



# ***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 2024–2025 License Year

<b>Determination of Available SCFLs for 2024-2025 License Year</b>	
Total original SCFLs available (Cap)	<b>8,896</b>
SCFLs issued and renewed in 2023–2024	<b>– 5,276</b>
2023–2024 approved SCFLs not yet issued*	<b><u>– 5</u></b>
<b>SCFLs available for 2024–2025 license year</b>	<b>3,615</b>

\*Individuals approved in the spring (April 2024) have until June 30 of the following license year (2025) to purchase their SCFL

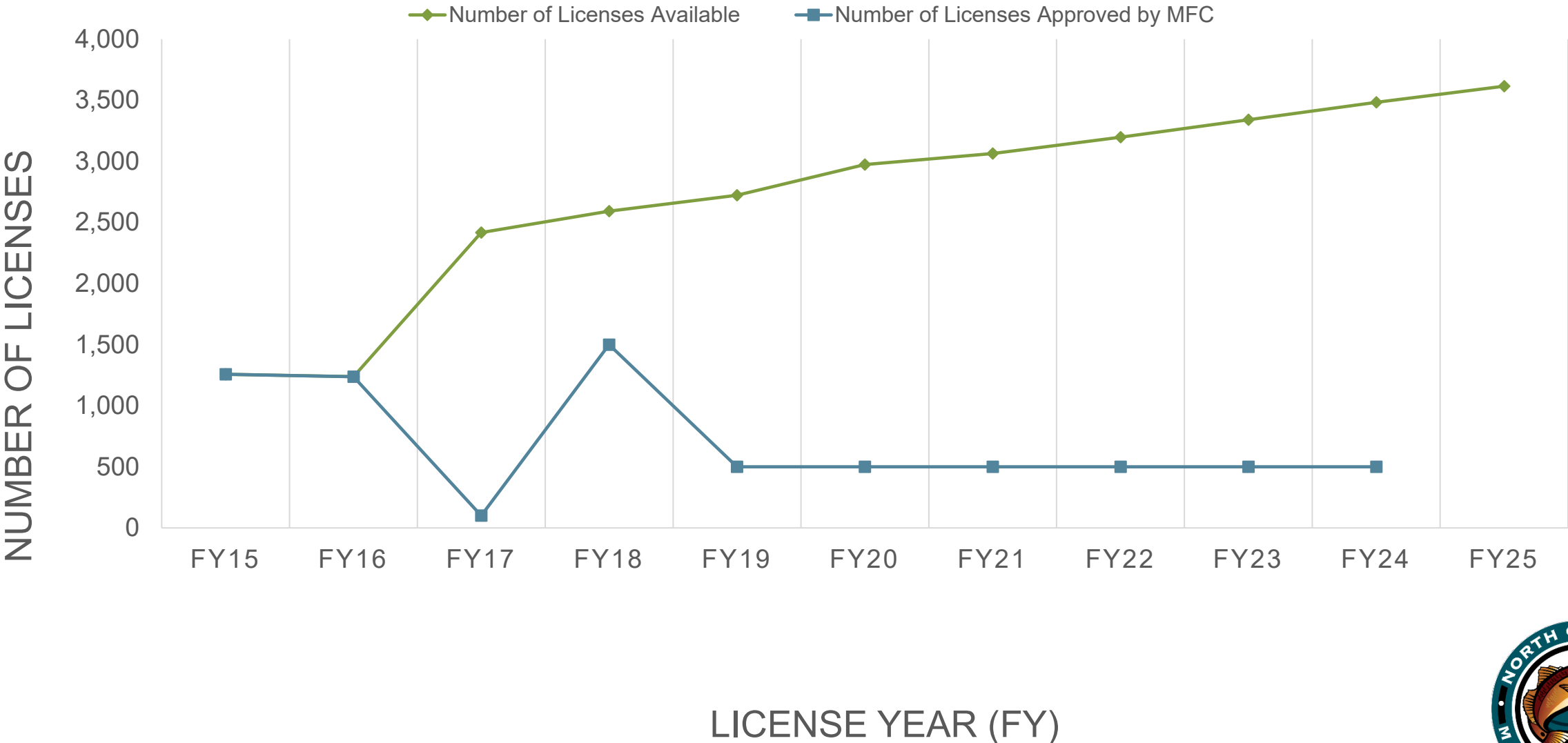


# *Considerations from 2023-2024 License Year*

- 37 SCFL applications received
  - 29 approved
  - 8 denials
- 12% increase in total 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 2024-2025 License Year from the 3,293 available licenses



# Questions?

## **Chairman Eligibility Board**

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