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Marine Fisheries Advisory

2022 Commercial, Dealer, and Special Permits Extended Through February 28, 2023

Due to delays in the generation, mailing, and processing of 2023 permit renewal applications, the Division of Marine Fisheries (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.

This delay is being caused by DMF's switch to a new permitting system for the 2023 permit year. More information will follow on the system and updated permit design in the coming weeks.

Permit renewal applications are scheduled to be mailed during the third week of December. A follow-up notice will be emailed and posted when renewal applications have been mailed. Once received, please 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.

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.

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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