

**§6803. Seaweed permit**

**1. Permit required.** Except as provided in subsections 1-A and 2, an individual may not harvest, possess, ship, transport or sell seaweed without a current:

A. Resident seaweed permit; or [PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. F, §23 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. X, §2 (AFF).]

B. Nonresident seaweed permit. [PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. F, §23 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. X, §2 (AFF).]

[PL 2013, c. 282, §7 (AMD).]

**1-A. Supplemental permit.** An employee or immediate relation of a seaweed permit holder may harvest, possess or transport seaweed for commercial purposes with a current:

A. Resident supplemental seaweed permit; or [PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. F, §24 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. X, §2 (AFF).]

B. Nonresident supplemental seaweed permit. [PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. F, §24 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. X, §2 (AFF).]

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**2. Exceptions.** The following are not required to have a permit:

A. [PL 2013, c. 282, §8 (RP).]

B. [PL 2013, c. 282, §8 (RP).]

C. An individual who harvests, possesses, ships or transports no more than 50 pounds of seaweed a day for noncommercial purposes; [PL 2013, c. 282, §9 (AMD).]

D. Charitable or municipal organizations that harvest, possess, ship or transport seaweed for noncommercial use by that organization; or [PL 1989, c. 523, §2 (NEW).]

E. Anyone harvesting, possessing, shipping or transporting seaweed that has detached naturally and is dead. [PL 2023, c. 563, §6 (AMD).]

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**3. Permit fees.** The fees for seaweed permits are as follows:

A. For a resident seaweed permit, \$8; [PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. EEEEE, §21 (RPR).]

B. For a nonresident seaweed permit, \$30; [PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. EEEEE, §21 (RPR).]

C. For a resident supplemental seaweed permit, \$4; and [PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. EEEEE, §21 (RPR).]

D. For a nonresident supplemental seaweed permit, \$8. [PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. EEEEE, §21 (RPR).]

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**4. Surcharge fees.** In addition to the permit fees established in subsection 3, the commissioner shall assess a surcharge on each permit issued under this section as follows, which must be deposited in the Seaweed Management Fund established in section 6806:

A. Fifty dollars for a resident seaweed permit; [PL 2009, c. 213, Pt. G, §30 (NEW).]

B. Two hundred dollars for a nonresident seaweed permit; [PL 2009, c. 213, Pt. G, §30 (NEW).]

C. Twenty-five dollars for a resident supplemental seaweed permit; and [PL 2009, c. 213, Pt. G, §30 (NEW).]

D. Fifty dollars for a nonresident supplemental seaweed permit. [PL 2009, c. 213, Pt. G, §30 (NEW).]

[PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. EEEEE, §22 (AMD).]

**5. Violation.** An individual who violates this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.

[PL 2013, c. 282, §10 (AMD).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1989, c. 523, §2 (NEW). PL 1991, c. 528, §RRR (AFF). PL 1991, c. 528, §T13 (AMD). PL 1991, c. 591, §T13 (AMD). RR 1999, c. 1, §17 (COR). PL 1999, c. 501, §§1-3 (AMD). PL 2001, c. 421, §B50 (AMD). PL 2001, c. 421, §C1 (AFF). PL 2003, c. 452, §§F23,24 (AMD). PL 2003, c. 452, §X2 (AFF). PL 2009, c. 213, Pt. G, §§29, 30 (AMD). PL 2013, c. 282, §§7-10 (AMD). PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. EEEEE, §§21, 22 (AMD). PL 2023, c. 563, §6 (AMD).

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