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Pompano Endorsement (P#) Application

Effective July 2001, pursuant to Rule 68B-35.005, Florida Administrative Code, a Pompano Endorsement (P#) is required to gill net Pompano in specified federal waters between Cape Sable (Monroe County) and Hurricane Pass (Collier County). In order to harvest Pompano outside of this specified area, a Pompano Special Activity License (PSAL) is required. For information about the PSAL, please contact 850-488-6058.

DATE OF BIRTH _____/_____/19_____		SOCIAL SECURITY/FEID# _____	
NAME _____	_____	_____	_____
(Last) or (Business Name)	(First)	(Middle Initial)	Suffix (Jr., Sr., III, etc.)
MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. BOX OR STREET _____			
CITY _____	COUNTY _____	STATE _____	ZIP CODE _____
Telephone # ()-_____ -_____		Secondary Telephone # ()-_____ -_____	
Vessel Length (Feet) _____ Primary Power Mounted <input type="checkbox"/> Forward of Center Point ; <input type="checkbox"/> Rear of Center Point			
VESSEL SPL # _____		VESSEL # _____	

In order to obtain a Pompano endorsement, the applicant must:

- Hold a current/valid Vessel SPL bearing a Restricted Species (RS) endorsement.
- The Vessel SPL must be licensed to a commercially registered Vessel no smaller than 22 feet in documented length, except in the case of a vessel with the primary power mounted forward of the center point of the vessel, in which case the vessel shall not be smaller than 25 feet in documented length.
- Entangling or Gill nets used to harvest Pompano in federal EEZ waters, as licensed by this Pompano (P#) endorsement:
 - shall not be less than 400 yards in length, along the cork line and along the lead line
 - shall be at least 70 meshes deep at its shallowest point
 - shall have a mesh size of at least 4 ½ inches stretched mesh throughout the net

This license does not authorize any activity or the use of gear that is otherwise prohibited or restricted by Florida law. You must hold a "P" endorsement in order to simultaneously possess Pompano and a gill net in state waters.

By signing below, I certify that in the previous three (3) license years, I have not been charged with violating any provision of Article X, Section 16 of the State Constitution, Section 379.2422 or Section 379.2423, Florida Statutes, or Rule 68B-4.0081(2), F.A.C., and have not received a judicial disposition other than acquittal or dismissal on such charges. I also certify that the information that I have given on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. When this application is received by a State Agency, the information contained therein becomes public record and subject to inspection under the provision of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

_____ Signature of Applicant	_____ Title (if applicable)	_____ Date
_____ Approved by FWC Law Enforcement		_____ Date

INSTRUCTIONS

1. **PRINT OR TYPE all requested information. Enter "NA" for items not applicable. If application is incomplete, the endorsement will not be issued.**
2. **SIGN and date the application and enter your business title, if applicable (Owner, Secretary, etc.)**
3. **Submit a Current Copy of your Vessel Registration.**
4. **Mail your completed application to the address indicated at the top of Page 1.**

68B-35.003 Size and Bag Limits; Prohibition of Sale. --

- (1) Size Limits -
 - (a) No person shall harvest in or from state waters, or possess while in or on state waters, any pompano or permit, with a length less than 10 inches, or greater than 20 inches. No person shall purchase, sell, or exchange any pompano or permit with a length less than 10 inches, or greater than 20 inches.
 - (b) No person shall harvest in or from state waters, or possess while in or on state waters, any African pompano with a length less than 24 inches.
 - (c) All pompano, African pompano, and permit shall be landed in whole condition. The possession, while in or on state waters, on any public or private fishing pier, or on a bridge or catwalk attached to a bridge from which fishing is allowed, or on any jetty, of any such fish that have been beheaded, sliced, divided, filleted, ground, skinned, scaled, or deboned is prohibited. Mere evisceration or "gutting" of such fish, or mere removal of gills, before landing is not prohibited.
- (2) Bag Limits -
 - (a) Except for persons harvesting pompano or permit pursuant to a valid saltwater products license with a restricted species endorsement, persons harvesting pompano from federal EEZ waters pursuant to Rule 68B-35.005, or persons harvesting pompano as bycatch in a federal gill net fishery for other species pursuant to Rule 68B-35.004(3)(c), no person shall harvest in or from state waters more than a total of 10 pompano or permit per day, in any combination of species, nor possess while in or on state waters more than 10 such fish. No more than one (1) of such fish shall exceed 20 inches length.
 - (b) Each harvester of African pompano is subject to a bag limit of 2 African pompano per day, however, no more than 2 African pompano shall be possessed aboard any vessel while in or on state waters at any time.
Specific Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History - New 7-1-89, Amended 1-1-96, , Formerly 46-35.003.

