

# Marine Fisheries

## Under Dock Oyster Cultivation (UDOC Permit)

**What Activities Require This Permit?** The growth of oysters for personal consumption under a private dock in open shellfish harvest waters.

**What Is The Purpose of This Permit?** To allow owners of private docks in open shellfish harvest areas

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

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

**Where Can I Get The Application For This Permit?** N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, Aquaculture, 3441 Arendell Street, Post Office Box 769, Morehead City, NC 28557; phone: 252-515-5500; 1-800-682-2632; 252-515-5485.

**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, Aquaculture, 3441 Arendell Street, PO Box 769, Morehead City, NC 28557-0769 or [zach.harrison@deq.nc.gov](mailto:zach.harrison@deq.nc.gov)

**How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid?** Permits are valid for one full year from the date the permit is issued.

**Notes/Comments:** Owner must satisfy training requirements established by the Marine Fisheries Commission prior to issuance of permit. Reporting requirements must be met yearly. Sale of oysters is prohibited.

**Legal Authority/Statute Reference:** N.C. General Statute 113-168.4, 113-210; N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rules 15A NCAC 030 .0501, 030 .0502, 030 .0503

**Link:** <https://deq.nc.gov/aquaculture-permits>

### Statewide Contact Information:

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