



**North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality
Division of Marine Fisheries
RECREATIONAL FISHING TOURNAMENT LICENSE TO SELL FISH
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
(REV 2025-12)**

Recreational fishing tournaments that want to sell fish caught from a tournament are required to purchase a Recreational Fishing Tournament License to Sell Fish. Applications are to be completed and signed by the Tournament Organizer. Businesses that are the tournament organizer requesting a license must have the Responsible Party (business agent) complete and sign the application. The Responsible Party (business agent) is the person who coordinates, supervises or otherwise directs operations of a business entity, such as a corporate officer or executive-level supervisor of business operations and is the person responsible for use of the issued license in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. 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.

The recreational tournament can only sell fish through a licensed fish dealer (the Tournament Organizer may wish to purchase a Fish Dealer License to meet this requirement). If no fish are sold, mark the box on the Disposition of Proceeds Form and return to NCDMF/License Supervisor.

Proceeds from the sale of fish must be used for religious, educational, civic, or conservation purposes. Proceeds are not to be used to pay for tournament expenses. The Tournament Organizer must file a North Carolina Recreational Fishing Tournament Disposition of Proceeds from the Sale of Fish Form and a copy of the Trip Ticket(s) within 30 days after the last day of the tournament to the NC Division of Marine Fisheries. Information on this form includes type and amount of fish sold and a contact person whose organization is benefiting from the sale of fish.

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

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

For the business, you must provide:

- If incorporated, a **PHOTOCOPY** of Articles of Incorporation and list of current corporate holders.
- If organization, a **PHOTOCOPY** of Articles of Organization and a list of current corporate holders
- If written agreement partnership, a **PHOTOCOPY** of written partnership agreement.
- If not incorporated, organization or written partnership, a **PHOTOCOPY** of current Assumed Name Statements and a **PHOTOCOPY** of business privilege tax certificates, if applicable.
- Current annual reports for LLC or INC.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. – Do all fishing tournaments need the Recreational Fishing Tournament License to Sell Fish License?

A. – No, only tournaments that plan to sell fish must have this license.

Q. – Can vessels fishing in tournaments with a Commercial Fishing Vessel Registration and an individual with a Standard or Retired Commercial Fishing License sell their catch instead of giving it to the tournament?

A. – No, vessels and fishermen participating in tournaments with a Recreational Fishing Tournament to Sell Fish License are not to engage in commercial fishing activities.

Q. – Does a tournament need a Recreational Fishing Tournament License to Sell Fish if the tournament is selling fish plates from fish caught in the tournament?

A. – Yes, the sale of fish plates, including free fish plates to participants, from fish caught during the tournament requires the tournament organizer to purchase a license. Additionally, the tournament must sell the fish through a licensed Fish Dealer (the tournament organizer may wish to purchase a Fish Dealer License to meet this requirement).



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A Recreational Fishing Tournament License To Sell Fish Application:

- Complete Participant Information (tournament organizer), including the Participant Identification number. This number is listed to the right of the word Participant # on your previous license.
- Tournament name (must have a tournament name) and tournament dates.
- Tournament location (physical address of weigh-in).
- List those that may receive charitable proceeds from the sale of fish from the tournament (actual recipients will be recorded after the tournament is finished on the Recreational Fishing Tournament Disposition of Proceeds from the Sale of Fish form).
- Sign the Application.
- Complete the NC DMF License Certification Form. It must be notarized.

Fees:

- See Commercial License and Permit Fee Sheet. If you need assistance, please contact any NC DMF License Office or call (252) 515-5500 or (800) 682-2632. Replacement Fee: There is a \$10.00 fee for replacing current/valid license.
- Method of payment: Personal check, Money Order, Cashier check, Cash (In person only), or Credit Card (In person only). Make payable to **North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries**. There will be a \$35.00 service charge for returned checks.

This license is only valid for the dates of the tournament up to 7 days.

North Carolina Recreational Fishing Tournament Disposition of Proceeds from the Sale of Fish Form and copies of the Trip Ticket(s) must be returned to the Division of Marine Fisheries License Office in Morehead City within 30 days of the tournament's completion.

