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OLP-Comm Saltwater
Obj. Code 2057

Pompano Endorsement (P#) Application

Effective July 2001, pursuant to Rule 68B-35.005, Florida Administrative Code, a Pompano Endorsement (P#) is required to gill net Pompano in specified federal waters between Cape Sable (Monroe County) and Hurricane Pass (Collier County).

DATE OF BIRTH _____/_____/_____ ***SOCIAL SECURITY/FEID#** _____

NAME _____ _____ _____ _____
(Last) or (Business Name) (First) (Middle Initial) Suffix (Jr., Sr., III, etc.)

MAILING ADDRESS:
P.O. BOX OR STREET _____

CITY_____ **COUNTY** _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP CODE** _____

Telephone # (**)-**_____ -_____ **Secondary Telephone # (** **)-**_____ -_____

Vessel Length (Feet) _____**Primary Power Mounted** ☐ **Forward of Center Point;** ☐ **Rear of Center Point**

VESSEL SPL # _____ **VESSEL #** _____

* The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) collects social security number (SSN) 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 purposes of administration of the Title IV-D program for child support enforcement, use by the commission, and as otherwise provided by law.

In order to obtain a Pompano endorsement, the applicant must:

- **Hold a current/valid Vessel SPL bearing a Restricted Species (RS) endorsement.**
- **The Vessel SPL must be licensed to a commercially registered Vessel no smaller than 22 feet in documented length, except in the case of a vessel with the primary power mounted forward of the center point of the vessel, in which case the vessel shall not be smaller than 25 feet in documented length.**
- **Entangling or Gill nets used to harvest Pompano in federal EEZ waters, as licensed by this Pompano (P#) endorsement:**
  - **shall not be less than 400 yards in length, along the cork line and along the lead line**
  - **shall be at least 70 meshes deep at its shallowest point**
  - **shall have a mesh size of at least 4 ½ inches stretched mesh throughout the net**

This license does not authorize any activity or the use of gear that is otherwise prohibited or restricted by Florida law. You must hold a "P" endorsement in order to simultaneously possess Pompano and a gill net in state waters.

By signing below, I certify that in the previous three (3) license years, I have not been charged with violating any provision of Article X, Section 16 of the State Constitution, Section 379.2422 or Section 379.2423, Florida Statutes, or Rule 68B-4, and have not received a judicial disposition other than acquittal or dismissal on such charges. I also certify that the information that I have given on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. When this application is received by a State Agency, the information contained therein becomes public record and subject to inspection under the provision of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

_____
Signature of Applicant Title (if applicable) Date

_____ Approved by FWC Law
Enforcement Date

INSTRUCTIONS

1. **PRINT OR TYPE all requested information. Enter "NA" for items not applicable. If application is incomplete, the endorsement will not be issued.**
2. **SIGN and date the application and enter your business title, if applicable (Owner, Secretary, etc.)**
3. **Submit a Current Copy of your Vessel Registration.**
4. **Email your completed application to FWCLicensingHelp@MyFWC.com or submit at MyFWC.com/CLS**

68B-35.003 Size Limits; Prohibition of Sale; Landing in Whole Condition.

(2) Pompano Size Limits –

(a) Recreational Size Limits – No person shall harvest or possess within or without state waters any pompano with a fork length of less than 11 inches.

(b) Commercial Size Limits – A person harvesting for commercial purposes shall not harvest, possess, or land within or without state waters any pompano with a fork length less than 11 inches or greater than 20 inches. No person may buy, sell, or exchange any pompano with a fork length less than 11 inches or greater than 20 inches. The possession of any pompano with a fork length less than 11 inches or greater than 20 inches on a vessel that is harvesting for commercial purposes is prohibited.

(4) Landing in whole condition – All pompano, African pompano, and permit shall be landed in whole condition. The possession, within or without state waters, on any public or private fishing pier, or on a bridge or catwalk attached to a bridge from which fishing is allowed, or on any jetty, of any such fish that have been deheaded, sliced, divided, filleted, ground, skinned, scaled, or deboned is prohibited. Mere evisceration or "gutting" of such fish, or mere removal of gills, before landing is not prohibited.

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History–New 7-1-89, Amended 1-1-96, Formerly 46-35.003, Amended 11-1-01, 1-1-04, 3-1-05, 8-29-11.

68B-35.0035 Bag Limits.

(2) Pompano Bag Limits –

(a) Recreational Bag Limit – Except as provided in paragraph 68B-35.0035(2)(b), F.A.C., no person shall recreationally harvest or possess at any time within or without state waters more than six (6) pompano per day.

(b) Pompano Commercial Daily Harvest Limits –

1. Persons harvesting for commercial purposes, except for Pompano Endorsement holders harvesting within the Pompano Endorsement Zone pursuant to Rule 68B-35.005, F.A.C., are subject to a daily harvest, landing, and possession limit of 250 pompano within or without state waters.

2. Persons harvesting pompano as incidental bycatch pursuant to paragraph 68B-35.004(5)(a), F.A.C., shall be subject to a daily harvest, landing, and possession limit of 100 pompano.

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., Art. X, Sec. 16, Fla. Const., 379.407 FS. History–New 8-29-11.

68B-35.004 Gear Specifications and Prohibited Gear.

