



# Greater Atlantic Region Bulletin

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## **Lobster Trap Transfer Program Interested Parties**

Lobster Trap Transfer Application Workshop Announcement

*Meeting Dates: Wednesdays, August 26, 2015 and September 2, 2015*

Earlier this year, we announced a new Lobster Trap Transfer Program for Federal lobster permit holders. The program allows permit holders the flexibility to buy and sell trap allocation for Lobster Conservation Management Areas 2, 3, and the Outer Cape. Trap transfer applications are due by September 30, 2015, and will be effective May 1, 2016.

To encourage participation in the program and to reduce confusion, we are hosting two public workshops for all interested parties to learn the process of submitting a trap transfer application. Workshops will cover background information on the trap transfer program, its function, and the application process. Then we will provide specific examples of potential transfer scenarios before opening the floor for questions.

<b><i>Important Information</i></b>			
<b>Who is invited to the workshops?</b>	Lobster permit holders, permit brokers, state agencies, industry representatives, and interested members of the public		
<b>When and where are the workshops?</b>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>August 26<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm, at: NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Regional Office 55 Great Republic Drive Gloucester, MA 01930</td> <td>September 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6-8pm, at: Fairfield Inn &amp; Suites 185 MacArthur Drive New Bedford, MA 02740</td> </tr> </table>	August 26 <sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm, at: NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Regional Office 55 Great Republic Drive Gloucester, MA 01930	September 2 <sup>nd</sup> from 6-8pm, at: Fairfield Inn & Suites 185 MacArthur Drive New Bedford, MA 02740
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<b>What if I cannot attend the workshops?</b>	<p>We will be streaming the Gloucester workshop on the internet in webinar/conference call format so those who cannot make the trip can connect remotely at: <a href="https://noaaevents.webex.com/noaaevents/onstage/g.php?d=669566863&amp;t=a">https://noaaevents.webex.com/noaaevents/onstage/g.php?d=669566863&amp;t=a</a> with the event password: Meeting123 Conference Line: 877.661.2084 Participant Code: 613780</p> <p><b><i>Attendance for the New Bedford session is in-person only</i></b></p>		
<b>Where can I find more details about the Trap Transfer Program?</b>	<p>You can find a detailed description and FAQ of the Trap Transfer Program in the Small Entity Compliance Guide on our website at: <a href="http://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/nr/2015/June/15lobtraptaptran_sprogramphl.pdf">http://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/nr/2015/June/15lobtraptaptran_sprogramphl.pdf</a></p>		
<b>Who can I call further questions?</b>	Please contact the Sustainable Fisheries Division (978-281-9315) or our permit office (978-282-8438) with any further questions.		

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