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; 252-515-5478.

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 casey.silva@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 03O .0501, 03O .0502, 03O .0503

Link: https://deq.nc.gov/aquaculture-permits

Statewide Contact Information:

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