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 / License Supervisor
PO Box 769
Morehead City, NC 28557



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Select One: New Replace Update

Existing License Number:	
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Select One: Individual Business Agent

Individual or Business Agent Participant Information

Participant I.D.	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix
Participant I.D.	Business Name:		State of Incorporation:	Charter State:
Business Owner Name (F, M, L)		Business Owner/Agent Name (F, M, L)		Business Owner/Agent Name (F, M, L)
Check One: Driver's License <input type="checkbox"/>		State I.D. <input type="checkbox"/>	Military I.D. <input type="checkbox"/>	Resident Alien I.D. <input type="checkbox"/> Passport <input type="checkbox"/>
No.		Expire Date / /		
Date of Birth	Primary Residence (State)		E-mail Address	
___ / ___ / ___				
Race	Gender:	Physical Address		Mailing Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if same as physical address
	M / F			
Height	Weight	Address 1:		Address 1:
		Address 2:		Address 2:
Eye Color	Hair Color	City:	State:	Zip:
		County:	Country:	County:
Home Phone:		Business Phone:	Fax:	Cellular Phone:
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Type of Business Entity (Circle One): Corporation Partnership Sole Proprietorship Organization



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Tournament Information (Must have a Tournament Name)

Tournament Name	Begin Date	End Date
	____/____/____ ____/____/____	____/____/____ ____/____/____

Location of Weigh-In

Location (i.e., marina):							
Address line 1:							
Address Line 2:							
City:		State:		Zip:		County:	

Intended Charitable Proceeds Recipient(s) (Must be completed with the names of charities that may receive proceeds from the sale of fish from the tournament)	
Name	Contact Number, if available
1.	() ext.
2.	() ext.
3.	() ext.
4.	() ext.
5.	() ext.
6.	() ext.

North Carolina Recreational Fishing Tournament Disposition of Proceeds from the Sale of Fish Form attached to this application, and copies of the Trip Ticket(s), must be completed and submitted to the Division of Marine Fisheries License Office in Morehead City within 30 days following the completion of the tournament.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Tournament Organizer Signature
 Must be signed to be valid



**North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality
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LICENSE APPLICATION CERTIFICATION FORM
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OFFICE USE ONLY		Year _____
PID #	_____	
License #	_____	

DMF Staff:	_____	
CA/CC/CH	BANK	_____
CH#	AMT	_____

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

I, _____ certify that:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- For commercial fishing licenses, endorsements or registrations I certify that:
 - 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.
 - 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.
- 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 <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/marine-fisheries/rules-proclamations-and-size-and-bag-limits/rules>.
- 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.
- 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.
- For Ocean Fishing Pier License, linear length of the pier and responsible parties has not changed.
- 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: _____



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The Tournament Organizer must submit the *North Carolina Recreational Fishing Tournament Disposition of Proceeds from the Sale of Fish Form* and copies of the Trip Ticket(s) to the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries License Office in Morehead City within 30 days of the last day of the tournament.

- The Tournament Organizer is to record the charitable receipts from the sale of the fish. Proceeds from the sale of fish must be used for religious, educational, civic, or conservation purposes. Proceeds are not to be used to pay for tournament expenses.
- The Tournament Organizer is to record the pounds of fish sold by species.
- The Tournament Organizer is to record the Fish Dealer Name and NCDMF Dealer Number (D-Number).
- The Tournament Organizer is to attach a **PHOTOCOPY** of the NCDMF Trip Ticket completed by the Fish Dealer at time of sale.
- The Tournament Organizer must check the box "No Fish Sold" on the Disposition of Proceeds Form if no fish were sold and return form to NCDMF.

Mail the Disposition of Proceeds Form and photocopy of Trip Ticket(s) to:

**North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries
License Office / License Supervisor
PO Box 769
Morehead City, NC 28557**



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(Must be returned to the NCDMF License Office within 30 days of the tournament's completion)

Participant I.D.:		Tournament License Number:	
Tournament Name		Begin Date	End Date
		____/____/____	____/____/____

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Business Name:		

Intended Charitable Proceeds Recipient(s) (Must be completed with the names of charities that may receive proceeds from the sale of fish from the tournament)	
Name	Contact Number, if available
1.	() ext.
2.	() ext.
3.	() ext.
4.	() ext.
5.	() ext.
6.	() ext.

Species Sold

Pounds	
	Atlantic Croaker
	Black Drum
	Bluefish
	Cobia
	Dolphin
	King Mackerel
	No Fish Sold

Pounds	
	Red Drum
	Sharks
	Skates/Rays
	Spanish Mackerel
	Spot
	Spotted Seatrout

Pounds	
	Southern Flounder
	Summer Flounder
	Tuna
	Wahoo
	Weakfish
	Other

Dealer Fish Sold To:

Name(s)	NCDMF Dealer Number
	D-
	D-

Please attach a PHOTOCOPY of the Trip Ticket(s) completed by the Fish Dealer.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Tournament Organizer Signature **(Must be signed to be valid)**