



Greater Atlantic Region Bulletin

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Federal Lobster Permit Holders

Announcement

New Lobster Trap Tag Vendor

Effective Date: January 1, 2015

Effective January 1, 2015, lobster trap permit holders who order their trap tags directly through the trap tag vendor will send their payment and application to a new address. Tags may still be ordered for the remainder of the 2014 federal fishing year according to the permit holder's available balance of trap tags or need for replacement tags but **must be done so through Cambridge Security Seals**. A separate package will be sent with the new trap tag order form and instructions as part of the annual 2015 trap tag package.

| <i>Frequently Asked Questions</i> | |
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| Who is the new trap tag vendor? | Cambridge Security Seals Inc. One Cambridge Plaza Pomona, NY 10970 |
| Who does this apply to? | You must order your lobster trap tags directly from the vendor if you have a Federal lobster permit and your permit address is in New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, or North Carolina . |
| Who should <u>NOT</u> order tags directly from this new vendor? | If your Federal lobster permit has a Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, or Rhode Island address, you <u>must</u> order your trap tags from your state fishery management agency. <u>Maine:</u> If you have a Federal lobster permit <u>and</u> a State of Maine lobster license, you must purchase your trap tags through the Maine Department of Marine Resources. <u>New York:</u> If you have a Federal lobster permit <u>and</u> a State of New York lobster license <u>and</u> elect to fish in Area 6 only, you are required to purchase your trap tags from the New York Department of Environmental Conservation. |
| When should I order my 2015 tags? | You will be sent a 2015 trap tag order form with instructions in February 2015. For the 2015 fishing year, trap tags must be affixed to traps by June 1, 2015. |
| Will I still be able to fax in my order form? | Yes. Cambridge Security Seals will accept order forms authorizing credit card payment by both fax and through a dedicated email address. Detailed instructions will be included in the annual trap tag package. |
| Are there any changes from the old vendor? | Yes. Cambridge Security Seals has assured us that they will be able to process valid orders within 4 weeks as long as the applications are filled out correctly. Also, the price per tag is now \$0.14 instead of the previously charged \$0.16 per tag. |
| Where can I get more information? | For questions regarding 2014 or 2015 trap tag orders, contact us at (978) 675-2162 or visit the Greater Atlantic Region webpage at: http://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/sustainable/species/lobster/ |

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