

Marine Fisheries

Blocks of Ten-Day Coastal Recreational Fishing Licenses

What Activities Require This Permit? This is not a permit, but a license. Owners of vessels can purchase blocks of 10 ten-day Coastal Recreational Fishing Licenses to issue to anglers aboard their vessels. Vessels must be greater than 23 feet and either documented or registered with the NC Wildlife Resources Commission. The licenses may only be used aboard the vessel that has issued the block of licenses and each license must be returned to the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF). Blocks of licenses expire two years from the date of purchase. These licenses may not be used aboard for hire vessels.

What Is The Purpose of This Permit? This license allows vessel owners to issue ten-day Coastal Recreational Fishing Licenses to anglers aboard their vessel so that the angler does not have to purchase his/her own license. Each license is valid for ten consecutive days. The requirement to return used licenses allows DMF to remain in compliance with federal saltwater angler registration requirements.

Who Issues This Permit? N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, License and Statistics Section.

How Much Will This Permit Cost? \$150 for a block of 10 ten-day licenses.

What Are My Payment Options for Permit Application Fees? Check or cash

If Paying by Check, Who do I Make the Check Payable to and Where Do I Send the Check? If applying in-person for a permit or license at a NC DMF Field Office, the application and check or cash are submitted at the time of purchase. If renewing a permit or license by mail the applicant must submit the application and check to the NCDMF, License Office, PO Box 769, Morehead City, NC 28557. Please make all checks payable to NCDMF.

Where Can I Get The Application For This Permit? Contact any N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries license office. Visit the following link for license sales locations: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/dmf-offices>.

How Long Will It Take To Review My Application? No review required.

Where Do I Submit My Application? Any N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries License Office. Visit the following link for license sales contact information: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/dmf-offices>.

How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid? Each license is valid for 10 consecutive days from the date the vessel owner issues the license to the angler. Blocks of licenses expire two years from date of purchase.

Notes/Comments: DMF will supply postage paid envelopes for the vessel owner to use to return the licenses. Used licenses must be returned within 10 days of the date of expiration. Unused licenses must be returned within 10 days of the two-year expiration date. The replacement fee is \$5 per individual license. Non-compliance to the license requirements will prevent the purchaser from obtaining another block for two years.

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: General Statute 113-174.5.

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

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