

Marine Fisheries

Striped Bass Dealer Permit

What Activities Require This Permit? Licensed fish dealers purchasing striped bass from designated management areas which are selected on the permit. Management areas are: the Atlantic Ocean, the Albemarle Sound Management Area, and the Joint and Coastal Fishing Waters of the Central/Southern Management Area (15A NCAC 03R .0201).

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 when the striped bass season is open for each management area. There are also requirements to affix a tag through the mouth and gill cover of each fish possessed, bought or sold (does not apply to fish purchased from aquaculture facilities). Tags are available at no cost at any N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries License Office preceding the season. Seasons and trip limits for each management area for the fishery are established by proclamation.

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, 5).

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

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