

2025 Northern Shrimp Winter Sampling Pilot Program Application

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) and the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (NHFG) are seeking one shrimp trawling vessel and captain and one trapping vessel and captain to participate in a winter sampling research program for Northern shrimp in early 2025. **This program will not receive funding from the ASMFC or participating states, and participation in the program will be entirely self-funded by industry participants.** The selected vessel will be allowed to land and sell Northern shrimp, subject to daily catch limits and a total 26.5 mt region wide research set-aside limit.

Name:

NH Commercial Saltwater Fishing License Number:

Do you have a Federal Fishing License? Yes No

If yes, Federal Permit Number:

What Federal Permits do you have?

Do you have any federal or state marine resource violations?* Yes No

*Please note that a violation report will be run prior to acceptance

If yes, please list violations:

Home Port:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Residential Address:

Business Address:

Vessel Name:

Hull Number:

Vessel Specifications:

Does your vessel have advanced monitoring technology (e.g., VMS, electronic vessel tracker, environmental monitoring)? Yes No

If yes, please specify:

Include copy of Vessel Safety Inspection Report (USCG CFVS)

What experience do you have fishing for Northern shrimp? Include specific timeframes and gear used:

Research experience: Do you have any experience participating in research projects with New Hampshire Fish and Game Department or others?

Yes No

If yes, please describe:

Please describe the status and condition of your shrimp gear (e.g., net, traps). Will your shrimp gear be ready to fish by February 1, 2025?

Data Collection Requirements: All participants will be required to provide 1-kg samples of northern shrimp catch to NHFG for analysis, along with completing a provided data sheet about the days trip, effort and catch. Data collected may include but is not limited to:

- Date
- Tow number
- GPS coordinates of Tow/Traps
- Tow start time/Tow end time
- Tow duration/Soak time
- Bait used (trapping)
- Description of size sorting grate (trawl)
- Estimate of pounds of shrimp caught

Are you willing to comply with the above data collection requirements? Yes No

Are you willing to commit to fishing at least once a week for up to six weeks? Yes No

All applications must be received via mail or email by January 6, 2025.

Please send applications to:

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If you have any questions, please contact the NHFG Region 3 office at 603-868-1095