



MA Commercial Coastal Lobster Permit Application

Dear Applicant,

We are excited to offer a Vineyard fisherman the opportunity to purchase our Massachusetts Commercial Coastal Lobster Permit. We are honored to receive this permit from Jeffery Maida, which goes back to his late uncle, Franklin Benson. The permit currently has 19 trap tags for LMA 2, making it an ideal starter permit. Fishing experience, fishing industry references, MVFPT meeting attendance, safety training, and a sound business plan, are the primary factors that will be used to determine a suitable applicant.

Completed applications are due on or before **Friday, November 20, 2020** and can be mailed to:

**The Martha's Vineyard Fishermen's Preservation Trust
P.O. Box 96
Menemsha, MA 02552**

Or emailed to: mvfishermen@gmail.com

If you have any questions or would like to schedule a time for us to work with you on your application, please do not hesitate to contact us at mvfishermen@gmail.com or (508) 687-0344.

Thank you,

The MV Fishermen's Preservation Trust Board of Directors & Staff

PART I: PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address (if different from mailing): _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

PART II: PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND DETAILS

- Must attend all quarterly MVFPT fishermen’s meetings and any urgent policy meetings*
- Must participate in annual Meet the Fleet event (first Thursday in August) *
- Permit selling price: \$2,000.00 (with a payment plan option)

* Note: In person meetings and events have been postponed until COVID-19 risks are diminished.

PART III: ATTACHMENTS

Please include the following attachments with your application:

_____ **Proof of Tax Filings**

A letter from your tax filer or accountant confirming that you are up to date on your tax filings is sufficient. Please do not submit your actual tax filing papers.

_____ **Proof of Martha’s Vineyard Residence** (include one of the following: Copy of recent bill with address, Lease Agreement, or Copy of driver’s license)

_____ **Proof of Basic Safety Training** (or anticipated date of course, but must be BEFORE start of fishing season)

_____ **Proof of Current Vessel Insurance** (coverage page of policy)

PART IV: FISHING EXPERINCE, PERMITS, VESSEL, AND GEAR

Please answer the following questions about your fishing experience, fishing permits, vessel, and gear.

A. How many total years have you commercially fished? _____

B. Please provide the following information for each fishery you have participated in. Use additional pages if you have more experience.

Fishing Experience Example:

Type of Fishery: Lobster

Location: Vineyard Sound, MA

Dates participated in fishery: Summer 2009 to Fall 2013

Your Position (Captain/Deckhand): Deck hand

If not Captain, please include Captain's Name: Capt. X

Fishing Experience 1:

Type of Fishery: _____

Location: _____

Dates participated in fishery: _____

Your Position: _____

If not Captain, please include Captain's Name: _____

Fishing Experience 2:

Type of Fishery: _____

Location: _____

Dates participated in fishery: _____

Your Position: _____

If not Captain, please include Captain's Name: _____

Fishing Experience 3:

Type of Fishery: _____

Location: _____

Dates participated in fishery: _____

Your Position: _____

If not Captain, please include Captain's Name: _____

Fishing Experience 4:

Type of Fishery: _____

Location: _____

Dates participated in fishery: _____

Your Position: _____

If not Captain, please include Captain's Name: _____

C. Please list the fishing permits you currently own. If none, leave blank.

If you do own fishing permits, have you ever been cited for non-compliance? If yes, please explain.

D. Do you own your own fishing vessel?

Yes _____

No _____

If you own your own fishing vessel, please answer the following questions:

Boat Name: _____

Make: _____

Fuel type: _____

Length: _____

Horsepower: _____

Homeport: _____

Do you have vessel insurance? _____(Yes/No)

- If yes, please submit a copy of your policy.
- If no, please provide an explanation of your plans to acquire insurance:

Are you the sole owner? (Yes/No). If no, please list other owners: _____

If you do not own your own vessel, please describe your plans to acquire a fishing vessel:

E. Do you own the gear necessary to fish this permit?

1. Lobster Pots: _____ (Yes/No)

If yes, how many? _____

If no, please explain what your plans are to acquire the gear:

PART V: PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please describe what it would mean to you to have this permit?

PART VI: REFERENCES

Please included three references from *fishing* industry members. All references will be called by the MVFPT Permit Selection Committee.

Reference 1:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Relationship to Applicant _____

Reference 2:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Reference 3:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

PART VII: BUSINESS GOALS

Please answer the following questions about your fishing business.

A. Do you maintain a separate business account for your fishing business? If yes, what type of business expenses do you cover from this account?

B. Did you make any major capital investments (boat, permit, etc.) in your fishing business in the last two years? If so explain.

C. How to you plan to expand your fishing business if you purchase this permit?