

**GREEN CRAB PREDATOR FENCING
OR OTHER STRUCTURES BELOW THE MEAN HIGHWATER LINE**

Applicants for activities that are eligible for the Department of the Army Maine General Permit must:

1. Apply directly to the Corps using the Corps application form (ENG Form 4345). A copy of this form may be obtained by contacting the Corps of Engineers, Maine Project Office, 675 Western Avenue #3, Manchester, ME 04351, (207) 623-8367;

or on our website at the following link:

http://www.usace.army.mil/Portals/2/docs/civilworks/regulatory/engform_4345_2013july.pdf

2. Submit the following information. Additional information may be requested by the Corps post submission.

- a. Narrative of the proposed project to include the project purpose and description;
- b. location map with the boundaries of the proposed project clearly defined; identify coordinates in GPS, LAT LON; and area to be occupied in square feet;
- c. tax map showing the location of the project in the vicinity to other structures, moorings, proximity to land;
- d. overhead view (plan view) of the structures to be installed inclusive of but not limited to number and dimensions of nets, traps, cages, fences, spacing of structures, mooring tackle, marking of the site;
- e. elevation view (plan view) of fencing (w/dimensions), mooring tackle, MHW, MLW;
- f. Monitoring plan inclusive of the following:
 1. Identify the individual(s) responsible for the active maintenance and survey of the project.
 2. Identify the frequency of intended site visits. (i.e. 1x per tide cycle, 1 x per 24/48 hours, etc.)
 3. Identify the individual(s) conducting the site visits.
 4. Maintenance protocol of the structures. (how often occurring, anticipated maintenance required, methodology utilized for anticipated maintenance)
 5. Submission of monitoring reports indicating date of occurrence, site conditions observed, any maintenance issues, identification of any species other than the intended trapped by the structures, timing of submission (i.e. weekly, bi-weekly)
- g. Is the site located in an area that drains completely at low tide?
- h. Identify the past, current, and future uses of the project location.
- i. What is the timeline of the project? Anticipated installation and removal dates.
- j. Identify the individuals that will install and remove the structures.
- k. How long will it take to install/remove? For example, "all structures to be installed during low tide when the tide is below the work area; approximately 3 days for completion".
- l. Identify any installation methods that may result in disturbance of the substrate.
- m. Identify point(s) of access to and from the site for installation of structures, monitoring efforts, and storage of structures and gear post removal.
- n. If available, provide details of funding organizations, grants obtained to conduct the project.
- o. Note the location environmental resources in the vicinity of the project such as eelgrass, mud flats, etc.

3. Recommended/required Outreach.

In a blanket letter, request the review (in brief narrative form) of the project and comment from the Town Harbor Committee, Shellfish Wardens, Town Harbormaster, Marine Patrol, U.S. Coast Guard, Maine Department of Marine Resources.

General Considerations:

*If pursuing a "fence" project, identify the locations and treatment of "gate" locations that will allow for the unimpeded access for safe navigation as well as passage for marine species. These are to be included on the project plans and description included within the project narrative.

*Time necessary to apply for and obtain a Corps permit.

*Responsiveness to agency coordination. Keep in mind, delays in responding to information requests will only delay permit issuance.

*Questions. Contact any of the staff at the Corps of Engineers Maine Project Office. (207) 623-8367.

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