



RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES
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**RI 2025 Cooperative Multi-State Possession
Program for Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass
Application Form and Instructions**

This application is to obtain a Letter of Authorization (LOA) to possess multiple state allowances of Summer flounder pursuant to [RI Marine Fisheries regulations \(RIMFR\), Part 13 – Cooperative Multi-State Possession and Landing Pilot Program for Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass](#). This LOA only allows for the possession of other state limits while in RI waters and does not authorize the landing of amounts in RI that is greater than RI's current possession limit.

Issuance of the LOA may take several days upon receipt of a completed application. **It is the responsibility of the applicant to assure the timely and accurate submittal of the application to avoid delays in receiving their LOA.**

It is the responsibility of the authorized applicant to follow all regulations to maintain compliance with their LOA. Non-compliance with the provisions of these regulations or the LOA conditions shall subject both the owner and/or operator to revocation of enrollment and participation in the program.

Application forms are available [on-line](#) on the DEM Marine Fisheries website as well as the Marine Fisheries office in Jamestown and Coastal Resources office in Point Judith.

Criteria for eligibility:

1. Applicants must hold a valid commercial fishing license or landing permit issued by the Director authorized to possess and/or land summer flounder and/or black sea bass.
2. Applicant vessels must be commercially declared with vessel declaration sticker displayed properly on the vessel pursuant to RIDEM regulation.
3. Applicants must be authorized to possess and/or land summer flounder and/or black sea bass in at least one cooperating state. Applicants must demonstrate authorization to possess and/or land summer flounder and/or black sea bass in at least one cooperating state.
4. Applicants must not have been assessed a criminal or administrative penalty for violations of state commercial fishing regulations or laws within any cooperating state, or for violations of federal commercial fishing regulations or laws, within the past three (3) years.
5. Applicants must be in compliance with commercial fishing data reporting requirements pursuant to RIDEM regulation.
6. Applicant vessels must be permitted by NOAA Fisheries to possess and/or land summer flounder and/or black sea bass harvested in federal waters.

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Vessel Name:
Coast Guard Doc. #
Vessel Federal Permit Number:
Vessel Owner Name:
Phone number:

Owner Signature

Date

Operator (1)/Captain Name (Print): _____ DOB: _____

Operator (1)/Captain Signature: _____

RI Commercial Fishing License (MPURP/RSTND/RESLND/NRLNDR) #: _____

Other state(s) Commercial Fishing License/permit* (CT/NY/NJ) #: _____

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Other state(s) Commercial Fishing License/permit* (CT/NY/NJ) #: _____

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* Provide copy of other states license/permit

If you would like your LOA e-mailed to you, please provide address below:

Email Address:
