



# Greater Atlantic Region Bulletin

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## **Federal Lobster Permit Holders** Trap Allocation Information Now Available *Effective Date: July 8, 2015*

We recently published a notice that announced a new Lobster Trap Transfer Program. The program allows permit holders the flexibility to buy and sell trap allocation for Lobster Conservation Management Areas 2, 3, and the Outer Cape.

To facilitate the exchange of information between buyers and sellers, we have posted individual trap allocation and contact information on our website at:

<http://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/sustainable/species/lobster/lobsterallocationspretransfer2016.pdf>.

<i>Frequently Asked Questions</i>	
<b>What information is being posted?</b>	We are posting the name on the permit, contact and vessel information, and trap allocations for Area 2, 3, and Outer Cape permit holders.
<b>What do the posted allocations represent?</b>	The allocations posted represent the number of traps available for transfer after applying future fishing year 2016 reduction calculations.
<b>Why are we posting this information?</b>	We are posting this information so that buyers and sellers of Area 2, 3, and Outer Cape traps can more easily find and contact each other.
<b>Is any of this information confidential?</b>	No. All information being posted is publicly available permit information. We are just posting it together in one place for convenience.
<b>Will NMFS help broker trap transfers?</b>	No. Potential trap transfer participants must contact each other directly to negotiate trap transfers.
<b>Will NMFS provide price information?</b>	No. We do not regulate the value of transfer transactions, and are not asking for participants to provide pricing information. Potential trap transfer participants must negotiate trap transfers and prices before submitting an application.
<b>Where can I find more details about the Trap Transfer Program?</b>	You can find a detailed description and FAQ of the Trap Transfer Program in our previous bulletin, located on our website at: <a href="http://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/nr/2015/June/15lobtraptransferprogramphl.pdf">http://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/nr/2015/June/15lobtraptransferprogramphl.pdf</a> .
<b>Who can I call with specific 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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