

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 12: CONSERVATION**  
**Chapter 621: FINFISH LICENSES**

**§6505-C. EEL HARVESTING LICENSE**

**1. License required.** A person may not fish for or take eels in the coastal waters of the State or possess, ship, transport or sell eels that the person has taken in the coastal waters of the State without an eel harvesting license.

[ 2001, c. 421, Pt. B, §31 (AMD); 2001, c. 421, Pt. C, §1 (AFF) .]

**2. Exemptions.** A person may fish for or take for personal use eels in the coastal waters of the State by speargun, harpoon, trap or hook and line and may possess or transport eels that person has taken pursuant to this subsection. The department shall adopt rules establishing a limit on the number of eels that a person may fish for, take, possess or transport pursuant to this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

[ 2001, c. 187, §1 (AMD) .]

**3. Eligibility.** An eel harvesting license may be issued only to an individual.

[ 2001, c. 421, Pt. B, §31 (AMD); 2001, c. 421, Pt. C, §1 (AFF) .]

**4. Fees.** The fee for an eel harvesting license is \$125.

[ 2009, c. 213, Pt. G, §10 (AMD) .]

**5. Disposition of fees.** All fees collected under this section accrue to the Eel and Elver Management Fund established in section 6505-D, except that \$50 must accrue to the General Fund for each license sold under this section.

[ 2009, c. 561, §19 (AMD) .]

**6. Violation.** A person who violates this section commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.

[ 2001, c. 421, Pt. B, §31 (NEW); 2001, c. 421, Pt. C, §1 (AFF) .]

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