

# Marine Fisheries

## Aquaculture Collection Permit

**What Activities Require This Permit?** Collecting marine and estuarine species that do not meet current restrictions.

**What Is The Purpose of This Permit?** To enable collection of marine and estuarine species for aquaculture purposes outside of their normal regulations or license requirements.

**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 from the date of issuance to December 31 each year.

**Notes/Comments:** Some organisms may require a permit/license from the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, N.C. Department of Agriculture, or US Fish and Wildlife Service to collect or possess. A holder of an Aquaculture Collection Permit must have an Aquaculture Operation Permit. The permittee is required to supply the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries with collection trip logs to be submitted at the end of the collection season as listed on the permit.

**Legal Authority/Statute Reference:** N.C. General Statute 113-169.1 and 113-203; N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rules 15A NCAC 030 .0501 – .0503.

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

### Statewide Contact Information:

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