68B-35.004 Gear Specifications and Prohibited Gear. --

- (1) The harvest of pompano, African pompano, or permit in or from state waters by or with the use of any multiple hook in conjunction with live or dead natural bait, or the landing of such fish so harvested, is prohibited. Snagging (snatch hooking) of pompano, African pompano, or permit in or on state waters is also prohibited.
- (2)(a) The harvest or attempted harvest of any African pompano or permit in or from state waters, by or with the use of any gear other than a hook and line gear is prohibited.
- (b) The harvest or attempted harvest of any pompano in state waters by or with the use of any gear other than a beach or haul seine, a cast net, or hook and line gear is prohibited.
- (3) Except as provided in this subsection, no person shall simultaneously possess aboard any vessel in state waters any pompano together with any gill or entangling net.
 - (a) Such possession is allowed by persons who have harvested pompano in adjacent federal Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) waters and who possess a valid saltwater products license with a restricted species endorsement and a pompano endorsement issued pursuant to Rule 68B-35.005(1), only in the following areas of state waters:
 1. In the area of state waters between 25E09' North Latitude and 26E00' North Latitude, between Cape Sable and Hurricane Pass.
 2. In specified state waters, upon designation by the Executive Director of the Commission, after a total of at least 1,500 pounds of pompano have been landed on two different observer trips where pompano are caught, by a person taking pompano pursuant to Rule 68B-35.005(2), harvested with a gill or entangling net in federal EEZ waters adjacent to such specified state waters on each trip.
 - (b) Such possession is allowed by persons who have harvested pompano in adjacent federal EEZ waters and who possess a valid Pompano Special Activity License issued pursuant to Rule 68B-35.005(2).
 - (c) Such possession is allowed by persons who have harvested pompano in adjacent federal EEZ waters as an incidental bycatch in gill or entangling nets fished for other species, which persons possess a valid saltwater products license with a restricted species endorsement and provided the amount of all pompano aboard such vessel at any time does not exceed 100 individual fish.
 - (d) Paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) shall not apply to any person or vessel returning from federal EEZ waters that stops to fish in state waters or otherwise fails to meet all requirements of Section 370.092, Florida Statutes.
- (4) Each pompano gill or entangling net possessed in state waters or used in federal EEZ waters pursuant to subsection (3) shall meet the following specifications, except that the mesh size requirement in paragraph (c) shall not apply to the exception in paragraph (3)(c):
 - (a) Such net shall not be less than 400 yards in length, along the cork line and along the lead line.
 - (b) Such net shall be at least 70 meshes deep at its shallowest point.
 - (c) Such net shall have a mesh size of at least 4½ inches stretched mesh, throughout the net.
Specific Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., Art. X, Sec. 16, Fla. Const., 370.021(3), F.S. History - New 7-1-89, Amended 1-1-96, Formerly 46-35.004.

68B-35.005 Commercial Pompano Harvest Requirements: Pompano Endorsement Criteria; Pompano Special Activity License Criteria; State Waters Pompano Daily Harvest Limits and License Requirements for Sale or Purchase. --

- (1) POMPANO ENDORSEMENT - No person shall be issued a pompano endorsement on their saltwater products license without first meeting each of the following criteria:
 - (a) The applicant must possess a Vessel Saltwater Products License with a Restricted Species Endorsement.
 - (b) The applicant must own a commercially registered vessel no smaller than 22 feet in documented length, except in the case of a vessel with the primary power mounted forward of the center point of the vessel, in which case the vessel shall not be smaller than 25 feet in documented length.
 - (c) No applicant shall receive a pompano endorsement who, in the previous three license years, has been charged with violating any provision of Article X, Section 16 of the State Constitution, Section 370.092 or Section 370.093, Florida Statutes, or Rule 68B-4.0081(2), F.A.C., and who has received a judicial disposition other than acquittal or dismissal on such charges.