



**North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality
Division of Marine Fisheries
BLANKET FOR-HIRE VESSEL or NON-BLANKET FOR-HIRE VESSEL
COASTAL RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSE (CRFL)
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS (REV 2022-03)**

Attached is an application for a Blanket For-Hire Vessel Coastal Recreational Fishing License or a Non-Blanket For-Hire Vessel License. Either the operator of the vessel, the owner or a business agent may apply. A United States Coast Guard operator's license is not required for application although all operators of for-hire vessels must be properly licensed by the USCG. The Blanket For-Hire Vessel CRFL covers the recreational fishing license requirements for all anglers aboard the vessel when fishing in coastal waters but not joint or inland waters. The Non-Blanket For-Hire Vessel License does not cover the licensing requirements of passengers so each angler 16 years or older must hold a valid Coastal Recreational Fishing License. Both licenses are available for 6 or fewer passengers or more than 6 passengers. See NC General Statute 113-174.3 for regulations governing for-hire licensing. Individuals applying for a license for another under the authority of Power of Attorney must submit a **PHOTOCOPY** of the Power of Attorney and current picture identification.

Provide a **PHOTOCOPY** of one of the following current picture identifications:

- Driver's License; or
- State Identification (issued by DMV); or
- Military Identification; or
- Passport; or
- Resident Alien Card (green card)

If you are applying as a business, you must provide:

- If incorporated, a **PHOTOCOPY** of Articles of Incorporation and list of current corporate holders.
- If written agreement partnership, a **PHOTOCOPY** of written partnership agreement.
- If not incorporated or written partnership, a **PHOTOCOPY** of current Assumed Name Statements, if filed, and a **PHOTOCOPY** of business privilege tax certificates, if applicable.

A Blanket For-Hire VESSEL Captain's CRFL Application:

- Complete the Vessel Survey (Vessel usage survey definitions)
 - Charter Boat – any for-hire vessel typically hired on a per trip basis.
 - Head Boat – any for-hire vessel typically hired on a per person basis.
 - Guide Boat – a for-hire vessel typically less than 30' carrying a fishing guide and one or more recreational fishermen.
 - Dive Boat – any vessel engaged in underwater diving that allows persons to take fish for recreational purposes.
- Sign the Application.
- Complete the NC DMF License Certification Statement Form. It must be notarized if applying for a new license.
- A **PHOTOCOPY** of valid vessel state registration or U.S. Coast Guard Vessel documentation.
- A **PHOTOCOPY** of all valid United States Coast Guard Operators certifications (Masters, OUPV, etc.) suitable for the passenger rating you are applying for.

Fees:

- See Commercial License and Permit Fee Sheet. If you need assistance, please contact any NC DMF License Office or call (252) 726-7021 or (800) 682-2632. Replacement Fee: There is a \$5.00 fee for replacing current/valid license.
- Method of payment: Personal check, money order or Cashier check. Make payable to **North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries**. There will be a \$25.00 service charge for returned checks.

A **PHOTOCOPY** of valid vessel registration or U.S. Coast Guard Vessel Documentation for vessels used in the for-hire fishery. If applying for a transfer of ownership and the U.S Coast Guard Vessel Documentation is pending, a notarized bill of sale will be accepted.

You are required to notify the Division of Marine Fisheries of any address or residency changes within 30 days. Incomplete applications submitted without required documentation will be deemed incomplete and returned to you unprocessed.

**Mail to: North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries
License Office
PO Box 769
Morehead City, NC 28557**



**North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality
Division of Marine Fisheries
LICENSE APPLICATION CERTIFICATION FORM
(REV 2021-08)**

OFFICE USE ONLY	Year _____
PID # _____	
License # _____	

DMF Staff: _____	

Certification Statement *(This section must be completed by applicant)*

I, _____ certify that:

1. All the information provided on this application and any supporting documentation provided is true, accurate, and complete. And further, for renewals, any changes in information or supporting documents have been provided at the time of renewal. I understand that any false information or fraudulent disclosures may result in termination of appropriate licenses, permits and related documents, revocation or suspension of marine fisheries licensing and other privileges, and in possible criminal prosecution.
2. I am a resident of the State of: _____
If claiming resident status in North Carolina, I certify further that *(check one)*:
 - I have been a legal resident for more than six months, or
 - If domiciled in North Carolina between 60 days and six months, I have completed and submitted with this application a notarized Certificate of Eligibility for North Carolina Residency.
3. If applying for a Standard or Retired Standard Commercial Fishing License as a North Carolina Resident, I also certify that *(check the appropriate entry)*:
 - I filed a North Carolina State Income Tax Return for the previous calendar or tax year.
 - I was not required to file a North Carolina State Income Tax Return for the previous calendar or tax year.

I understand if there are any questions regarding the filing of a North Carolina State Income Tax Return, I may have to provide appropriate tax records, as requested by the Division of Marine Fisheries.
4. For commercial fishing licenses, endorsements or registrations I certify that:
 - a) I currently have no marine fisheries licenses, permits, endorsements, or registrations under suspension or revocation and the privilege to hold such licenses, permits, endorsements, or registrations is not revoked or suspended.
 - b) I have not been convicted of four or more violations in any jurisdiction related to state or federal law or regulations involving or related to marine or estuarine resources during the previous three years.
5. NC General Statute §113-221 requires the NC Division of Marine Fisheries to provide a current copy of the rules governing activities authorized by the license you are purchasing. You have the right to request a current rulebook in hardbound. The document is available on the Division of Marine Fisheries website on the "Rules and Regulations" webpage at <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/rules-and-regulations>.
6. For for-hire fishing licenses and endorsements, I affirm that I have liability insurance and that I am knowledgeable of USCG safety requirements for the vessel(s) used in the operation in accordance with G.S. 113-168.6.
7. If application is for a Standard/Retired Commercial Fishing License with a Shellfish Endorsement or a Shellfish License for NC Residents I affirm that I have received the required harvester training.
8. For Ocean Fishing Pier License, linear length of the pier and responsible parties has not changed.
9. If applying for a Land or Sell License, I also certify that: *(check the appropriate entry)*
 - I have a commercial fishing license issued by the state of _____ (Other than North Carolina).
 - I have a federal permit that allows commercial fishing.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

NOTARY (Only NEW applications must be notarized)

State: _____ County: _____

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this _____ day and year of _____.

Notary Public: _____ My Commission expires: _____