

# Marine Fisheries

## Blue Crab Shedding Permit

**What Activities Require This Permit?** The possession of more than 50 blue crabs in a shedding operation.

**What Is The Purpose of This Permit?** To identify the location of blue crab shedding operations.

**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 any N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries license office or by visiting the following link [www.deq.nc.gov/marine-fisheries/licenses-permits-leases/blue-crab-shedding-permit-application/open](http://www.deq.nc.gov/marine-fisheries/licenses-permits-leases/blue-crab-shedding-permit-application/open).

**How Long Will It Take To Review My Application?** No review.

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

**Notes/Comments:** Permittee must have a dealer license to purchase peeler crabs from harvesters or a valid Standard Commercial Fishing License (SCFL)/Retired Standard Commercial Fishing License (RSCFL) to harvest his/her own.

**Legal Authority/Statute Reference:** General Statute 113-169.1 and 113-170.2, North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission Rules 15A NCAC 03O.0501, 30.0502, and 30.0503.

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

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