

(A) The Department may supervise, regulate, and control catching eels in the tidal waters of the State. In exercising this power, the Department may prescribe the areas within and methods by which eels may be caught.

(B) A PERSON MAY NOT CATCH EELS IN THE TIDAL WATERS OF ~~THIS--STATE~~ WORCESTER COUNTY FOR COMMERCIAL SALE OR TRADE WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING A LICENSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT

(C) AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL:

(1) HAVE RESIDED WITHIN THIS STATE FOR 12 MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING APPLICATION; OR

(2) RESIDE IN A STATE THAT EXTENDS RECIPROCAL EEL FISHING PRIVILEGES TO MARYLAND RESIDENTS.

(D) AN APPLICANT SHALL:

(1) APPLY FOR A COMMERCIAL EEL FISHING LICENSE ON A FORM SUPPLIED BY THE DEPARTMENT; AND

(2) FURNISH INFORMATION THAT THE DEPARTMENT REQUIRES TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY.

(E) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, THE ANNUAL FEE FOR A COMMERCIAL EEL LICENSE IS:

(1) \$50 FOR A STATE RESIDENT; OR

(2) FOR A RESIDENT OF ANOTHER STATE THAT EXTENDS EEL FISHING PRIVILEGES TO MARYLAND RESIDENTS THE GREATER OF:

(I) ~~\$250~~ \$500; OR

(II) THE FEE PAID BY A MARYLAND RESIDENT FOR AN EQUIVALENT, RECIPROCAL EEL FISHING LICENSE IN THE OTHER STATE.

(F) A PERSON WHO HOLDS A COMMERCIAL TROT LINE LICENSE IS NOT REQUIRED TO PAY THE ANNUAL FEE FOR A COMMERCIAL EEL LICENSE IF THE PERSON OPERATES 50 POTS OR LESS FOR THAT PERSON'S PERSONAL USE.

(G) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING COMMERCIAL FISHING FOR EELS BY AREA, GEAR, SEASON, SIZE, AND REPORTING OF CATCH.

~~(G)~~ (H) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS LICENSED TO CATCH EELS UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL MAKE CATCH REPORTS, AS PRESCRIBED BY RULE OR REGULATION, ON FORMS PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT.