



# Commonwealth of Massachusetts

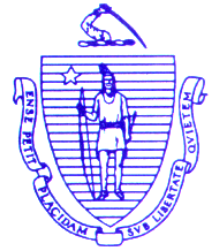
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May 19, 2015

### 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 lumper/longshoreman paid by a qualified commercial groundfish vessel **you have been pre-qualified for inclusion in Phase 2 of the Groundfish Disaster Economic Assistance Program.**

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

- 1) Were paid by a qualified commercial groundfish vessel<sup>1</sup>,
- 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.

**You have been prequalified for <#> years at the higher 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.

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](mailto:Samantha.n.andrews@state.ma.us).

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<sup>1</sup>A 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 lumper/longshoreman applied for aid.

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

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](mailto:Samantha.n.andrews@state.ma.us)).

Sincerely,



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