

2025 Northern Shrimp Winter Sampling Pilot Program Application

The Maine Department of Marine Resources, in cooperation with the Atlantic State Marine Fisheries Commission Northern Shrimp Board, seeks fishing industry members to participate in a Winter Sampling Program for Northern shrimp, likely starting February 2025 and running into March 2025.

This winter sampling program will not receive funding from the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission or the states and will be entirely self-funded by industry participants.

Each vessel will be allowed to land and sell Northern shrimp.

A research set aside has been set at 26.5mt for this program and participants will be subject to trip limits. The Northern Shrimp Section will be setting trip and trap limits for this program.

Name:

Landings Number:

Do you have a Federal Fishing License? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, Federal Permit Number:

What Federal Permits do you have?

Do you have any Marine Resources Violations in the past 7 years*? ☐ Yes ☐ No

*Please note that a violation report will be run for acceptance.

If yes, please list violations:

Home Port:

Phone:

Email Address:

Residential Address:

Business Address:

Vessel Name:

Hull Number:

Vessel Specifications:

Does your vessel have advanced monitoring technology (e.g., VMS, electronic vessel tracker, environmental monitoring)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please specify.

Vessel Safety Inspection Report (USCG CFVS)*:

*Please note that to be added to the Special License to fish for Northern Shrimp in this pilot program, your vessel will need to have a current USCG CFVS.

How many years of shrimp fishing experience do you have? Please describe below, including specific years, gear used, and general area fished:

Research experience: Do you have any experience participating in research projects with Maine DMR or others? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe.

Please describe the status and condition of your shrimp gear (e.g, net, traps). Will your shrimp gear be ready to fish by February 1, 2025?

TRAWLERS:

What Region(s) are you willing to fish in:

- ☐ Western Maine (Kittery to Phippsburg)
- ☐ Midcoast Maine (Phippsburg to Monhegan)
- ☐ Eastern Maine (East of Monhegan)

TRAPPERS:

What Region(s) are you willing to fish in:

- ☐ Western Maine (Kittery to Phippsburg)
- ☐ Midcoast Maine (Phippsburg to Monhegan)
- ☐ Eastern Maine (East of Monhegan)

Data Collection Requirements:

All participants will be required to provide 1 kg samples of northern shrimp catch to MEDMR for analysis, along with completing a provided data sheet about the days trip, effort and catch. Data collected may include but is not limited to:

- Date
- Tow number
- GPS coordinates of Tow/Traps
- Tow start time/Tow end time
- Tow duration/Soak time
- Bait used (trapping)
- Description of size sorting grate (trawling)
- Estimate of pounds of shrimp caught

Are you willing to comply with the above data collection requirements? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you willing to commit to fishing at least once a week for up to six weeks? ☐ Yes ☐ No

All applications must be received via mail, email, texted picture, or fax by January 3, 2025.

Send applications to:

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