

# Marine Fisheries

## Shellfish Sanitation - Wet Storage Permit

**What Activities Require This Permit?** Wet storage may be used to store, condition, remove sand or add salt to shellstock. Wet storage is a processing activity. Only licensed and certified dealers with a wet storage permit issued by the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) Shellfish Sanitation and Recreational Water Quality Section (SSRWQ) may conduct wet storage activities and the activities must be in compliance with the provisions of a written approval granted by SSRWQ.

**What Is The Purpose of This Permit?** Allows certified shellfish dealers to engage in temporary placement of shellstock from approved growing areas in containers or floats in natural bodies of water or in tanks containing natural or synthetic seawater.

**Who Issues This Permit?** Shellfish Sanitation and Recreational Water Quality, Division of Marine Fisheries.

**How Much Will This Permit Cost?** There is no cost for this permit. A prerequisite of this permit is a certification by Shellfish Sanitation and a dealer's license must be purchased from the Division of Marine Fisheries. The DMF can be contacted at (252) 515-5500.

**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?** Applications can be obtained by calling the Shellfish Sanitation and Recreational Water Quality Section at (252) 515-5656.

**How Long Will It Take To Review My Application?** Typically, a complete application can be reviewed within 1-2 weeks. Required items to submit along with the application include a written standard operations procedure (SOP), facility design plan, water source approval documentation, water treatment system description and maintenance plan, and water testing protocol.

**Where Do I Submit My Application?** Applications are typically collected on-site during a courtesy inspection.

**How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid?** Wet Storage Permits are good for up to one year but expire each year on April 30.

**Notes/Comments:** It is important to contact the Shellfish and Sanitation and Recreational Water Quality Section to obtain the general information on dealer and wet storage requirements prior to the courtesy inspection.

**Legal Authority/Statute Reference:** GS 113-221.2

**Links:** <https://www.deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/marine-fisheries/shellfish-sanitation-and-recreational-water-quality>  
<http://www.issc.org/>

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