater Charter Boat or Head Boat Permit, but may not use the Massachusetts shore to launch or land said vessel, pick-up or drop-off passengers from said vessel, or land fish from said vessel; a resident of New Hampshire with a for-hire vessel that is part of a business incorporated in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts may purchase a Massachusetts Saltwater Charter Boat or Head Boat Permit at the resident rate.

MarineFisheries will establish this policy by January 1, 2011, provided that it receives a memorandum from New Hampshire Fish and Game committing to a reciprocal policy that would be implemented on the same schedule. Please contact me with any questions about this proposed agreement.

Paul J. Diodati
Director of *MarineFisheries*