Standard Commercial Fishing License (SCFL) Eligibility Pool Determination

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Marine Fisheries

Commission Meeting | Captain Garland Yopp | August 25-26, 2021
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**

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<th>Description</th>
<th>Quantity</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total original SCFLs available (Cap)</td>
<td>8,896</td>
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<td>SCFLs issued and renewed in 2020–2021</td>
<td>– 5,693</td>
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<td>SCFLs available in the pool for 2021–2022</td>
<td>3,203</td>
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<td>2020–2021 approved SCFLs not yet issued*</td>
<td>– 5</td>
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<td>SCFLs available for 2021–2022 license year</td>
<td>3,198</td>
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*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

Number of Licenses Available vs. Number of Licenses Approved by MFC over the years 2010-2022.
SCFL Eligibility Pool

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