



## TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE

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OB #1 FEE DEFERRAL

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Freeport Town Council  
FROM: Peter Joseph, Town Manager  
DATE: 04/23/20  
RE: Commercial Shellfish Harvesting License Fee Deferral

According to section 32-601 of the Freeport Shellfish Conservation Ordinance, the fee for renewal Commercial Shellfish Licenses (\$430) is split into two payments, with one half payable by the end of April, and one half payable by the end of May, prior to the issuance of renewal licenses in June.

Harbormaster/Marine Resource Officer Charlie Tetreau has received several requests to defer the payment of the first half of the license renewal fee until the end of May. Additionally, a smaller number of requests have been made to the Town to waive licensing fees altogether. After reviewing the licensing process, Harbormaster/MRCO Tetreau is recommending that the Town Council take action to defer payment of the first installment (50%) payment until the end of May, to run concurrent with the second installment (50%) payment deadline. I agree with his recommendation.

Harbormaster/MRCO Tetreau did discuss this possibility with officials at Maine Department of Marine Resources (DMR), who ultimately delegate shellfish licensing authority to the Town. The initial reaction from DMR was that this should not create a problem, but he is still waiting on confirmation in writing from DMR that this would be acceptable. Therefore, if the Council does decide to take action on this request, any order to do so should be contingent on approval by Maine DMR.

This action would not affect the payment schedule for new Commercial licenses, which would remain due in June.

We suggest the following order for consideration if the Council is so inclined:

**BE IT ORDERED:** That the requirement contained in Freeport Shellfish Conservation Ordinance Chapter 32, Section 601(E) specifying that a 50% payment (totaling \$215) be submitted along with application for a renewal commercial license be suspended for calendar year 2020. Instead, full payment of \$430 will be due before the end of May, when the second 50% payment would otherwise be due. This order will become effective only after written approval from the Maine Department of Marine Resources.

I Shane Clarke am writing to you to ask if the fee can be waived for the renewal of my license as I am currently facing extreme hardships due to the covid 19 pandemic ...Thank you so much for considering my hardship and your attention to this matter .

Sincerely

Shane Clarke

**Town of Freeport  
2020 Commercial Shellfish License Application (Age 12+)**

*Note: Senior Licenses are available to all current holders of a Commercial Shellfish License who turn Age 65 while in possession of an existing license, at no fee, and are exempt from Conservation Point requirement.*

**Resident Fee: \$230 (License \$200 + Water Quality Testing Fee \$30)  
Non-Resident Fee: \$430 (License \$400 + Water Quality Testing Fee \$30)**

Renewal Applications: Minimum of 1/2 of license fee must be paid with application no later than the last business day in April, which is April 30th. The other 1/2 must be paid by the last business day in May, which is May 28th.

- New License (Submit by June 15)       Renewal License (12 conservation pts required)(Starting in April)
- Resident – How Long? (Must be 1 year or over to be eligible for resident license) \_\_\_\_\_  Non-Resident

Name (PRINT): Shane Clarke

Residence Address: 8 Blethen St Lisbon Falls Me 04852

Mailing Address (if different): 8 Blethen St Lisbon Falls Me 04852

Telephone: 207-653-7400 E-mail Address: melody.seymour@maine.edu

Do you rent, lease, or own your present home?  Rent / Lease       Own

If you rent or lease, print the name, address & telephone # of your landlord:

Date of Birth: <u>6-17-88</u>	Hair color: <u>Blonde</u>	Eye color: <u>blue</u>	Height: <u>5 11</u>	Weight: <u>150</u>
Vehicle registered in Town of:	License plate #:	Vehicle year:	Vehicle make:	Vehicle color:
Boat information: I have no boat: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Make:	Year:	Color:	Reg. #:

Did you have any Shellfish Violations in prior license year? 7/1/19-6/30/20: No  Yes

A Commercial Shellfish Digger must have a valid State of Maine Commercial Shellfish License issued by the Department of Marine Resources. Do you have this license?  Yes       No

**I affirm that the address listed above is my primary residence, and that all of the information contained on this application is true. Therefore, I do not claim residency in any other municipality, and I fully understand that my Shellfish License will be revoked immediately if a false statement or misrepresentation has been made on this application.**

5-4-20      Shane Clarke  
Date      Applicant's signature

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Fee paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Fee remaining: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Freeport Shellfish License #: \_\_\_\_\_