

# Marine Fisheries

## Horseshoe Crab Biomedical Use Permit

**What Activities Require This Permit?** The use of horseshoe crabs taken in joint or coastal waters of North Carolina for biomedical purposes.

**What Is The Purpose of This Permit?** To identify the facilities that are using horseshoe crabs for biomedical purposes and to track the number of crabs harvested and any associated mortality.

**Who Issues This Permit?** N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), 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 horseshoe crab lead biologist. Visit the following link for license sales contact information: <https://www.deq.nc.gov/dmf-permit-info>.

**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. Visit the following link for license sales contact information: <https://www.deq.nc.gov/dmf-permit-info>.

**How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid?** Permits are valid for up to one year and expire on June 30.

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

**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(k).

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

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