

Marine Fisheries

Coastal Recreational Fishing License Exemption Permit

What Activities Require This Permit? Individuals or organizations seeking exemption from the coastal recreational fishing license requirements may apply for a Coastal Recreational Fishing License (CRFL) Exemption Permit. The permit can only be issued for an event held solely for participation by individuals with physical/mental limitations, military appreciation, educational purposes and disadvantaged youth.

What Is The Purpose of This Permit? To allow individuals and organizations serving certain groups the ability to conduct recreational fishing events without each participant obtaining a CRFL.

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

How Much Will This Permit Cost? 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 the Division of Marine Fisheries license sales office in Morehead City: <https://www.deq.nc.gov/dmf-permit-info>

How Long Will It Take To Review My Application? There is a brief review period by staff, and the permit can be issued within 15 days of the date received. Applications must be submitted 30 days prior to the event.

Where Do I Submit My Application? N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, License Office, 3441 Arendell St., PO Box 769, Morehead City, NC 28557.

How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid? Some permits are valid for fishing events only and some could be valid up to one year.

Notes/Comments: Contact NCDMF license staff at the Morehead City office for details.

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: General Statute 113-169.1 and 113-170.2, NC Fisheries Rules for Coastal Waters 15A NCAC 30.0501, 30.0502 and 30.0503(j).

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

Statewide Contact Information:

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