



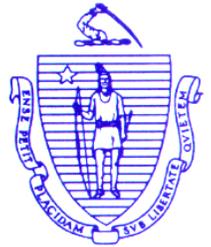
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### **Marine Fisheries Advisory**

#### **SHORESIDE BUSINESS APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF GROUND FISH DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

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The Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) is soliciting applications from eligible shoreside businesses to pre-qualify for groundfish disaster economic assistance. In the pre-qualification application, shoreside businesses are asked to demonstrate their relation to the Commonwealth's commercial groundfishery. Shoreside businesses are asked to report whether at least 30 % and at least \$32,500 of their total business receipts/ sales in any one year from 2009 to 2013 was generated from commercial vessels with limited access multispecies permits and/or state waters Groundfish Endorsements (GEs); at least one of those commercial groundfish vessels having been qualified for aid as part of the 2012 Groundfish Disaster Economic Assistance Program.

Interested shoreside businesses can begin the application process for groundfish disaster aid by reviewing the RFR online at [www.commbuys.com](http://www.commbuys.com) (search for Bid # "BD-15-1046-DMF-FW003-00000004043") and filling out a Pre-qualification Application or simply by downloading the form from DMF's website by going to [www.mass.gov/marinefisheries](http://www.mass.gov/marinefisheries) and clicking on the link for the "Groundfish Disaster Economic Assistance Program".

Signed originals of the applications must be mailed or hand-delivered to the Division of Marine Fisheries' Boston office c/o Samantha Andrews, at 251 Causeway St, Suite 400 Boston, MA 02114 by May 31, 2015. Mailed applications must be postmarked by May 31, 2015. No additional forms are required at this time, but may be requested to finalize qualification by DMF.

Should you have any questions about this application please contact Samantha Andrews, DMF Program Coordinator, by phone at (617) 626-1564 or by email at [Samantha.n.andrews@state.ma.us](mailto:Samantha.n.andrews@state.ma.us).

Federal disaster aid stems from a September 13, 2012 disaster declaration in the Northeast multispecies (groundfish) fishery by the Acting Secretary of Commerce. Further information on the Commonwealth's Groundfish Disaster Economic Assistance Program may be found online at [www.mass.gov/marinefisheries](http://www.mass.gov/marinefisheries).