

Marine Fisheries

Horseshoe Crab Biomedical Use Permit

What Activities Require This Permit? The use of horseshoe crabs taken in joint or coastal waters of North Carolina for biomedical purposes.

What Is The Purpose of This Permit? To identify the facilities that are using horseshoe crabs for biomedical purposes and to track the number of crabs harvested and any associated mortality.

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 the horseshoe crab lead biologist. Visit the following link for license sales contact information: <https://www.deq.nc.gov/dmf-permit-info>.

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/dmf-permit-info>.

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

Notes/Comments: Contact NCDMF license staff at the Morehead City office for details and reporting requirements.

Applicants must reach out to Fisheries Management prior to applying as there are specific considerations that must be in place before this permit can be issued. See contact information below.

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: General Statute 113-169.1, G.S. 113-221.1, G.S. 113-252, and G.S. 143B-289.52, NC Marine Fisheries Commission Rules 15A NCAC 30.0501, 30.0502 and 30.0503.

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

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