



Application to the Cod Academy

Confidentiality Pledge: The participating organizers and Selection Committee members will not share the information you provide in this application with any outside persons, agencies, or businesses. This is our sincere pledge to you.

Successful graduates of this course will be poised to start their own cod farms with the continuing help of the course organizers. Since fishing experience, skills, and integrity along with financial strength are advantageous qualities to succeed in fish farming, we are asking for your truthful responses in the application. This will help us determine who are the strongest candidates for cod farming.

If you would like assistance to better understand or fill out the financial statement or questions, please use the contact person mentioned at the end of the application.

1. Your Personal Information

Date of application: _____

Your Name: _____ SS#: _____

Business Name: _____ IRS Employer #: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Delivery/street address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Pager: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

2. Your Fishing Experience

Vessel name: _____ ME Reg. # or Doc. #: _____

If you do not own a boat, whose boat will you borrow? _____

Boat owner's address: _____ Telephone: _____

Boat length: _____ Hull Age: _____ Home Port: _____

Business Ownership- please list the name of each owner, their title, percent ownership, and approx. annual earnings.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>% Ownership</u>	<u>Annual Compensation</u>
1. _____			

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Business Structure (check one): Sole Proprietorship___ Partnership___ S Corp___ C Corp___ LLC___ N/A___

Type(s) of current license(s): list license number and number of years held.

Lobster- Class I _____ Class II _____ Class III _____ Years _____

Commercial Fishing _____ Years _____

Scallops _____ Years _____

Urchins _____ Years _____

Mussels _____ Years _____

Mahogany Quahogs _____ Years _____

How long have you been fishing commercially? _____ years.

Is commercial fishing your primary source of income? No ___ Yes ___ What other sources? _____

If you were born into a multi-generation fishing family, how long ago did your ancestors start fishing? _____ years. In what town has your family primarily lived and fished? _____

If you are not currently fishing, why not? Please explain _____

Do you have any past or pending state or federal violations against you, your business or your permits and licenses?

No ___ Yes ___ If so, please explain _____

If chosen as a student for Cod Academy, would you want a family member, relative, or mentor to attend with you?

No ___ Yes ___ If so, what is their name, phone, and relationship to you? _____

3. Your Financial Strength

What banks or lenders do you work with?

Bank/Lender Name

Location

Contact person

Tel.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

To help us determine your financial capacity to start a possible cod farm business, do we have your permission to talk to third parties like your bank contact person about your credit worthiness? No ___ Yes ___

Personal Financial Statement					
What you own	Amount/value \$	What you owe	Current balance \$	Monthly payment \$	Creditor's name
Cash/checking		Bank loans- 1 year			
Investments		Bank loans- long term			
Retirement accounts		Mortgage			
Vehicles		Home equity loan			
Real estate		Credit cards			
Boat/gear		Car/ truck loans			
Other		Student loans			
		Other			
Total Assets		Total Liabilities			

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If considered as a likely student for Cod Academy, we may ask for some of the following records as proof.

1. Individual tax returns- last three years

If you operate as a business, we may need to see these documents.

1. Business tax returns- last three years

Are you willing to provide these records if asked as part of the selection process? No ____ Yes ____

Are you willing to talk or meet with course organizers as part of the selection process? No ____ Yes ____

4. Your Schedule and Availability

Did you attend one of the informational meetings in June? No ____ Yes ____ Ellsworth ____ Machias ____

The course will be offered in Franklin on the property of the Center for Cooperative Aquaculture Research and at the Great Bay Aquaculture site in Sorrento. We anticipate your required attendance on one day a week for fifteen weeks total.

Are you flexible in your ability to attend day classes and daytime hands-on training at these sites from January to May?

No ____ Yes ____

Please provide any details about limitations you may have with your schedule. _____

5. Your Pledge of Commitment

- I understand that by signing this application that if I am chosen, I promise to dedicate my time and effort to attend each training seminar and hands-on activity. In addition I will work hard to the best of my ability to complete the required special projects like a cod farming business plan and a state aquaculture lease application for instructional purposes.
- I understand that some of this work, plus additional reading assignments will require my time outside of the course hours, and I am willing to commit myself to that work.

- I understand that by signing this application I authorize Coastal Enterprises Inc. (CEI) as agent for the Cod Academy organizers to make inquiries to verify the accuracy of the information I have provided, and to determine my credit worthiness. I certify that the information provided for application to the Cod Academy course is accurate and complete. I understand that CEI reserves the right to request additional information from me and about me from third parties.
- If a family member, relative, or mentor will assist by attending with me, by signing below, they understand that they are bound by the same pledge and commitment to attend and work hard to complete the course to the best of their ability.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Date _____

Assistant's Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____

6. Contact Person/ Where to Mail Completed Applications

To get answers to questions about filling out the application, please contact:

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Please mail the completed application, signed and dated, to the CEI address above. The envelope must be postmarked no later than Friday, December 17, 2010.