

Coastal

CAMA Federal Consistency Review (Coastal Area Management Act)

What Activities Require This Permit: This is not a permit, but a review process. Because North Carolina's coastal management program is federally approved, a number of activities must undergo consistency review by the Division of Coastal Management (DCM) - even if those activities would not otherwise require a CAMA permit under state law.

This authority exists under the federal [Coastal Zone Management Act](#). The Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) was enacted by the federal government on Oct. 27, 1972, to encourage coastal states, such as North Carolina, to develop comprehensive programs to manage and balance competing uses of and impacts to coastal resources. Consistency review by DCM applies to any activity that is within the state's [twenty coastal counties](#) that may have a reasonable foreseeable effect on any coastal resource or any coastal use within the state's coastal zone (even if the activity occurs outside of the coastal zone), if the activity:

- is a federal activity;
- requires a federal license or permit;
- receives federal money; or
- is a plan for exploration, development or production from any area leased under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act.

What Is The Purpose of This Permit? The purpose of the consistency review program is to assure that federal projects and private projects that require federal approval are consistent with the relevant enforceable policies of the state's certified coastal management program.

Who Issues This Permit? The N.C. Division of Coastal Management's Federal and State Consistency Review Coordinator conducts the consistency review.

How Much Will This Permit Cost? There is 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? There is no application form; however there is a [suggested format](#) to follow.

How Long Will It Take To Review My Application? The time limit for state review of a federal project is 60 days. The time limit for state review of private projects is six months. Other time limits, depending on the type of review, may also apply. Project review, for routine uncomplicated projects, is normally completed within two months.

Where Do I Submit My Application? DCM Federal Consistency Coordinator, NC Division of Coastal Management, 400 Commerce Avenue, Morehead City, NC 28557-3421; phone (252) 808-2808.

How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid? A consistency concurrence is valid for the life of the project.

Notes/Comments: Please see DCM's handouts on making consistency submissions. Click on the appropriate hyperlink for [Federal projects](#) and for [private projects](#). Prior to DCM issuing a consistency concurrence, the project applicant must have received all other required state permits/approvals.

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: This authority exists under the federal [Coastal Zone Management Act](#), and State legislation such as the: state's Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA), Chapter 7 of Title 15A of the North Carolina Administrative Code, the state's Dredge and Fill Law, the local land-use plan applicable to the proposed project, and Executive Order #15 issued by Governor Hunt on Oct. 27, 1977.

Link: <http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/coastal-management/coastal-management-permits/federal-consistency>

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