



Standard Commercial Fishing License (SCFL) Eligibility Pool Determination

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Marine Fisheries

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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 2023–2024 License Year

Determination of Available SCFLs for 2023-2024 License Year	
Total original SCFLs available (Cap)	8,896
SCFLs issued and renewed in 2022–2023	– 5,412
2022–2023 approved SCFLs not yet issued*	<u>– 1</u>
SCFLs available for 2023–2024 license year	3,483

*Individuals approved in the spring (April 2023) have until June 30 of the following license year (2024) to purchase their SCFL

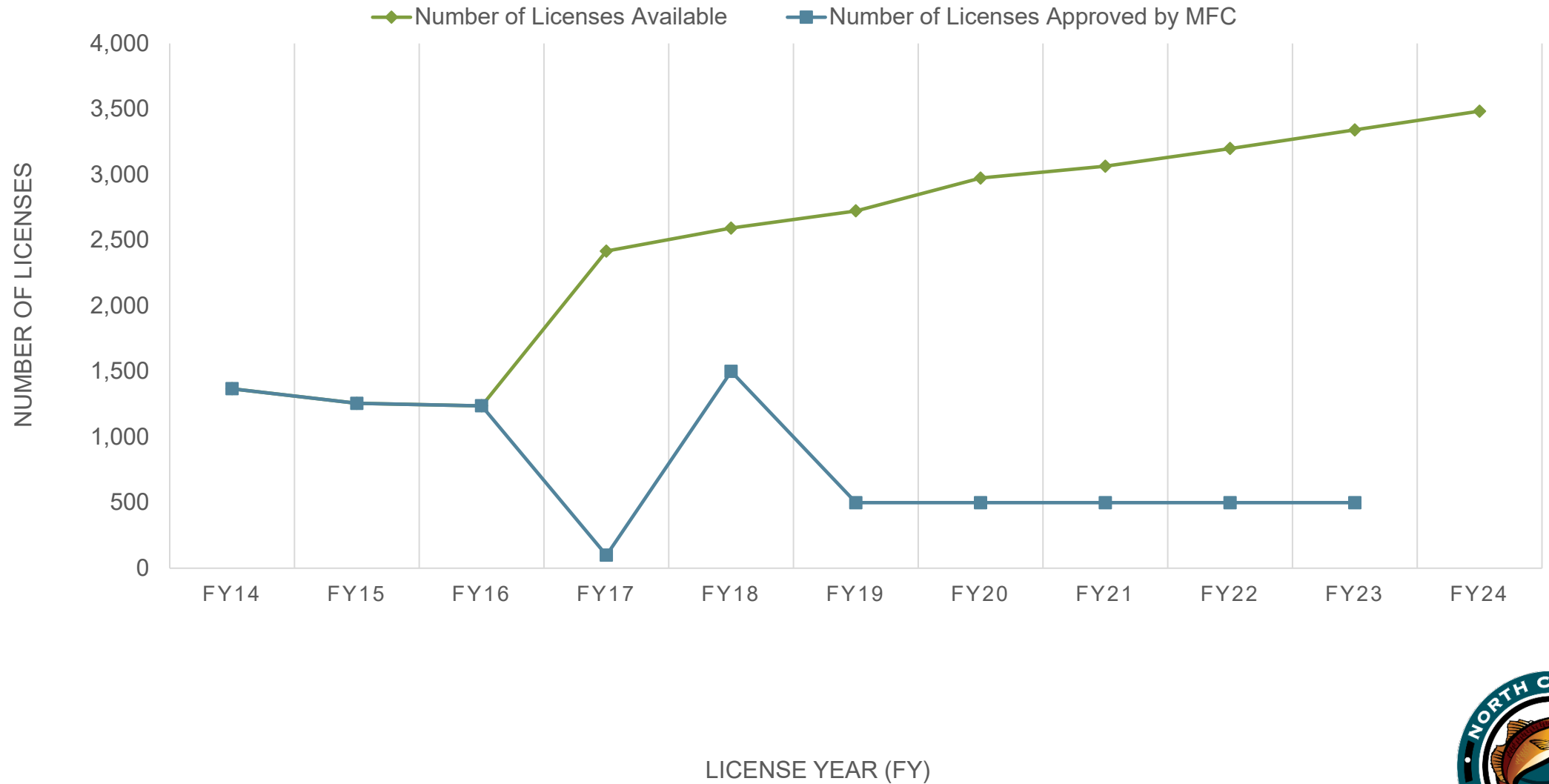


Considerations from 2022-2023 License Year

- 33 SCFL applications received
 - 23 approved
 - 10 denials
- 30% 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 2023-2024 License Year from the 3,483 available licenses

