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NEW IMPORTANT CHANGES TO APPLY FOR THE SEA URCHIN DIVING PERMIT DRAW

IMPORTANT NEW DEADLINE TO APPLY

Applicants shall apply by March 31 of each year.

NEW INFORMATION ON HOW TO ENTER THE DRAWING

Applications for new sea urchin diving permits shall be made available each year through the Department's License and Revenue Branch's Automated License Data System (Department), at Department license sales offices, the Department's Internet Sales site, and at Department's license agents authorized to sell commercial fishing licenses.

You can visit the Department's Online License Sales and Service at www.wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Online-Sales for additional information on how to purchase your Sea Urchin Diving Permit Draw Application online.

REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER THE DRAW

- Applicants must possess a valid California Commercial Fishing License and a valid Sea Urchin Crewmember Permit for each of the two permit years immediately preceding the permit year when drawing is done.
- Applicants will also be required to pay the nonrefundable processing fee.

NEW PREFERENCE POINTS FOR THE DRAWING

The Department shall award any new permits using a Modified-Preference Point drawing system.

The Modified-Preference Point drawing system shall award proportions of permit quota using the following drawing methods:

- Preference Point Drawing: Permits in the preference quota are awarded based on the following order of priority: accumulated preference point totals (highest to lowest), and computer-generated random number (lowest to highest).
- Random Drawing: Permits in the random quota are awarded according to computer generated random number (lowest to highest), without consideration of accumulated preference points. The available new permit quantity shall be split into separate quotas. Every fifth permit that becomes available shall belong to the random quota while all other permits shall belong to the preference quota. This four-to-one ratio for sorting will continue indefinitely.

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Eligible commercial fisherman that applied in the sea urchin diving permit drawing from 2006-2007 and were not awarded a sea urchin diving permit in any of these years shall be assigned one preference point for each year they applied in these drawings.

You can check your preference points by logging on to your customer profile at www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales and click on the link "View My Draw Application/Preference Points" at the top of the page.

Please refer to New Commercial Sea Urchin Fishing Regulations for the 2018 Season Letter for additional information on Modified-Preference Point Permit drawing system.

If you have questions or require further assistance, please contact Commercial Records at (916) 928-5822 or email LRBCOMM@wildlife.ca.gov.