

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES
APPLICATION FOR AMERICAN EEL POT PERMIT – FOR SALE
(ONLY VALID IN BACK BAY AND NORTH LANDING RIVER)**

Under Authority of §29.1-412 and §29.1-416 of the Code of Virginia, 4 VAC-340- 40)
For permit Period July 1st through June 30th

NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE: \$50.00 per Permit PERMIT: _____ NEW _____ RENEWAL

Previous Permit Number: _____

If not a Virginia resident, a Non-Resident Harvester's License is required in addition to Eel Pot permit, at a cost of \$350.00.

MANDATORY EEL HARVEST REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: All permittees are required follow the permit conditions and reporting requirements within this permit application. See information below on reporting requirements and deadlines for reporting. Failure to meet permit conditions will result in permit revocation or suspension.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS PERMIT IS VALID ONLY IN THE NORTH LANDING RIVER AND BACK BAY, and their tributaries, as described in E.

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____
Street or Route

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____

Home Phone (____) _____ - _____ Work or Cell Phone (____) _____ - _____

Send this application and a check or money order made payable to: TREASURER OF VIRGINIA for \$50.00. If you are not a Virginia resident and do not already have a Non-Resident Harvester's License, that permit will need to be purchased in addition to this permit.

Have you ever been convicted of violating any federal or state wildlife laws or wildlife-related regulations?

Yes _____ No _____ If "Yes", year and nature of offense _____

Applicant's Signature

Date

By my signature above, I hereby certify that all entries made on this application are true and complete, and I agree and understand that any falsification of information herein, regardless of time of discovery, may result in denial or revocation of my permit. In addition, I agree to all conditions carried by this permit. Completed applications may mailed to: VDGIF, Permits Section, P O Box 3337, Henrico, VA 23228

CONDITIONS OF AMERICAN EEL POT PERMIT (FOR SALE)

- A. The Director may issue, deny, modify, suspend, or revoke annual eel pot permits for sale. Such permits shall authorize the taking of American eels for sale, as specified, with eel pots from waters designated below. Such permits shall be valid so long as the harvest of American eels in the Commonwealth is not prohibited by other state or federal law or regulation.
- B. Eligibility: To be eligible, applicants must have reported harvest of at least one pound of American eels from Back Bay or North Landing River or their tributaries via reports submitted through the Virginia Marine Resources Commission's Mandatory Harvest Reporting Program during the period January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2012, both dates inclusive. The reported harvest must have occurred while the applicant held a valid commercial fish pot or eel pot license issued by the Virginia Marine Resources Commission.

Note: Based on the above requirements, with cooperation from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, VDGIF has developed a list of those individuals who are eligible.

- C. It shall be unlawful for permit holders to possess elvers. It shall be unlawful for permit holders fishing eel pots to take any species other than American eels. For the purposes of this permit, the term "elver" shall mean any American eel of less than six inches in total length. It shall be unlawful to place, set or fish any eel pot which has a mesh less than 1/2- inch by 1/2- inch. It shall be unlawful to place, set or fish any eel pot unless such pot contains at least one unrestricted 4-inch by 4-inch escape panel consisting of 1/2-inch by 1-inch mesh. The permit holder's last name and eel pot permit number must be permanently attached to buoys of all eel pots set. The maximum number of pots authorized per permit holder under this permit shall be 300.
- D. American eels may be taken with eel pots in Back Bay and its natural tributaries (not including Lake Tecumseh and Red Wing Lake) and in North Landing River from the Virginia/North Carolina state line to the Great Bridge locks in the City of Chesapeake.
- E. It shall be unlawful for any person to ship or otherwise transport any package, box or other receptacle containing fish taken under an eel pot permit unless the same bears the permit holder's name and address.
- F. Failure to comply with the daily harvest and sales reporting requirements, as detailed in conditions of permit issuance, shall be unlawful, and may result in immediate permit revocation. It shall be the permit holder's responsibility to report "No Activity" when no activity occurs during a monthly reporting period.

G. Mandatory American eel harvest reporting requirements.

1. The holder of a permit to take American eels for sale by means of eel pots shall keep a daily record of the pounds of eels harvested and the pounds of eels sold.
2. This record must be reported on a monthly basis, using the American eel harvest reporting form provided by the Department, to the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Permits Section. Monthly reports are due on the 5th business day of the following month.
 - Monthly reports can either be emailed to collectionpermits@dgif.virginia.gov or mailed to: VDGIF, Permits Section, P O Box 3337, Henrico, VA 23228
3. Such reports shall be provided in the format of the enclosed Monthly Mandatory Harvest Reporting Form for American Eel Harvest and shall include the permit holder's name, address, daily number of eel pots fished, daily pounds of eels harvested, and the dealer or location where the eels were sold or landed. If the permit holder has not actively set or fished eel pots in the reporting month, then it is the permit holder's responsibility to report "No Activity".

4. Permit holders are responsible for monthly reporting of their daily harvest of American eels whether or not the eels are sold or held for delayed sale.
5. Failure to report harvest of American eels. Permit holders that are found to be negligent in reporting such harvest shall be subject to permit revocation or suspension.

