

Tab E, No. 4(a)

Historical Captain Permits Conversion into Standard Federal Charter/Headboat Permits



April 2022

Background

Previous historical captain permits replacement action:

- ❖ replacement of valid (non-expired) or renewable Gulf historical CMP and reef fish permits with standard CMP and reef fish for-hire permits
- ❖ outstanding letters of eligibility for historical captain permits had to be used to obtain a permit prior to the date the final rule for the abbreviated framework became effective (May 21, 2020)
- ❖ new historical captain permits (from the redemption of eligibility letters) were not eligible for replacement

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Background

- ❖ All eligible historical captain permits were converted into standard permits:
 - ❑ 31 CMP permits
 - ❑ 30 reef fish permits

- ❖ Three (3) entities redeemed eligibility letters, resulting in:
 - ❑ 3 new historical captain CMP permits
 - ❑ 3 new historical captain reef fish permits

Permit Replacement

This action provides an opportunity to replace CMP and reef fish historical captain permits with standard Gulf for-hire permits

Consistent with a previous Council action :

each newly issued standard for-hire permit would have the **same permit capacity** as the historical captain permit it would replace.

historical captains will have **two years** from the implementation date of this action to replace historical captain permits with standard permits and associate newly issued standard for-hire permits with a vessel.

There are currently 1,294 CMP and 1,284 reef fish for-hire permits. This action would result in a minute change to the number of for-hire permits in the Gulf.

Thank you