

# Marine Fisheries

## For-Hire Non-Blanket Vessel Coastal Recreational Fishing License

**What Activities Require This License?** This license is required to operate a for-hire fishing operation in coastal waters. The Non-Blanket Vessel license is vessel specific and does not cover the individual licensing requirements of the anglers aboard the vessel. Operators of a vessel with this license must be properly licensed by the U.S. Coast Guard.

**What Is The Purpose of This License?** This license is vessel specific and provides DMF with a database of for-hire vessels for effort surveys.

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

**How Much Will This License Cost?** Residents \$25 (non-residents \$37.50)

**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 permit or 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 Permit or License or Certificate Valid?** All licenses are valid for up to one year and expire on June 30th.

**Notes/Comments:** This license was meant as a lower cost option for vessel owners and operators who do not 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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