

**Frenchman Bay Regional Shellfish Program**  
**2023 License Sales and Lottery Procedure**

**01. 2023 Commercial License Fees are as follows:**

License Type	Non-conservation License (No Hours)	Conservation License (Lowest Fee/Most Hours)
Resident Commercial	\$780.00	\$600.00 – 12 Hours
Non-Resident Commercial	\$980.00	\$800.00 – 12 Hours
Resident Junior Commercial	\$300.00	
Non-Resident Junior Commercial	\$400.00	
Resident Senior Commercial	\$390.00	\$300.00 – 6 Hours
Non-Resident Senior Commercial	\$490.00	\$400.00 – 6 Hours

**02. 2023 Recreational License Fees are as follows:**

License Type	License Fee
Resident Recreational	\$20.00
Junior (under 18) Recreational	\$.00
Senior (65 and over) Recreational	\$.00
Non-Resident Recreational	\$20.00
NR Junior (under 18) Recreational	\$0.00
NR Senior (65 and over) Recreational	\$0.00

**03. License Applications and Sales**

All classes of commercial clam harvesting license applications will be made available through the **Administrative Municipality (Town of Franklin)**. Qualified individuals requesting commercial licenses will be issued an application upon request. The Administrative Municipality will issue a receipt indicating an application has been received, if requested by the applicant.

All commercial licenses will go on sale during normal business hours at the Administrative Municipality *beginning Thursday, June 15, 2023*.

The effective date of commercial licenses sold is **July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024**.

Non-commercial (recreational) licenses will go on sale during normal business hours at the municipal offices of each of the seven participating municipalities beginning June 15, 2023.

The effective date of recreational licenses sold is July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

**04. Non-Resident Commercial License Allocation and Lottery Procedure**

Applications for the 2023 Non-Resident Commercial license lottery must be received by the Administrative Municipality: Town of Franklin no later than the end of business day on June 1, 2023 (Thursday). Postmarks will not be accepted. The Town of Franklin will issue a receipt indicating that an application has been received, if requested by the applicant.

The lottery will take place at the Franklin Community Center (Meeting Room) on Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 11:00 AM. The Town of Franklin shall publicly post the waiting list of applicants drawn from the lottery in the order that their names were drawn for the period of issuance.

On June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 the Town of Franklin will make available and issue if applicable, to qualifying non-residents, no less than 10% of the total number of resident commercial licenses issued in the previous year. Thereafter, non-resident commercial licenses will be issued according to the 10% rule in accordance with 12 MRS 6671(3-A),(E), and (F).

The application of the minimum 10% ratio for allocation and issuance of non-resident commercial licenses is summarized in the table below:

Number of Resident Licenses	Number of Non-resident Licenses
1-5	0
6-10	1
11-20	2
21-30	3 etc.

Individuals who have held a non-resident commercial shellfish license consecutively prior to 2020, automatically qualify for a 2023 Non-Resident Commercial Shellfish License. Qualifying non-residents must purchase, in full, their 2023 Non-Resident Commercial Shellfish License by end of business day on Friday, June 30, 2023. Failure to do so will disqualify the current Non-Resident Commercial Shellfish License holder from purchasing a 2023 Non-resident commercial shellfish license.

Any non-resident commercial license that become available on or after July 1, 2023 will be offered to a person on the waiting list, in order drawn. That license must be purchased in full within 24 hours of being notified by the Clerk (or assistant) of the Administrative Municipality. Notification will be deemed to have been given to the person on the waiting list when any person responds to the contact information provided on the application. Any Non-Resident Commercial License purchase via the lottery is valid for one year only.

**05. Resident Commercial License Distribution**

A resident commercial shellfish harvesting license will be available to residents (as defined by the shellfish ordinance) of one of the participating municipalities on an unlimited basis for the period of issuance.

**06. Resident/Non-resident Junior and Senior License Distribution**

Junior and senior commercial shellfish harvesting licenses will be available to residents (as defined by the shellfish ordinance) and non-residents on an unlimited basis for the period of issuance.

*Junior Commercial License:* To be eligible, the applicant must be younger than age 19 (not yet have reached their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday) at the time of issuance of the license.

*Senior Commercial License:* To be eligible, the applicant must be over the age of 65 (must have reached their 65<sup>th</sup> birthday) at the time of issuance of the license.

**07. Recreational Licenses**

The number of recreational licenses will not be limited. Recreational licenses shall be issued to residents and non-residents, without restriction in number. Recreational licenses will be available at the Municipal Offices of all participating municipalities during their normal business hours.

***Recreational licenses are not available to anyone holding a State of Maine Commercial Shellfish License*** and applicants are required to notify the City/Town Clerk, if they hold one.

**08. Misrepresentation**

Any applicant who deliberately provides false or misleading information on an application shall be disqualified for any license or from participation in the license lottery. In addition, if a license is awarded to an applicant on the basis of false or misleading information, the license fee shall be withheld and the license declared void. The applicant will also lose any seniority standing in a future license lottery.

**09. Documentation**

The Administrative Municipality will keep all applications on file and will issue an individual license to each qualified commercial licensee.

An individual recreational license will be issued to each recreational licensee by the Municipal Office of any of the participating municipalities.

A non-resident recreational license will be issued by the Municipal Office of any of the participating municipalities.

Recreational applications will be kept on file at the Municipal Office of the city/town in which they were sold and a copy is sent to the Administrative Municipality (Town of Franklin).

Each Town Office will provide a copy of the Shellfish Ordinance to an applicant at the time the license is issued, if requested.

**10. Proof of Residency**

In order to determine resident eligibility, new residents shall provide two (2) forms of proof of residency from the list below. At **least** one (1) shall be from Section 3 in chart below. All licensed commercial shellfish harvesters must provide proof of residency on an annual basis.

Proof of Residency – One from any Section **and** One from Section 3.

Section 1	Section 2	Section 3
<p>*Copy of deed AND record of most recent mortgage payment</p> <p>*Copy of Lease AND record of most recent legal affidavit from landlord affirming tenancy.</p> <p>*Legal affidavit from landlord affirming tenancy AND record of most recent rent payment.</p>	<p>A utility bill or other work order dated within the past 60 days including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Gas Bill</li> <li>*Oil Bill</li> <li>*Electric Bill</li> <li>*Telephone Bill</li> <li>*Cable or Satellite Bill</li> </ul> <p>Dated within the past year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*W-2 Form</li> <li>*Excise (vehicle) tax bill</li> <li>*Property tax bill</li> </ul> <p>*Dated within the past 60 days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Letter from approved government agency</li> <li>*Payroll Stub</li> <li>*Bank or credit card statement.</li> </ul>	<p>*Any valid form of photo ID and proof of residency that may include:</p> <p>*A valid Maine Drivers License displaying physical address.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p>*A valid Maine photo ID card displaying physical address.</p> <p>*A current vehicle registration that displays a physical address.</p>