

Marine Fisheries

Monkfish Large Mesh Gill Net Permit

What Activities Require This Permit? This permit is required for Masters of vessels fishing for monkfish in the Atlantic Ocean in a one-mile wide area extending from two miles seaward of the coastline to three miles seaward of the coastline from the North Carolina/Virginia border southward to Wimble Shoal or state ocean waters (0-3 miles).

What Is the Purpose of This Permit? The intent of the permit is for the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) to have a list of participants involved in the fishery and to allow traditional large mesh gill net fisheries for striped bass and monkfish to be conducted in state waters while reducing the threat of interactions between this gear and bottlenose dolphins, other marine mammals and sea turtles.

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

How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid? Permits are valid for up to one year and expire on June 30.

Notes/Comments: This permit applies to vessel masters using large mesh gill nets in the area described above. This permit and restricted area were the result of negotiations with the National Marine Fisheries Service without which, there would be no harvest allowed. There are reporting requirements associated with this permit during the season. Seasons and trip limits are established by proclamation. A Standard Commercial Fishing License (SCFL)/Retired Standard Commercial Fishing License (RSCFL) is required and a Commercial Fishing Vessel Registration (CFVR) for vessels used. Contact Fisheries Management staff in the Wanchese office for details.

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: General Statute 113-169.5, NC Fisheries Rules for Coastal Waters 15A NCAC 30.0101(a).

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

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