

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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3500 Tidal Finfish

License Lotteries and Tidal Water Fisherman Registry

3565 License Lotteries For Apprentices.

(Penalty Section 7 **Del.C.** §936(b)(2))

- 1.0 The first lottery for available commercial gill net permits and authorization for commercial hook and line permits shall be held on January 2, 2004; with subsequent lotteries to be held annually the first working day in January of each year, as long as one or more licenses are available. Participants in the lotteries shall include current participants in the apprentice program who have completed the required and properly documented 150 days of commercial fishing activities over no less than a 2-year period dating from the specific date the applicant filed their application with the Department as an apprentice, according to the provisions of 7 **Del.C.** §915(e), (k), and (n).

7 DE Reg. 785 (12/01/03)

3566 Minimum Age for Commercial Food Fish Licensees

(Penalty Section 7 **Del.C.** §936(b)(2))

- 1.0 An individual must be at least 16 years of age to qualify for a commercial foodfish license as defined in 7 Delaware Code §914 or to qualify for a food fishing equipment permit as defined in 7 Delaware Code §915, including recreational gill net permits and recreational drift gill net permits.

8 DE Reg. 1718 (06/01/05)

3567 Tidal Water Fisherman Registry

- 1.0 All persons ages 16 and older who wish to fish in Delaware's fresh or tidal waters or both in any given year must first obtain a Fisherman Identification Network (F.I.N.) number for the year in question before fishing. This number may be obtained at no cost to the angler by calling a toll free number and providing the required information over the phone or by entering the required information on-line through an internet access portal designated by the Department for that purpose. Each person who requests a F.I.N. number is to write this number on his or her Delaware fishing license, or those who are legally unlicensed must be able to produce this number when checked by an enforcement agent when fishing in Delaware waters. Failure to provide a valid F.I.N. number for the year in question is a violation of 7 **Del.C.** §501 in the case of residents, or 7 **Del.C.** §506 in the case of non-residents, and will be treated the same as a failure to have a fishing license before going fishing. Information provided during the process of obtaining a F.I.N. number shall be treated as confidential and may only be shared with the National Marine Fisheries Service for the purpose of compliance with federal requirements for a national registry of marine fishermen.

12 DE Reg. 493 (10/01/08)