

Marine Fisheries

Introduce or Transfer Marine and Estuarine Organisms into the Coastal Waters of the State of North Carolina (Permit to)

What Activities Require This Permit? Introducing into coastal waters live aquatic animals or plants not native to North Carolina; transferring of species which are native, but which originated outside the state's boundaries; and holding or maintaining any imported marine or estuarine organisms in a quarantine or isolation system for brood stock or growout.

What Is The Purpose of This Permit? To identify individuals introducing aquatic animals or plants that originated outside the state's boundaries into coastal North Carolina waters.

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 three 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? Expirations dates vary by permit. The applicant requests the time period needed (the amount of time required between receiving shipment and planting the product).

Notes/Comments: Seed testing is required prior to issuance of permit. Each batch must be tested within 30 days of shipment to North Carolina. Each test will consist of a minimum of 60 individuals.

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: General Statute 113-170; NC Fisheries Rules for Coastal Waters 15A NCAC 3I.0104.

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

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