

5. AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HARVESTED FISH FROM THE WATERS OF THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE AND LANDED THE FISH IN THE STATE.

(II) PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE SHALL INCLUDE:

1. THE NUMBER OF DAYS SPENT ENGAGED IN A PARTICULAR FISHING ACTIVITY AND DOCUMENTED ON FORMS PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT; AND

2. ANY FISHING ACTIVITY REPORTS REQUIRED BY THE STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

(III) FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SERVED AS A CREW MEMBER TO A TIDAL FISH LICENSEE, PRACTICAL FISHING EXPERIENCE SHALL INCLUDE:

1. THE NUMBER OF DAYS SPENT SERVING AS A CREW MEMBER ENGAGED IN A PARTICULAR FISHING ACTIVITY AND CERTIFIED IN WRITING BY THE TIDAL FISH LICENSEE ON FORMS PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT; AND

2. ANY FISHING ACTIVITY REPORTS OF THE TIDAL FISH LICENSEE REQUIRED BY THE STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

(7) IN ADDITION TO PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE, BEFORE A LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED TO A PERMITEE, THE PERMITEE SHALL COMPLETE AN 8-HOUR PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING COMMERCIAL FISHING ACTIVITIES.

(h) (1) The Department shall adopt regulations to establish criteria for the practical experience for an individual who holds a valid tidal fish license and who has applied for an additional authorization other than a fishing guide authorization or an unlimited tidal fish authorization.

(2) The criteria established in accordance with paragraph (1) of this subsection shall include[:

(i) Documentation] DOCUMENTATION at the time of application for an [apprenticeship permit that] AUTHORIZATION, for the previous 2 years, THAT at least 20% of the individual's gross income was from the individual's commercial fishing activities[; and

(ii) Before a license can be issued, documentation of a determined level of participation in the currently authorized fishery for at least 2 years while possessing an apprenticeship permit].

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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