Office of
The Governor

No. 33 FY 19/20
DATE April 1, 2020

AN ORDER REGARDING EXPIRATION OF CERTAIN LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

WHEREAS, I proclaimed a state of emergency on March 15, 2020 to authorize the use of emergency powers in order to expand and expedite the State's response to the many different effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, this Order is necessary to enable individuals participating in the wholesale trade of seafood to continue their operations and defer the expense associated with the renewal of license for multiple facilities and vehicles during this time when their businesses have been severely impacted; and

WHEREAS, a governor's emergency powers expressly include pursuant to 37-B M.R.S. §742(1)(C)(13)(a) the authority to adjust time frames and deadlines imposed by law when necessary to mitigate an effect of the emergency; and

WHEREAS, a governor's emergency powers also expressly include pursuant to 37-B M.R.S. §742(1)(C)(13)(c) the authority to modify or suspend the requirements for professional or occupational licensing or registration if strict compliance hinders coping with the emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, pursuant to 37-B M.R.S. Ch. 13, including but not limited to the provisions referenced above, do hereby Order as follows:

I. ORDER

This Order applies to individuals who held one or more of the following Title 12 M.R.S. Ch. 615 licenses and permits with effective dates of April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020. The expiration dates of such licenses and permits as set forth set forth in 12 M.R.S. §6301 are adjusted from March 30, 2020 to May 31, 2020:

A. Wholesale seafood license issued under §6851;
B. Wholesale seafood license with lobster permit issued under §6851;
C. Wholesale seafood supplemental license issued under §6851;

D. Shellfish transportation license issued under §6855;
E. Shellfish transportation supplemental license issued under §6855;
F. Lobster transportation license issued under §6854;
G. A lobster transportation supplemental license issued under §6854;
H. Lobster meat permit issued under §6857; and
I. Lobster processor license issued under §6851-B.

II. EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this Order is April 1, 2020.

Janet T. Mills
Governor