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1. Program established; experience component. By July 1, 1996, the commissioner shall establish by rule an apprentice program for entry into the lobster fishery. The program must include practical lobster fishing experience. A person must be 8 years of age or older and hold an apprentice lobster and crab fishing license or a student lobster and crab fishing license under section 6421 to enter the program.

[2003, c. 468, §6 (AMD) .]

2. Length of program. The commissioner shall determine the length of time an apprentice is enrolled in the program, which must be a minimum of 2 years.

[1995, c. 468, §4 (NEW) .]

3. Educational courses. The program may include any educational courses the commissioner determines appropriate. Educational courses may be taught by the department or by any public or private sector association or organization authorized by the commissioner. For any course taught by the department, the commissioner shall set an enrollment fee sufficient to recover all costs incurred by the department in teaching the course.

[1995, c. 468, §4 (NEW) .]

4. Allowance for waivers. Notwithstanding subsections 1 and 2, the commissioner may waive all or part of the practical lobster fishing experience component or the program length for a person before that person enters the apprentice program if the person:

A. [T. 12, §6422, sub-§4, ¶ A (RP) .]

B. [T. 12, §6422, sub-§4, ¶ B (RP) .]

C. [1995, c. 568, §2 (RP) .]

D. [1997, c. 250, §8 (RP) .]

E. Documents to the commissioner that the person obtained practical lobster fishing experience as an apprentice in the Monhegan Lobster Conservation Area pursuant to section 6475. [1997, c. 574, §3 (NEW) .]

[1999, c. 281, §1 (AMD); 1999, c. 490, §3 (AMD) .]

SECTION HISTORY

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