

# Marine Fisheries

## Recreational Commercial Gear License

**What Activities Require This License?** The use of limited amounts of specified commercial gear such as shrimp trawls, crab pots and gillnets to catch seafood for personal consumption or recreational purposes.

**What Is The Purpose of This License?** To license and identify individuals engaged in the harvest of fish, crabs, and shrimp for personal consumption using commercial fishing gear.

**Who Issues This License?** (a) The N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), License and Statistics Section (b) N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) and (c) all agents that are representatives of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission.

**How Much Will This Permit Cost?** \$70 for residents/ \$500 for nonresidents; **WRC agents charge a \$1 agent fee in addition to the cost of the license.**

**What Are My Payment Options for Permit Application Fees?** Cash, Check or Credit Card

**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 license at any NCDMF Office, the application and check, cash or card are submitted at the time of purchase. If renewing a 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 License?** Contact any Division of Marine Fisheries License office or any NC Wildlife sales agent. Visit the following link for license sales locations: <https://www.deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/marine-fisheries/about-division-marine-fisheries/division-marine-fisheries-offices>.

**How Long Will It Take To Review My Application?** No review required for this license.

**Where Do I Submit My Application?** Any North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), License Office or any WRC sales agent. Visit the following link for DMF license sales contact information: <https://www.deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/marine-fisheries/about-division-marine-fisheries/division-marine-fisheries-offices>.

**How Long Is My License Valid?** The license expires one year from date of purchase.

**Notes/Comments:** This license is nontransferable. Commercial gear allowed under the RCGL changes occasionally so license holders are advised to see MFC Rule 15A NCAC 30.0300 *et seq.* or contact the Division of Marine Fisheries.

**Legal Authority/Statute Reference:** General Statute 113-173, NC Fisheries Rules for Coastal Waters 15A NCAC 30.0101(a) and 30.0300 *et seq.*

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

### Statewide Contact Information:

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