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MEMORANDUM

To: Robert Duncanson, Ph.D, Director of Natural Resources

CC: Sticker Office Staff

From: Renee Gagne, Shellfish Constable

Date: May 2, 2016

Re: Verifying Married Spouses

The Sticker Office will henceforth ask for verification of relationship from spouses with differing surnames prior to the issuance of any class of Family Shellfish Permit. The Shellfish Regulations define "Family" as "*...married spouses and dependent(s), provided they are living in the same dwelling...*" (Section 104, 15.). A number of incidents in the field, where verifying marital status was problematic, have identified an oversight in our permit issuing practice.

Full names of both spouses must appear on Family Shellfish Permits and a reminder that both spouses must carry positive identification on their person when shellfishing shall be articulated at the time of shellfish permit purchase.