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Marine Fisheries Advisory

Update on Commercial, Dealer, and Special Permit Renewal Applications

The Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) expects to mail 2023 Commercial, Dealer, and certain Special permit renewal applications during the week of January 2nd. Thank you for your patience as we implement a new permit system. Once received, please carefully review the information on your renewal and correct any errors on the document. Return your completed renewal application(s) and payment in the return envelope that comes with your renewal or bring them to our [Gloucester](#) or [New Bedford](#) offices for processing.

Please note, renewal applications and permits have a new look and feel. Permits are a full page and no longer printed on special card stock.

Permit Extension Reminder: Due to delays in the generation, mailing, and processing of 2023 permit renewal applications, DMF has extended the validity of 2022 commercial, dealer, and special permits through February 28, 2023. Active permit holders will need a valid 2023 permit beginning on March 1, 2023. See original December 1st [advisory](#).

Limited Entry Permit Renewal Deadline Reminder: Renewal applications for limited entry permits or permits that have limited entry endorsements or a Striped Bass endorsement must be received in our office or postmarked by February 28, 2023.

Commercial Atlantic Mackerel Endorsement: If you fish commercially for Atlantic Mackerel for bait, sale, or personal use, you will need to add the new Atlantic Mackerel endorsement to your permit. Stay tuned for an advisory about the implementation of this endorsement and other regulations surrounding mackerel in January.

Boston Office Closed for Walk-in Permitting: Please note, walk-in permitting services are no longer available at DMF's Boston office. DMF's office at 251 Causeway Street will be closing by early spring due to a broader consolidation of state offices on the Boston campus. Full DMF permitting services will be available at our [Gloucester](#) and [New Bedford](#) offices.

If you have any questions, please email us at marine.fish@mass.gov.

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