

State of Maine - Department of Marine Resources

Lobster Fishing Apprentices Log

Apprentices must complete 200 fishing days, 1,000 hours and successfully complete a Safety Education Course as described in Chapter 25:96 (B)(1)(a) over a minimum of 24 months. Completed log sheets must be signed by your local Marine Patrol Officer and received in this office by the License Eligibility Specialist within 30 days of the date the 250th hour was logged. Log sheets that do not meet this criteria will not be counted for the purpose of documenting time for the apprentice program. An Apprentice License applicant MUST be at least 8 years of age.

It shall be unlawful to intentionally or knowingly make misstatement or misrepresentation on an application for a license or certificate.

Note: Apprentice fishermen may document up to 200 hours out of 1,000 hours on gear work. Boat repairs do not count as gear work.

Please keep the yellow copy before submitting to: Apprentice Program, Department of Marine Resources, 21 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0021

Instructions for filling out log sheet

Please fill out all portions of the log sheet. Start and End times MUST be listed for each daily entry.

Gear Hours - Boat repairs do NOT count as gear hours.

Your sponsor MUST sign your log sheet as well as initial each daily entry. A Marine Patrol Officer must approve & sign your log sheet.

Only whole hours will be accepted. NO 1/2 hours - if you fished 5 1/2 hours you can only document 5 hours.

Apprentice and Student License Eligibility

A student license may only be issued to a person who, at the time of the application, is a full-time student 8 years of age or older AND under 23 years of age. Students 18 and older must show proof of full-time enrollment.

After completion of the apprentice program you must be 17 years of age to purchase a commercial license. NOTE: To avoid being placed on the waiting list you MUST purchase your commercial license before your 18th birthday.

You may only be eligible for a Zone A, B, C, D, E, F or G license if you apprenticed in Zone A, B, C, D, E, F or G.

Zone A Apprentice Note: Time documented prior to 05/02/2007 in a Zone other than Zone A may be counted towards a Zone A license. In Zone A the sponsor of an apprentice must have held a commercial license for at least 5 years. If you apprenticed with a sponsor prior to the effective date of this rule (05/02/2007) you may continue to apprentice with that sponsor.

Zone B Apprentice Note: Time documented prior to 07/15/2007 in a Zone other than Zone B may be counted towards a Zone B license. In Zone B the sponsor of an apprentice must have held a commercial license for at least 5 years. If you apprenticed with a sponsor prior to the effective date of this rule (07/15/2007) you may continue to apprentice with that sponsor.

Zone C Apprentice Note: Time documented prior to 08/26/2002 in a Zone other than Zone C may be counted towards a Zone C license. In Zone C the sponsor of an apprentice must have held a commercial license for at least 5 years. If you apprenticed with a sponsor prior to the effective date of this rule (08/26/2002) you may continue to apprentice with that sponsor.

Zone D Apprentice Note: Time documented prior to 01/01/2007 in a Zone other than Zone D may be counted towards a Zone D license. In Zone D the sponsor of an apprentice must have held a commercial license for at least 5 years. If you apprenticed with a sponsor prior to the effective date of this rule (01/01/2007) you may continue to apprentice with that sponsor.

Zone E Apprentice Note: Time documented prior to 01/01/2005 in a Zone other than Zone E may be counted towards a Zone E license. In Zone E the sponsor of an apprentice must have held a commercial license for at least 5 years. If you apprenticed with a sponsor prior to the effective date of this rule (01/01/2005) you may continue to apprentice with that sponsor.

Zone F Apprentice Note: Time documented prior to 07/06/2006 in a Zone other than Zone F may be counted towards a Zone F license. In Zone F the sponsor of an apprentice must have held a commercial license for at least 5 years. If you apprenticed with a sponsor prior to the effective date of this rule (07/06/2006) you may continue to apprentice with that sponsor.

Zone G Apprentice Note: Time documented prior to 01/01/2008 in a Zone other than Zone G may be counted towards a Zone G license. In Zone G the sponsor of an apprentice must have held a commercial license for at least 5 years. If you apprenticed with a sponsor prior to the effective date of this rule (01/01/2008) you may continue to apprentice with that sponsor.

Eligibility dates are determined by the time & date that the Department receives an apprentice's fully completed log sheets documenting at least 1000 hours, 200 days and proof of successful completion of the Safety Education Course as described in Chapter 25:96(B)(1)(a), in a minimum of 24 months; OR 24 months if all other requirements are completed prior to the 24th month.

If you have any questions, please contact the Department at (207) 624-6550.

For further information on the apprentice program please visit the following website: <http://www.maine.gov/dmr/rm/lobster/limitedentry.htm>