



Standard Commercial Fishing License (SCFL) Eligibility Pool Determination

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Marine Fisheries

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SCFL Eligibility Pool

- Session Law 1998-225
 - SCFL Eligibility Board established
 - Requirement for MFC rules
- 15A NCAC 03O .0400
 - Eligibility Board operation
 - Eligibility Pool cap
 - Eligibility Pool application process
 - Eligibility criteria



SCFLs Available in 2021–2022 License Year

Determination of Available SCFLs for 2020-2021 License Year	
Total original SCFLs available (Cap)	8,896
SCFLs issued and renewed in 2020–2021	<u>– 5,693</u>
SCFLs available in the pool for 2021–2022	3,203
2020–2021 approved SCFLs not yet issued*	<u>– 5</u>
SCFLs available for 2021–2022 license year	3,198

*Individuals approved in the spring (March 2021) have until June 30 of the following license year (2022) to purchase their SCFL

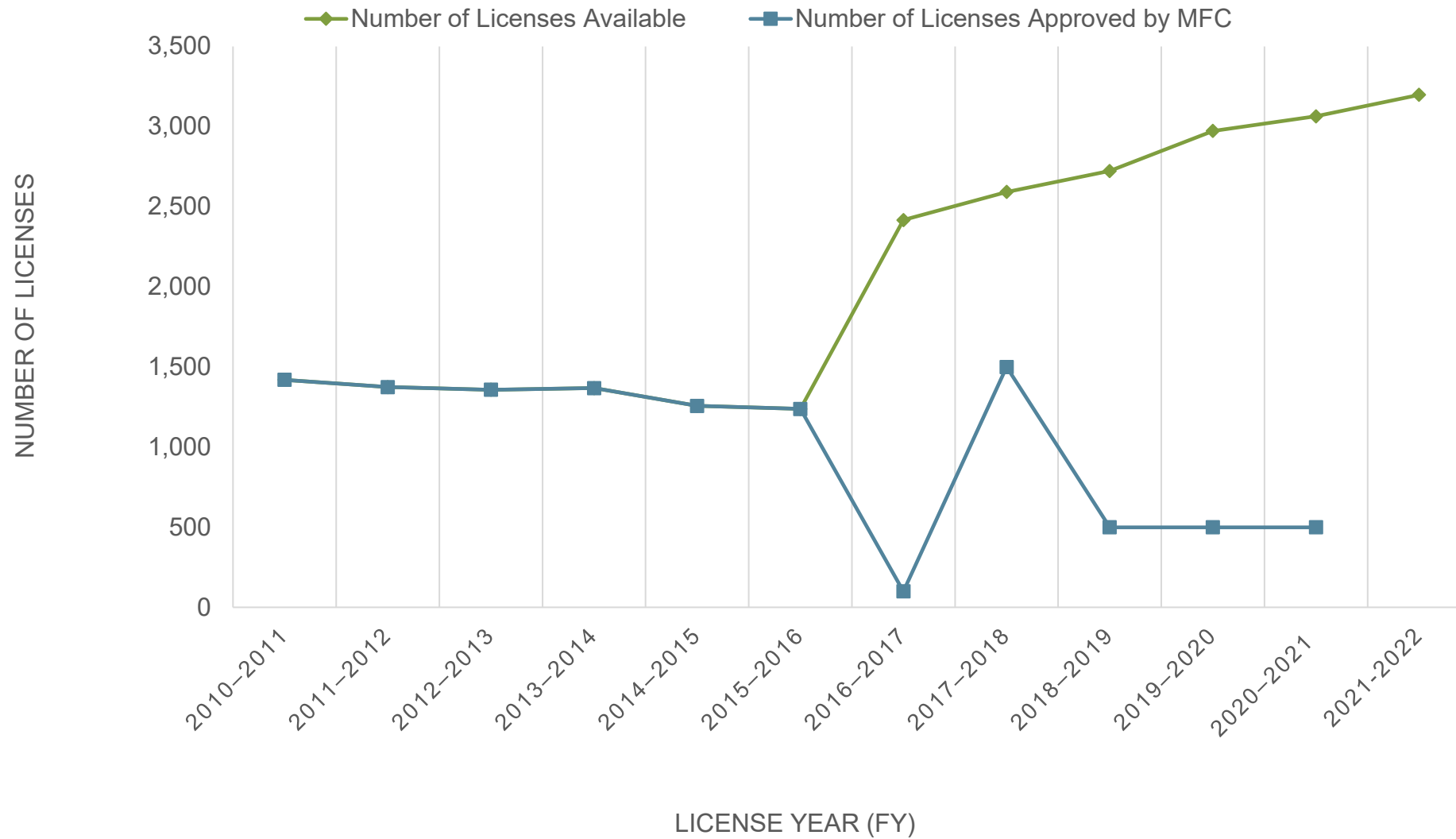


Fiscal Year 2021 Considerations

- 54 SCFL applications received
 - 45 approved
 - 9 denials
- 9.8% increase in applications from FY2020
 - 5 pending applications



Historical Eligibility Pool Data



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Action Item

Marine Fisheries Commission vote to set the number of SCFLs in the FY2021-2022 Eligibility Pool from the 3,198 available licenses

