

Marine Fisheries

Ocean Fishing Pier License

What Activities Require This License? The license authorizes the manager of an ocean fishing pier to charge the public a fee to fish from a pier within coastal waters. This license was combined with the Pier Blanket License and therefore patrons of the pier are not required to hold an individual Coastal Recreational Fishing License.

What Is the Purpose of This License? Licensing and identification of coastal fishing piers.

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

How Much Will This License Cost? \$4.50 per linear foot of the pier.

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. 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 although there may be some time required for the DMF Marine Patrol to validate the pier length.

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 License Valid? All licenses are valid for up to one year and expire on June 30th.

Notes/Comments: This license is non-transferable. The replacement fee is \$10.

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: General Statute 113-169.4, NC Fisheries Rules for Coastal Waters 15A NCAC 30.0101(a).

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

Statewide Contact Information:

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