

## EC2008-298

**FISHERIES ACT  
REGULATIONS  
AMENDMENT**

Pursuant to section 9 of the *Fisheries Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. F-13.01 Council made the following regulations:

**1. (1) Subsection 9(6) of the *Fisheries Act* Regulations (EC873/95) is revoked and the following substituted:**

(6) The Minister may not issue a fish buying license for lobster to an applicant prior to or on the opening day of a lobster season unless the applicant has submitted an application to the Minister a minimum of 30 days prior to the opening day of the lobster season. Time for application  
- restriction on  
issuance of license

(6.1) Where an applicant for a fish buying license for lobster makes an application for that license within 29 days prior to the opening day of a lobster season, the Minister shall, within 3 business days after the opening day of the lobster season, Applications made  
at other times

(a) review the application; and

(b) if the Minister is satisfied that the fish buying license for lobster should be issued to the applicant, issue that license to the applicant.

(6.2) Where an applicant for a fish buying license for lobster makes an application for that license during a lobster season, the Minister shall, *Idem* within 3 business days after receipt of the application,

(a) review the application; and

(b) if the Minister is satisfied that the fish buying license for lobster should be issued to the applicant, issue that license to the applicant.

**(2) Subsection 9(7) of the regulations is amended by the addition of the words “, (6.1) or (6.2)” after the words “subsection (6)”.**

**2. These regulations come into force on May 16, 2008.**

**EXPLANATORY NOTES**

These regulations permit an applicant to make an application for a fish buying license for lobster during a lobster season and during the 29 day period prior to the start of a season. Currently, applications for such licenses must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the start of a lobster season.