

Marine Fisheries

Aquaculture Collection Permit

What Activities Require This Permit? Collecting marine and estuarine species that do not meet current restrictions.

What Is The Purpose of This Permit? To identify individuals taking marine and estuarine species, which do not meet current restrictions, for aquaculture purposes.

Who Issues This Permit? N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), Habitat Enhancement and Protection 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? N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, Habitat Enhancement and Protection Section, Morehead City office.

How Long Will It Take To Review My Application? Up to four weeks.

Where Do I Submit My Application? N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, Habitat Enhancement and Protection Section, 3441 Arendell Street, PO Box 769, Morehead City, NC 28557-0769.

How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid? Permits expire on Dec. 31 each year.

Notes/Comments: Some organisms may require a permit/license from the Wildlife Resources Commission(WRC) or N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) to collect or possess. (Species for which DMF and WRC or DACS have joint jurisdiction, or species which one or the other has entire jurisdiction). A holder of an Aquaculture Collection Permit must have an Aquaculture Operation Permit. The permittee is required to supply the DMF with collection trip logs. Completed logs are to be mailed in at the end of the collection season as listed on the permit.

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: General Statute 113-169.1 and 113-203; NC Fisheries Rules for Coastal Waters 15A NCAC 030.0503(f).

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

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