

Island Ad-Vantages

THE VIEW FROM ATLANTIC AVENUE

September 17, 2020 – We're looking forward to those succulent local scallops and the season will open in early December. This year the Maine Department of Marine Resources has announced the opening of two license lotteries: one for scallop drag licenses and one for scallop dive licenses. Based on licenses retired in 2019, DMR is making available 10 scallop drag licenses and 4 scallop dive licenses. The license lotteries opened on September 14 and will remain open until 4:30 pm on October 30. In order to be eligible for the scallop license lottery, an individual must meet all of the following criteria:

- Is a Maine resident and 18 years of age or older
- Held in any previous calendar year or currently holds any commercial license issued by DMR or has in the past or currently is crewing onboard an active commercial scallop vessel
- Has not been convicted or adjudicated of a marine resources offense that resulted in a license suspension within the last 7 years
- Does not currently possess a Scallop Dive or Scallop Drag license issued by Maine

Anyone meeting these criteria may enter either, or both, lotteries. If an applicant is drawn, but determined to be ineligible, that drawing will be void and the Department will draw another individual. The \$2 application fee submitted with an ineligible application is non-refundable. Applicants can enter online at www.maine.gov/scalloplottery or may complete a paper application at the DMR offices in Augusta. The Department will not be accepting paper applications through the mail. If you have remaining questions, you can call Maine DMR at 207.624.6550.

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Prices to Harvesters in Stonington

Lobsters (shedders): \$3.60/lb.

Bait (fresh pogies): \$80/crt.

Fuel (diesel): \$2.10/gal.