State Agency	Does state have a for-hire permit or license requirement?	Limited entry for-hire permits?	Additional reporting requirements for these species beyond FHTS/APAIS?	Comprehensive for-hire reporting?	Permit the vessel or individual?
ME DMR	Yes[1]	No	No	No	Individual
NH F&G	Yes	No	No	No	Vessel
MA DMF	Yes	No	No	No	Vessel & Individual
RI DEM	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Vessel & Individual
CT DEEP	Yes	No	No	No	Vessel
NY DEC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Individual
NJ F&W	Yes[2]	N/A	No	No	Individual
DE DFW	Yes	No	No	No	Vessel
MD DNR	Yes	Yes	Yes - Charter decal only	Yes - Charter decal only	Individual
VA MRC	Yes	Yes	Yes - BSB Feb. season only	Yes - BSB Feb. season only	Vessel & Individual
NC DMF	Yes	No	No	No	Vessel & Individual
SC DNR	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Vessel
GA DNR	Yes	No	No	No	Individual
FL FWC	Yes	No	No	No	Vessel & Individual

[1] Maine's for-hire permit was implemented beginning January 1, 2026.

[2] Although New Jersey does not require an explicit for hire permit or license, all for hire owners and operators are required to register their vessels annually with the New Jersey Saltwater Recreational Registry Program, with strict penalties for operating without a registration.

Table 8: Information about the estimated number of for-hire participants by state for the 2024 fishing year as provided to Commission staff in 2025.

State	Count or estimate of number of for-hire participants or vessels in 2024
ME	~229 boats
NH	109 total, 100 charter vessels, 9 party boats
RI	221 State Waters party Charter Vessel licenses
MA	900 total permitted vessels (both charter and headboats); 771 resident charterboats, 75 non-resident charterboats, 50 resident headboats, and 4 non-resident headboats
CT	151 Connecticut Party and Charter Vessel Registrations
NY	524 party/charter licenses in 2024, 369 to NY residents
NJ	1,043 unique for-hire individuals, 996 unique for-hire vessels
DE	60 licenses were issued in 2024, including 54 Charter and 6 Head Boat licenses
MD	Approx 800 charter/for-hire vessels, 485 Resident fishing guides, 42 Non-resident Fishing Guides, Unlimited Tidal Authorization - 2,074 (allows a person to commercially fish, crab, clam, or oyster in MD, as well as operate as a for-hire captain with the addition of a USCG Captain's License)
VA	Resident Class A 102, Resident Class B 141, Non Resident Class 33, Non Resident Class B 22
NC	865 Blanket For-Hire Vessel CRFLs, 113 Non-Blanket For-Hire Vessel Licenses, 173, Blanket For-Hire Captain's CRFLs, 321 Commercial Fishing Vessel Registrations with For-Hire Endorsements
SC	738 for-hire licenses
GA	216 for-hire permits
FL	5,287 total for-hire permits