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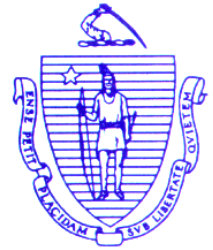
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May 19, 2015

RE: Disaster Aid Pre-qualification for Crew Members Aboard For-hire Groundfish Vessels

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 for-hire groundfish vessel **you have not 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 for-hire groundfish vessel¹,
- 2) documented at least \$5,000 in annual income was generated from eligible for-hire groundfish activity; and
- 3) documented that at least 50% of total annual income was generated from eligible for-hire groundfish activity.

Lower Flat Rate

Owner/operators who:

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

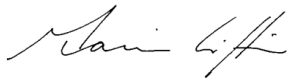
¹A qualified for-hire groundfish vessel is one that was qualified to receive 2012 groundfish disaster aid, was homeported in MA and documented at least 30 groundfish trips, the minimum disaster aid qualification in MA for a for-hire groundfish vessel, in each year from 2010-2013 for which a crew member applied for aid.

In the table below, you will find further details regarding DMF's decision not to prequalify you based on the information you submitted with your application and DMF review.

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

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.

Sincerely,



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