

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES**  
**APPLICATION FOR AMERICAN EEL POT PERMIT –PERSONAL USE**  
**(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 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>

NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE: \$17.50      PERMIT: \_\_\_\_\_ NEW \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL

Previous Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**American Eels harvested with this permit may not be bartered or sold under any circumstances.**

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 \$17.50. If you are not a Virginia resident and do not already have a Non-Resident Harvester’s License, you will need to purchase that permit separately.

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 be mailed to: VDGIF, Permits Section, P O Box 3337, Henrico, VA 23228

**CONDITIONS OF AMERICAN EEL POT PERMIT (PERSONAL USE /  
NOT FOR SALE).**

**Eel pot to take American eels  
for personal use**

- A. The Director may issue, deny, modify, suspend, or revoke annual eel pot permits for personal use. Such permits shall authorize the taking of American eels for personal use only (not for sale) with eel pots from waters designated in this section. Such permits shall be valid so long as the harvest of eels in the Commonwealth is not prohibited by other state or federal, law or regulation.
- B. It shall be unlawful for a permit holder 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.
- C. Eels harvested with a “Personal Use/Not For Sale” American eel permit may not be bartered or sold under any circumstances.
- D. 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 of 1/2-inch by 1-inch mesh.
- E. It shall be unlawful for the permit holder to place, set or fish more than five (5) eel pots.
- F. Buoys for all “Personal Use/Not For Sale” eel pots must be permanently marked with the Permit holder’s last name and the last four digits of the Permit holder’s social security number.
- G. American eels may be taken with eel pots in Back Bay and its natural tributaries (not including Lake Tecumseh and Red Wing Lake), and North Landing River and its natural tributaries from the North Carolina line to the Great Bridge locks.
- H. It shall be unlawful for any permit holder to possess more than 50 eels daily. When fishing from a boat or vessel where the entire catch is held in a common hold or container, the daily possession limit shall be for the boat or vessel and shall be equal to the number of permit holders on board multiplied by 50. The captain or operator of the boat or vessel shall be responsible for any boat or vessel possession limit. Any eel taken after the daily possession limit has been reached shall be returned to the water immediately. Possession of any quantity of eel which exceeds the daily possession limit described in this subsection of this section shall be presumed to be for commercial purposes.