

Marine Fisheries

Depuration Permit

What Activities Require This Permit? Taking of clams or oysters from public or private prohibited (polluted) waters for depuration (cleansing) in a depuration facility.

What Is The Purpose of This Permit? To allow the harvest of a polluted product to sell for consumption after depuration; for the protection of the health and safety of the consumer.

Who Issues This Permit? N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, Habitat and Enhancement Section in coordination with the Shellfish Sanitation and Recreational Water Quality Section.

How Much Will This Permit Cost? No cost.

Where Can I Get The Application For This Permit? N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, Habitat and Enhancement Section, 3441 Arendell Street, Post Office Box 769, Morehead City, NC 28557; phone: 252-726-7021; 1-800-682-2632; 252-808-8056.

How Long Will It Take To Review My Application? Two weeks (14 days) or less.

Where Do I Submit My Application? N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, Habitat and Enhancement Section, 3441 Arendell Street, PO Box 769, Morehead City, NC 28557-0769.

How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid? Permits are valid for one year from the date of issuance.

Notes/Comments: The taking of clams or oysters from the public or private prohibited (polluted) waters of the state for the purpose of depuration is unlawful, except when the harvest will utilize shellfish that would otherwise be destroyed in maintenance dredging operations. This permit is separate from the permit to relay shellfish from polluted waters that is allowed for six weeks/year by permit and timed by proclamation.

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: N.C. General Statute 113-169.1; N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rules 15A NCAC 03O .0501 - .0503.

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

Statewide Contact Information:

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