

**§6749-O. Limited entry; exceptions****1. Handfishing and dragging licenses.**

[PL 1997, c. 685, §2 (AMD); MRSA T. 12 §6749-O, sub-§1 (RP).]

**2. Hand-raking and trapping license.**

[PL 1997, c. 685, §2 (AMD); MRSA T. 12 §6749-O, sub-§2 (RP).]

**2-A. License eligibility.** The commissioner may not issue a handfishing sea urchin license, a sea urchin dragging license or a sea urchin hand-raking and trapping license to any person unless that person:

- A. Possessed that license in the previous calendar year; [PL 2007, c. 615, §18 (NEW).]
- B. Becomes eligible to obtain that license pursuant to a limited entry system under subsection 2-B; or [PL 2007, c. 615, §18 (NEW).]
- C. Did not possess a sea urchin license in the previous calendar year because the commissioner had suspended the person's license privileges for a length of time that included the previous calendar year. [PL 2007, c. 615, §18 (NEW).]

[PL 2007, c. 615, §18 (RPR).]

**2-B. Sea urchin license limited entry system.** The commissioner shall establish by rule a limited entry system under which a person who did not hold a handfishing sea urchin license, a sea urchin dragging license or a sea urchin hand-raking and trapping license in the previous calendar year may become eligible to obtain that license for use in a zone established pursuant to section 6749-N. The rules for a limited entry system must include provisions for the method and administration of the program. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

- A. [PL 2001, c. 327, §11 (RP).]
- B. [PL 2001, c. 327, §11 (RP).]
- C. [PL 2001, c. 327, §11 (RP).]
- D. [PL 2001, c. 327, §11 (RP).]
- E. [PL 2001, c. 327, §11 (RP).]
- F. [PL 2001, c. 327, §11 (RP).]

[PL 2001, c. 327, §11 (AMD).]

**3. Exceptions.**

[PL 1999, c. 643, §8 (RP).]

**4. License transfer.**

[PL 1999, c. 643, §8 (RP).]

**5. Protection from depletion.** The commission may adopt rules for a sea urchin license limited entry system to prohibit a new entry in a year when it is necessary to protect or conserve the urchin fishery from imminent depletion.

[RR 2013, c. 2, §17 (COR).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 1993, c. 740, §3 (NEW). PL 1995, c. 392, §7 (RPR). PL 1995, c. 595, §3 (AMD). PL 1997, c. 685, §§2,3 (AMD). PL 1999, c. 643, §8 (AMD). PL 2001, c. 327, §11 (AMD). PL 2003, c. 200, §3 (AMD). PL 2007, c. 615, §18 (AMD). RR 2013, c. 2, §17 (COR).

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