Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission

Restricted Species (RS) Endorsement for Businesses

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STEP 1: PRINT OR TYPE YOUR CONTACT AND LICENSE INFORMATION:

Business Name: _____ FEIN #:_____-_____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Division of Corp. Document #: _____ Fictitious Name Registration #: _____

Individual responsible for the management of the business must fill out section below and sign and date the application:

Name: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____/_____/_____Primary #: (_____) _____ Alternate #: _____

SPL #'s _____ ☐ **Existing RS Endorsement**

STEP 2: SELECT ONLY ONE QUALIFYING METHOD OR EXEMPTION AND ATTACH ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTATION (SEE PAGES 2-4 OF THIS APPLICATION).

Qualifying Methods:

☐ **$5,000 in sales of saltwater products to licensed wholesale dealer(s)**

☐ **25% annual Income attributable to sales of saltwater products**

☐ **50% of annual income attributable to charter boat operation and $2,500 in sales of saltwater products**

Exemption for purchase of a qualified commercial fishing vessel:

☐ **Sale of a used commercial fishing vessel by owner qualified for RS – EXEMPTION C**

STEP 3: SIGN AND DATE (ATTACH LICENSE REPLACEMENT APPLICATION AND $10 FEE TO REPRINT CARD).

Under Penalty of Perjury, I declare that I have read and understand the contents of this application and that the facts are true. In addition to any civil or criminal penalties imposed by the court, violations may result in administrative penalties imposed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, including, but not limited to, fines, license suspension, or license revocation. I pledge myself to the faithful observance of all the laws and lawful regulations of this state regulating the conservation, dealing in, taking, selling, transporting and/or possession of fish, seafood and other saltwater products, and cooperation in the enforcement of all such laws to every reasonable extent. Chapter 837.06, Florida Statutes (F.S.), provides that whoever knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his official shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in SS. 775.082, 083, and 084, F.S. When this application is received by a state agency, the information contained therein becomes public record subject to inspection under provisions of Chapter 119, F.S. FWC collects social security numbers for the issuance of recreational and professional fishing or hunting licenses or permits to an individual in accordance with S.379.352 F.S. and 42 USC 666 for the purpose of administration of the Title IV-D program for child support enforcement, use by the commission, and as otherwise provided by law.

TOTAL REPRINT FEES DUE TO FWC: $_____

Signature Date

This application will not be processed without a signature.

Restricted Species (RS) Endorsement for Individuals

INSTRUCTIONS:

STEP 1: Print or type your contact and license information.
STEP 2: Select only one qualifying method or exemption and attach acceptable documentation listed below each.
STEP 3: Sign and date the application and submit a License Replacement Application form and $10 non-refundable Reprint Fee if you are adding the RS and other endorsements to a current, active SPL. Applications will not be processed without a signature.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

A Saltwater Products License (SPL) (separate application required) with a RS endorsement authorizes commercial harvest of marine species designated as "restricted species" in Chapter 68B, F.A.C., and sale of these species to a licensed wholesale dealer.

The RS is not transferrable and is only available to applicants at least 16 years old who submit acceptable documentation defined below to support one of the qualification methods or exemption listed on pages 2-4 of this application. Restricted species, regulations and requirements are listed on the MyFWC.com Commercial Saltwater Licenses page. For federal requirements, contact the Federal Permitting Office (727) 570-5326.

NOTE: All licenses and endorsements expire on June 30 each year. Qualification for the RS expires (3) three full license years from the date of the last qualifying income documentation **unless otherwise specified in one of the exemptions in STEP 2 on pages 3-4of this application**. To retain the endorsement, RS holders must re-qualify by using one of the qualifying methods or exemptions listed in STEP 2 of this application.

ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTATION:

Definitions:

Commission Approved Trip Tickets - Copies of Commission approved trip ticket records generated under a valid SPL held by the applicant, to prove income from qualifying sales of saltwater products to a licensed wholesale dealer. Do not send originals. **Note:** New applicants may use only those tickets showing sales of non-restricted species. Tickets should be legible and show a dollar value to avoid delay in processing. Review and print your reported tickets online at MyFWC.com/CLS.

Out-of-State Sales - Copies of the applicant's commercial fishing license that was valid at the time of harvest and trip tickets or equivalent sales records from locations other than Florida used to prove income from the sale of saltwater products. The license number and dollar value must appear on the sales records.

Crew Share Statement - A notarized FWC form used to verify the income earned by the applicant from the sale of saltwater products that were: 1) lawfully harvested on a commercial vessel while working under a valid license held by the employer; and 2) sold to a licensed wholesale dealer who reported trip tickets for the employer's license. The form must be signed by the individual or owner of the business who held the license to which the sales were reported.

CPA Statement - A notarized FWC form signed by a Certified Public Accountant attesting to the applicant's total qualifying income during 1 of the last 3 years. The CPA Statement may be used only to determine total income. The income must be from the same year as the sales used to determine the percentage of total income.

Complete Tax Return - A copy of the applicant's complete Federal Income Tax Return from at least 1 of the last 3 years, including IRS Forms, 1099 or W2, and any other schedules and attachments. If using a joint return, provide all attachments necessary to separate your spouse's/dependent's income. Tax returns may be used only to determine the applicant's total income. Verified sales must be for the same tax year.

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COMPLETEING STEP 2: QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS.

Income requirements for qualifying methods:

<u>$5,000 in Sales</u>: Must show $5,000 in sales of saltwater products to a licensed Wholesale Dealer, under a valid SPL, in any 12 consecutive months of the previous 36 months. Acceptable documentation:

- Commission approved trip tickets
- Crew share statement
- Out-of-state sales (copy of commercial fishing license and trip tickets)

  Exclude active military duty when determining the 12 consecutive months used to qualify. Acceptable documentation: Proof of active duty service

<u>25 % Annual Income</u>: If sales are less than $5,000, must show that 25% of total income came from the sale of saltwater products to a licensed Wholesale Dealer. Sales must be from the same tax year. Acceptable documentation:

- Copy of a complete tax return is required
- Commission approved trip tickets
- Crew share statement
- CPA statement

<u>Charter Boat Operation</u>: Must show 50% of the applicant's total annual income came from Charter Boat operations **and** $2,500 in sales to a licensed Wholesale Dealer during the same tax year. Acceptable documentation:

- Copy of a complete tax return is required
- Commission approved trip tickets
- Crew share statement

Exemption for purchase of a used commercial fishing vessel:

<u>Upon the sale of a used commercial fishing vessel</u> at least 16 feet in length, actively registered for commercial use at time of sale by the seller, and owned by a person, firm or corporation possessing or eligible for a RS endorsement through any qualifying method other than sale of a used vessel; the purchaser of such vessel shall be **exempted from the qualifying income requirement for a period of one (1) full license year** from the date of purchase of vessel. The endorsement will only be added to a vessel SPL issued to the vessel purchased. Required documentation:

- Copy of original title or notarized coast guard bill of sale showing purchase price
- Copy of vessel registration from seller showing commercial use (must have been valid at time of sale)
- New title showing sale price and buyer as owner
- Copy of new vessel registration showing commercial use
- Vessel SPL card, if valid at time of application

Note: Income requirements must be met to renew the endorsement after (1) full license year.