

Marine Fisheries

For-Hire Blanket Captains Coastal Recreational Fishing License

What Activities Require This License? This license is required to conduct a for hire fishing operation in coastal waters. The Blanket For-Hire Captains license allows an individual who is properly licensed by the U.S. Coast Guard and the Division of Marine Fisheries to operate any for-hire vessel if that vessel also has a for-hire vessel license and a for-hire endorsement on the Commercial Fishing Vessel Registration.

What Is The Purpose of This License? This license gives charter captains and guides some flexibility in which vessels they operate and provides cost savings for multiple owned vessels.

Who Issues This License? The N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), License and Statistics Section.

How Much Will This License Cost?

- Six passengers or less \$250 (non-resident \$312.50)
- More than six passengers \$350 (non-resident \$437.60)

What Are My Payment Options for License Application Fees? Check or cash.

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 or cash 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 N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries License Office or on the DMF website. 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 N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries License Office or via mail. 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 Is My License Valid? All licenses are valid for up to one year and expire on June 30th.

Notes/Comments: This license was meant for individuals properly licensed by the US Coast Guard and the Division of Marine Fisheries to carry passengers on any vessel with a commercial fishing vessel registration with a for-hire endorsement who wish to cover the recreational fishing licensing requirements of their patrons. The replacement fee is \$5.

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: General Statute 113-174.3, NC Fisheries Rules for Coastal Waters 15A NCAC 30.0101(a).

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

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