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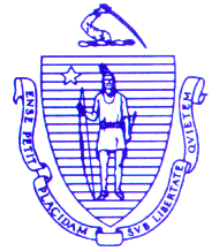
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May 19, 2015

RE: Disaster Aid Pre-qualification for Groundfish Crew Members

Dear <Name of Applicant>:

The Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) is writing to inform you that based upon your application as a crew member aboard a commercial groundfish vessel **you have been pre-qualified for inclusion in Phase 2 of the Groundfish Disaster Economic Assistance Program.**

Crew members are being pre-qualified to receive a flat rate payment for each year in which they meet the following criteria:

Higher Flat Rate

Non-owner/operator crew members who:

- 1) worked aboard a qualified commercial groundfish vessel¹,
- 2) documented at least \$5,000 in annual income was generated from eligible commercial groundfish activity; and
- 3) documented that at least 50% of total annual income was generated from eligible commercial groundfish activity.

Lower Flat Rate

Owner/operators who:

- 1) worked aboard a qualified commercial groundfish vessel¹
- 2) documented at least \$5,000 in annual income was generated from eligible commercial groundfish activity; and
- 3) documented that at least 50% of total annual income was generated from eligible commercial groundfish activity.

¹A qualified commercial groundfish vessel is one that was qualified to receive 2012 groundfish disaster aid, was homeported in MA and documented landings of at least 3,000-lbs., the minimum disaster aid qualification in MA for a commercial groundfish vessel, in each year from 2009-2013 for which a crew member applied for aid.

You have been prequalified for <#> year(s) at the <higher/ lower> rate. In the table below, you will find further details regarding your pre-qualification based on the information you submitted with your application and DMF review.

	Calendar Year				
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Fishing Income					
Total Income					
Eligible Vessel					
Crew Position					
Applicant Qualified for Aid? (Y/N)					

Payment rates will not be finalized until all appeals have been finalized. If you believe there was a technical error in the pre-qualification data, you may submit a written appeal to MA DMF postmarked no later than Wednesday June 3, 2015. Any appeals should be directed to Samantha Andrews at 251 Causeway St., Suite 400 Boston, MA 02114 or by dated email at Samantha.n.andrews@state.ma.us.

Following conclusion of all appeals, DMF will notify you in writing of your final qualified payment amount. In order to receive payment, you must be a current state vendor. DMF will provide necessary documents to become a state vendor or update your existing information upon notification of final payment amounts. If you have any questions please contact Samantha Andrews (617.626.1564 or Samantha.n.andrews@state.ma.us).

Sincerely,



Melanie Griffin
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