## **Marine Fisheries**

## **Estuarine Gill Net Permit**

**What Activities Require This Permit?** This permit is required to use anchored gill nets in coastal waters for either commercial or recreational purposes.

**What Is The Purpose of This Permit?** To identify fishermen using anchored gill nets so they can be contacted to schedule a fishery observer aboard their vessel. Observers in the gill net fishery are required to satisfy requirements of Incidental Take Permits from the National Marine Fisheries Service.

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

How Much Will This Permit Cost and Who Do I make the Check Payable to? No cost.

What Are My Payment Options for Permit Application Fees? Not applicable.

If Paying by Check, Who do I Make the Check Payable to and Where Do I Send the Check? Not applicable.

Where Can I Get The Application For This Permit? Contact any N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries License Office or on the DMF website. Visit the following link for license sales locations: <a href="http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/dmf-offices">http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/dmf-offices</a>.

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 or via mail. Visit the following link for license sales locations: <a href="http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/dmf-offices">http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/dmf-offices</a>.

**How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid?** Permits are valid from July 1 through June 30 of each year.

**Notes/Comments:** A valid Standard Commercial Fishing License or Recreational Commercial Gear License is required to obtain this permit.

**Legal Authority/Statute Reference:** General Statute 113-169.5, NC Fisheries Rules for Coastal Waters 15A NCAC 30.0101(a).

Link: http://deg.nc.gov/about/divisions/marine-fisheries

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