



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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### FEDERAL AMERICAN LOBSTER COMMERCIAL TRAP GEAR AREA PERMIT HOLDERS VESSEL TRACKING AFFIDAVIT

Under the authority of the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act, Addendum XXIX to Amendment 3 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for American Lobster and Addendum IV to the Fishery Management Plan for Jonah crab requires all vessels with a federal American Lobster Trap Gear Area permit to have an approved vessel tracker installed. Tracking devices must be installed prior to the permit holder's first fishing trip. This vessel tracker must remain powered and transmitting when the vessel is in the water regardless of landing state, trip type, location fished, or target species. All devices must follow the specifications outlined in Section 3.1 of Addendum XXIX.

The principal port on your Federal Fishery Permit lies within Massachusetts, thus the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (MADMF) will be tasked with certifying the installation of your vessel tracking device. ***This requirement began in Massachusetts on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 per 322 CMR 7.11.*** In the event you believe your tracker is not functioning correctly and must be serviced or if the tracker must be powered down for vessel repairs, please contact MADMF at 978-491-6265 or email [DMF.TRACKING@Mass.gov](mailto:DMF.TRACKING@Mass.gov), and inform them of your situation.

Please complete, sign, and return this form.

**Federal Fishery Permit Number:**

**Documentation or Vessel Registration Number:**

**Vessel Name:**

- ☐ I intend to fish trap gear in federal fishing year 2024 (May 1, 2024 - April 30, 2025). I certify the below vessel tracking device is installed and properly functioning to the best of my knowledge.

**Vessel Tracking Device Vendor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vessel Tracking Device Identifier:** \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ I do not intend to fish trap gear with my federally permitted vessel in fishing year 2024 (May 1, 2024 - April 30, 2025) and am opting out of the vessel tracking program. I understand that before fishing trap gear with my federally permitted vessel I must install an approved tracking device and resubmit this affidavit.

**Permit Holder Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Permit Holder Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_