

Marine Fisheries

Coastal Recreational Fishing License (CRFL)

What Activities Require This Permit? This license is required to recreationally harvest finfish in the state's coastal waters, which include sounds, coastal rivers and tributaries, and out to three miles in the ocean. An individual who engages in recreational fishing must have this license.

What Is The Purpose of This Permit? To license and identify recreational anglers primarily for surveying of catch and effort.

Who Issues This Permit? (a) The N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, License and Statistics Section (b) N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission and (c) all agents that are representatives of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission.

How Much Will This Permit Cost?

Annual License

State Residents, age 16 or older - \$15, Nonresidents, age 16 or older - \$30

10-day License

State Residents, age 16 or older - \$5, Nonresidents, age 16 or older - \$10

Lifetime CRFL Licenses

Infant Lifetime: younger than one year - \$100

Youth Lifetime: age 1 through age 11 - \$150

Resident Adult: age 12 through age 64 - \$250

Nonresident Adult: age 12 and older - \$500

Resident Age 65 Lifetime : age 65 and older - \$15

Resident Disabled Veteran: 50 percent or more disabled - \$10

Resident Totally Disabled: totally and permanently disabled - \$10

Wildlife Resources Commission Lifetime Sportsman License holders are exempt from purchasing the CRFL if they purchased their license prior to Jan. 1, 2006.

Blanket Licenses

For Hire: six or less passengers - \$350, more than six passengers - \$350.

Ocean Fishing Pier: \$4 per linear foot.

When purchasing a For-Hire Blanket License, vessel operators must provide a copy of the U. S. Coast Guard license that allows taking people for-hire. Note: Blanket Licenses are ONLY available at DMF offices:

<http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/dmf-offices>.

Annual Unified Sportsman Hunting and Fishing Licenses

Resident Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$55

Resident Unified Inland/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$35

Lifetime Unified Sportsman (Hunting and Fishing Licenses)

Infant Lifetime: younger than one year - \$275

Youth Lifetime: age 1 through age 11 - \$450

Resident Adult: age 12 through age 64 - \$675

Nonresident Adult: age 12 and older - \$1,350

Resident Age 65 Lifetime : age 65 and older - \$30

Resident Disabled Veteran: 50 percent or more disabled - \$110

Resident Totally Disabled: totally and permanently disabled - \$110

Resident Lifetime Unified Inland/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$450

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Lifetime Unified Inland/Coastal Recreational Fishing Licenses

Resident Legally Blind Unified Inland/Coastal Recreational Fishing License – No charge

Resident Adult Care Home Unified Inland/Coastal Recreational Fishing License – No charge

Resident Subsistence Unified Inland/Coastal Recreational Fishing License Waiver– No charge

What Are My Payment Options for Permit Application Fees? Check or cash

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 permit or license at a NC DMF Field Office, the application and check or cash 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 Permit? Contact any N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) License office or any Wildlife Resources License Agent. Visit the following link for DMF license sales locations: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/dmf-offices>. Most licenses may also be purchased online at <http://www.ncwildlife.org/> or by calling 1-888-2HUNTFISH (1-888-248-6834). Applicants for the Resident Legally Blind, Resident Adult Care Home, Resident Subsistence, and Disabled licenses should call the Wildlife Resources Commission.

How Long Will It Take To Review My Application? No review required for the Coastal Recreational Fishing License with the exception of the Resident Legally Blind, Resident Adult Care Home, Resident Subsistence and Disabled Lifetime licenses.

Where Do I Submit My Application? Any N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) License Office, or the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission. Visit the following link for DMF license sales contact information: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/dmf-offices>. The license may also be purchased from N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission sales agents such as bait and tackle stores or online at <http://www.ncwildlife.org/> or by calling 1-888-2HUNTFISH (1-888-248-6834).

How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid? Annual licenses expire one year from date of purchase.

Notes/Comments: This license is non-transferable.

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: General Statute 113-174.2, 113-174.3, 113-174.4, NC Fisheries Rules for Coastal Waters 15A NCAC 30.0101(a).

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

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