

# Marine Fisheries

## Ocean Fishing Pier License

**What Activities Require This License?** The license authorizes the manager of an ocean fishing pier to charge the public a fee to fish from a pier within coastal waters. This license was combined with the Pier Blanket License and therefore patrons of the pier are not required to hold an individual Coastal Recreational Fishing License.

**What Is the Purpose of This License?** Licensing and identification of coastal fishing piers.

**Who Issues This License?** N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), License and Statistics Section.

**How Much Will This License Cost?** \$4.50 per linear foot of the pier.

**What Are My Payment Options for License Application Fees?** Check, cash, or credit card.

**If Paying by Check, Who do I Make the Check Payable to and Where Do I Send the Check?** If applying in-person for a license at any NCDMF Office, the application and check, cash, or credit card are submitted at the time of purchase. If renewing a license by mail the applicant must submit the application and check to the NCDMF, License Office, PO Box 769, Morehead City, NC 28557. Please make all checks payable to NCDMF.

**Where Can I Get The Application For This License?** Contact any N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries license office. Visit the following link for license sales locations: <https://www.deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/marine-fisheries/about-division-marine-fisheries/division-marine-fisheries-offices>.

**How Long Will It Take To Review My Application?** No review required for this license although there may be some time required for the DMF Marine Patrol to validate the pier length.

**Where Do I Submit My Application?** Any N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries License Office. Visit the following link for license sales contact information: <https://www.deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/marine-fisheries/about-division-marine-fisheries/division-marine-fisheries-offices>.

**How Long Is My License Valid?** All licenses are valid for up to one year and expire on June 30th.

**Notes/Comments:** This license is non-transferable. The replacement fee is \$10.

**Legal Authority/Statute Reference:** General Statute 113-169.4, NC Fisheries Rules for Coastal Waters 15A NCAC 30.0101(a).

**Link:** <http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/marine-fisheries>

### Statewide Contact Information:

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