

Marine Fisheries

Black Sea Bass North of Cape Hatteras Dealer Permit

What Activities Require This Permit? Licensed dealers purchasing more than 100 lbs. of black sea bass per day per commercial fishing operation harvested from the Atlantic Ocean North of Cape Hatteras.

What Is The Purpose of This Permit? In order to monitor the quota, the Division of Marine Fisheries needs to know which dealers are going to be participating in the fishery in order to determine who needs to submit daily quota monitoring reports.

Who Issues This Permit? N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, 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. 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.

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/about/divisions/marine-fisheries/about-division-marine-fisheries/division-marine-fisheries-offices>.

How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid? Permits are valid for up to one fiscal year (July 1st to June 30th) and expire on June 30th.

Notes/Comments: A valid fish dealer license is required to obtain this permit. There are daily reporting requirements associated with this permit during the black sea bass season. Seasons and trip limits for the fishery are established by proclamation. Outside of that season there is a 100-pound limit on the amount of black sea bass from the ocean north of Cape Hatteras that dealers may purchase.

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(e) (1, 3).

Link: <https://www.deq.nc.gov/dmf-permit-info>

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