

# 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, 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 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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