

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? Check, cash, 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 credit 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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