



Standard Commercial Fishing License (SCFL) Eligibility Pool Determination

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Marine Fisheries

Commission Meeting | Captain Garland Yopp | August 17-19, 2022



SCFL Eligibility Pool

- Session Law 1998-225
 - SCFL Eligibility Board established
 - Requirement for MFC rules
- 15A NCAC 03O .0400
 - Eligibility Board operation
 - Eligibility Pool cap
 - Eligibility Pool application process
 - Eligibility criteria



SCFLs Available in 2022–2023 License Year

Total original SCFLs available (Cap)	8,896
SCFLs issued and renewed in 2021–2022	– 5,549
2021–2022 approved SCFLs not yet issued*	– <u>7</u>
SCFLs available for 2022–2023 license year	3,340

*Individuals approved in the spring (March 2022) have until June 30 of the following license year (2023) to purchase their SCFL

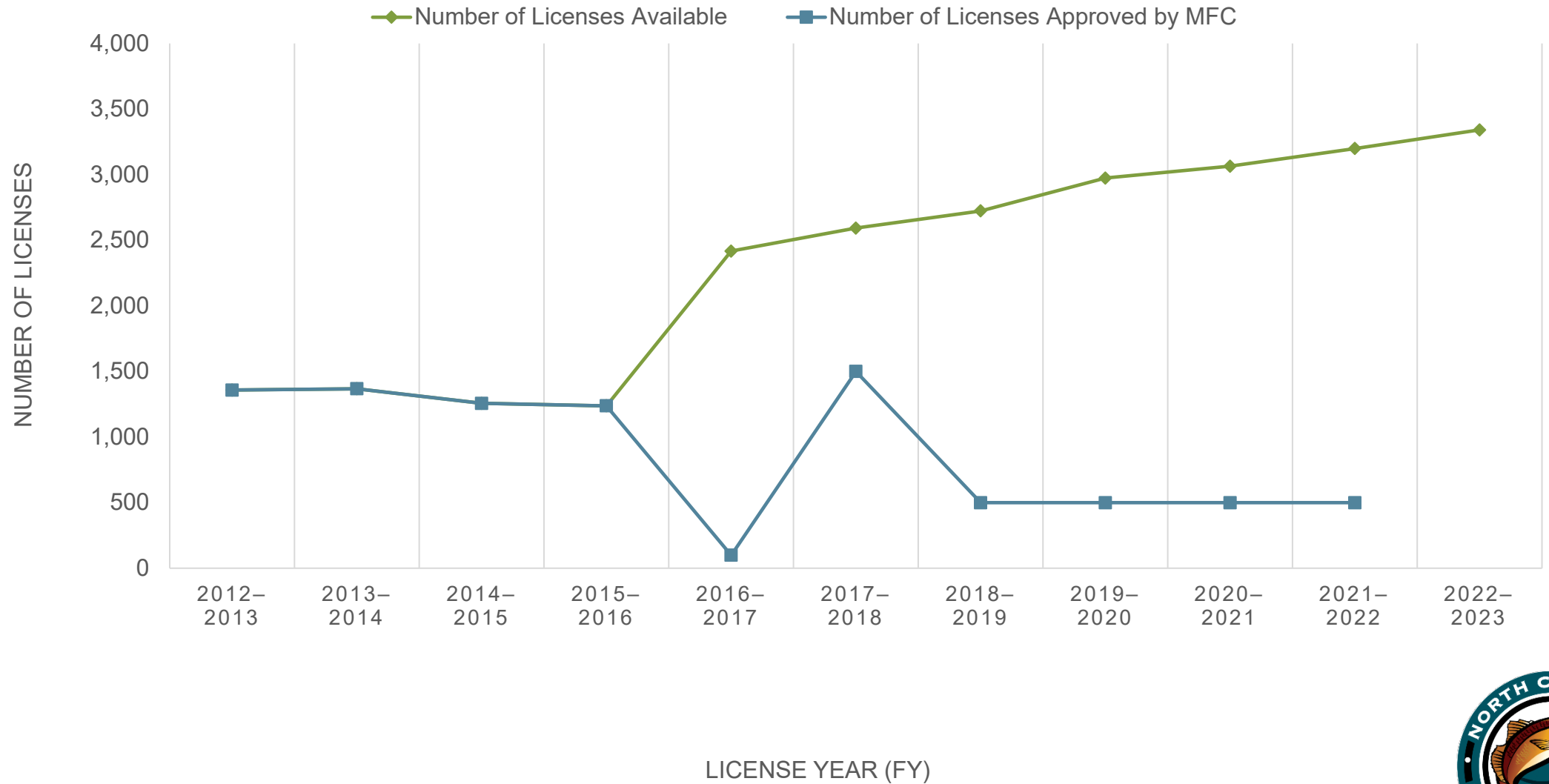


Considerations from 2021-2022 License Year

- 43 SCFL applications received
 - 33 approved
 - 7 pending
 - 9 denials
 - 1 tabled
- 27% decrease in applications from previous year



Eligibility Pool Data for Last 10 Years



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Action Item

Marine Fisheries Commission vote to set the number of SCFLs in the Eligibility Pool for the 2022-2023 License Year from the 3,340 available licenses

