

AFFIDAVIT FOR USE OF TRAP TAGS OUTSIDE OF THE VALID TAG YEAR

Per DMR regulation (25.08), lobster trap tags are valid starting June 1 of each year. Trap tags are valid until May 31 of the following year (12 months). If you intend to fish the trap tags for the upcoming fishing year in a trap that does not contain a current valid tag, you MUST obtain authorization from your local Marine Patrol Officer. This authorization will be granted only if you can confirm that you will have the trap tags for the upcoming year in all the traps that you are fishing within 2 weeks of the Officer's approval of your request. After that date, any traps that have not been tagged with the upcoming year's tags will be considered untagged traps, and a violation.

Instructions for the fisherman:

- This form can be obtained online at <https://www.maine.gov/dmr/commercial-fishing/licenses/index.html>, or from your local Marine Patrol Officer upon request.
- Please contact your local officer to let them know that you are requesting authorization to fish the upcoming year's trap tags instead of the current year's trap tags.
- Complete the blank portions of the form below and present the form to your local Marine Patrol Officer for their signature.
- Once submitted by the officer, you will be able to access the completed form by logging into the online licensing system, LEEDS, and going to "Upload Document".

Instructions for the Marine Patrol Officer:

- This form can be obtained online at <https://www.maine.gov/dmr/commercial-fishing/licenses/index.html>
- When the fisherman has completed the form, please sign the authorization, and immediately send the form in hard copy to Licensing Division, Department of Marine Resources, 21 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333.
- When the form is received in Augusta, the fishermen's licensing record will be updated to reflect that they are authorized to fish the upcoming year's trap tags only, and that any trap with only a current year tag after that date should be considered untagged.

Fisherman's name (printed) _____

Fisherman's License # _____

Fisherman's Landings # _____

Fisherman's signature _____

Date _____

On _____ I have requested to use my 2025 lobster trap tags

INSERT CURRENT DATE

prior to June 1, 2025, without having a 2024 trap tag in my trap. I will have all my 2025 tags in my traps by _____.

TWO WEEKS FROM CURRENT DATE

All previously issued lobster trap tags will be null and void.

Approved by _____

(Marine Patrol Officer)

All fields must be accurately filled in prior to this affidavit being approved.