(1) The harvest of pompano, African pompano, or permit within or without state waters by or with the use of any multiple hook in conjunction with live or dead natural bait, or the landing of such fish so harvested, is prohibited. Snagging (snatch hooking) of pompano, African pompano, or permit within or without state waters is also prohibited.

(4) Pompano Gear – Except as provided in subsection 68B-35.005(3), F.A.C., or as provided in paragraph 68B-35.004(5)(a), F.A.C., the harvest or attempted harvest of any pompano within or without state waters by or with the use of any gear other than a beach or haul seine, a cast net, or hook and line gear is prohibited.

(5) Except as provided in paragraph 68B-35.005(2)(d), F.A.C., and in this subsection, no person shall simultaneously possess aboard any vessel in state waters any pompano or permit together with any gill or entangling net.

(a) Possession of pompano or permit is allowed by persons who have harvested pompano or permit in adjacent federal EEZ waters as an incidental bycatch in gill or entangling nets while fishing for other species, as long as such persons possess a valid saltwater products license with a restricted species endorsement, and provided that the amount of pompano or permit does not exceed the harvest, possession, and landing limit specified in subparagraphs 68B-35.0035(2)(b)2. and 68B-35.0035(1)(b)2., F.A.C.

(b) Possession of pompano or permit harvested pursuant to this subsection is allowed only when the person or vessel returns from federal EEZ waters directly, continuously, and expeditiously through state waters from the place where the lawful harvest occurred to the place where the vessel is regularly docked, moored, or otherwise stored or to the place of the licensed wholesale dealer where the catch is to be sold, and the vessel must comply with all requirements of Section 379.2423, F.S.

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., Art. X, Sec. 16, Fla. Const., 379.40 FS. History–New 7-1-89, Amended 1-1-96, Formerly 46-35.004, Amended 11-1-01, 1-1-04, 8-29-11.

68B-35.005 Pompano Endorsement Regulations.

(1) POMPANO ENDORSEMENT – No person shall be issued a pompano endorsement on their saltwater products license without first meeting each of the following criteria:

(a) The applicant must possess a Vessel Saltwater Products License with a Restricted Species Endorsement.

(b) The applicant must own a commercially registered vessel no smaller than 22 feet in documented length, except in the case of a vessel with the primary power mounted forward of the center point of the vessel, in which case the vessel shall not be smaller than 25 feet in documented length.

(c) No applicant shall receive a pompano endorsement who, in the previous three license years, has been charged with violating any provision of Article X, Section 16 of the State Constitution, Section 379.2423 or 379.2422, F.S., or subsection 68B-4.0081(2), F.A.C., and who has received a judicial disposition other than acquittal or dismissal on such charges.

(2) Pompano Endorsement Zone

(a) Boundaries – Regulations for Pompano Endorsement Holders established in Rule 68B-35.005, F.A.C., apply only in federal EEZ waters between 25°09' North Latitude and 26°00' North Latitude, between Cape Sable and Hurricane Pass.

(b) Transport and Landings – Transport through state waters of pompano harvested pursuant to paragraph 68B-35.005(2)(a), F.A.C., must be between 25°09' North Latitude and 26°00' North Latitude, between Cape Sable and Hurricane Pass, and landed within these boundaries.

(c) Sale – At the initial sale, no wholesale dealer shall purchase more than 250 individual pompano per day from any person who does not possess and present to the dealer a valid Pompano Endorsement, in addition to a saltwater products license with a restricted species endorsement. No person harvesting for commercial purposes pursuant to a valid Pompano Endorsement, in addition to a saltwater products license with a restricted species endorsement shall sell more than 250 individual pompano.

(d) Simultaneous Possession of Pompano and Gill or Entangling Nets – Simultaneous possession of any pompano together with any gill or entangling net aboard any vessel is only allowed within or without state waters, between 25°09' North Latitude and 26°00' North Latitude, between Cape Sable and Hurricane Pass, by persons who have harvested pompano within the boundaries established in paragraph 68B-35.005(2)(a), F.A.C., and who possess a valid saltwater products license with a restricted species endorsement and a Pompano Endorsement issued pursuant to subsection 68B-35.005(1), F.A.C., or pursuant to paragraph 68B-35.004(5)(a), F.A.C.

(e) The exemption established in paragraph 68B-35.005(2)(d), F.A.C., shall not apply to any person or vessel which does not return from federal EEZ waters directly, continuously, and expeditiously from the place where the lawful harvest occurred to the place where the vessel is regularly docked, moored, or otherwise stored or to the place of the licensed wholesale dealer where the catch is to be sold, or otherwise fails to meet all requirements of Section 379.2423, F.S.

(3) GEAR FOR POMPANO ENDORSEMENT ZONE – Persons harvesting pursuant to a Pompano Endorsement and within the Pompano Endorsement Zone established in paragraph 68B-35.005(2)(a), F.A.C., are permitted to use gill or entangling nets to target pompano in addition to allowable gears for pompano listed in Rule 68B-35.004, F.A.C. Each gill or entangling net shall meet the following specifications:

(a) Such net shall not be less than 400 yards in length, along the cork line and along the lead line.

(b) Such net shall be at least 70 meshes deep at its shallowest point.

(c) Such net shall have a mesh size of at least 4 1/2 inches stretched mesh, throughout the net.

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