

# 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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