

# Marine Fisheries

## Estuarine Flounder Dealer Permit

**What Activities Require This Permit?** Licensed fish dealers purchasing estuarine flounder from applicable gears and harvest areas selected on the permit. The mobile gear category includes all gears that are not a pound net with the management areas included a northern and southern region. The pound net category only includes pound net gears with the management areas split into a northern, central, and southern region.

**What Is The Purpose of This Permit?** In order to monitor the quota, the Division of Marine Fisheries needs to know which dealers are going to be participating in the fishery in order to determine who needs to submit daily quota monitoring reports.

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

**How Much Will This Permit Cost?** No cost.

**What Are My Payment Options for Permit Application Fees?** Not applicable.

**If Paying by Check, Who do I Make the Check Payable to and Where Do I Send the Check?** Not applicable.

**Where Can I Get The Application For This Permit?** 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.

**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 Permit or License or Certificate Valid?** Permits are valid for up to one fiscal year (July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>) and expire on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Notes/Comments:** A valid fish dealer license is required to obtain this permit. There are daily reporting requirements associated with this permit during the open estuarine flounder season for the respective gear(s) and harvest areas selected on the permit. Seasons and trip limits for each gear and harvest area for the fishery are established by proclamation.

**Legal Authority/Statute Reference:** General Statute 113-169.1, and 113-221.1, NC Fisheries Rules for Coastal Waters 15A NCAC 30.0501, 30.0502, 30.0503(e)(1) and 30.0506.

**Link:** <https://www.deq.nc.gov/dmf-permit-info>

### Statewide Contact Information:

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