

**§6706. Limited entry**

**1. License eligibility in 2009.** The commissioner may not issue a 2009 hand fishing scallop license or a 2009 scallop dragging license to a person unless that person possessed a scallop license issued pursuant to section 6701 or a scallop boat license issued pursuant to section 6702 in either:

A. The 2005, 2006 or 2007 license year; or [PL 2011, c. 266, Pt. A, §19 (AMD).]

B. The 2008 license year prior to May 1, 2008. [PL 2007, c. 607, Pt. A, §4 (NEW).]  
[PL 2011, c. 266, Pt. A, §19 (AMD).]

**2. License eligibility in subsequent years.** Except as provided in subsection 3, the commissioner may not issue a hand fishing scallop license or a scallop dragging license to any person in any year subsequent to 2009 unless that person possessed that license in the previous calendar year or is eligible to obtain a license in accordance with the limited entry system established under subsection 3.  
[PL 2011, c. 237, §1 (AMD).]

**3. Scallop license limited entry system.** Notwithstanding subsection 2, the commissioner shall establish by rule a limited entry system under which a person who did not hold a hand fishing scallop license or a scallop dragging license in the previous calendar year may become eligible to obtain that license. The rules for a limited entry system must include provisions for the method and administration of the system. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.  
[PL 2019, c. 107, §2 (AMD).]

**4. Repeal.**  
[PL 2011, c. 237, §3 (RP).]

**5. Fee.** If the scallop license limited entry system established under subsection 3 is conducted through a lottery, the commissioner may charge a nonrefundable lottery application fee not to exceed \$50. An application fee collected under this subsection must be deposited in the Scallop Research Fund established in section 6729-A.  
[PL 2021, c. 27, §1 (NEW).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 2007, c. 607, Pt. A, §4 (NEW). PL 2011, c. 237, §§1-3 (AMD). PL 2011, c. 266, Pt. A, §19 (AMD). PL 2019, c. 107, §2 (AMD). PL 2021, c. 27, §1 (AMD).

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