



Greater Atlantic Region Bulletin

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Lobster Trap Transfer Program Interested Parties Lobster Trap Transfer Application Workshop Announcement *Meeting Dates: Wednesday and Thursday, July 20 and 21, 2016*

We are continuing the Lobster Trap Transfer Program that we began last year, which allows permit holders the flexibility to buy and sell trap allocation for Lobster Conservation Management Areas 2, 3, and the Outer Cape. We will accept trap transfer applications starting August 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016. Transfers will be effective May 1, 2017.

Similar to last year, we are hosting two public workshops for all interested parties to learn the process of submitting a trap transfer application. Workshops will cover general information on the Trap Transfer Program and the application process. Then, we will provide brief examples of potential transfer scenarios and open the floor for questions.

<i>Important Information</i>			
Who is invited to the workshops?	Lobster permit holders, permit brokers, state agencies, industry representatives, and interested members of the public		
When and where are the workshops?	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>July 20th from 10am-12pm, at: NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Regional Office 55 Great Republic Drive Gloucester, MA 01930</td> <td>July 21st from 6-8pm, at: Fairfield Inn & Suites 185 MacArthur Drive New Bedford, MA 02740</td> </tr> </table>	July 20 th from 10am-12pm, at: NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Regional Office 55 Great Republic Drive Gloucester, MA 01930	July 21 st from 6-8pm, at: Fairfield Inn & Suites 185 MacArthur Drive New Bedford, MA 02740
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What if I cannot attend the workshops?	<p>We will be streaming the Gloucester workshop on the internet in webinar/conference call format, so those who cannot make the trip can connect remotely at: https://noaaevents.webex.com/noaaevents/onstage/g.php?MTID=ec5a186f4452caf39002445c804f27668 Event number: 663 937 465 Event Password: Meeting123 Conference Line: 866.647.1746 Participant Code: 6042534</p> <p><i>Attendance for the New Bedford session is in-person only</i></p>		
Where can I find more details about the Trap Transfer Program?	You can find a detailed description, examples, and FAQ of the Trap Transfer Program under the “Trap Transfer Program” tab on our website at: http://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/sustainable/species/lobster/		
Who can I call further questions?	Please contact the Sustainable Fisheries Division (978-281-9315) or our permit office (978-282-8483) with any further questions.		

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