Marine Fisheries
Planting Shellfish from Prohibited (Polluted) Areas (Permit for)

What Activities Require This Permit? Lease and franchise holders who wish to harvest shellfish from designated polluted areas and transport them to their private leases for depuration.

What Is The Purpose of This Permit? To identify those shellfish harvesters moving shellfish from polluted areas to private leases for cleansing.

Who Issues This Permit? The Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) and the Division of Environmental Health, Shellfish Sanitation Branch, jointly issue the permits. The Division of Marine Fisheries, Marine Patrol Section supervises and monitors the permittees during the relaying process.

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? Two weeks (14 days).

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 are valid from April 1 through May 15 each year.

Notes/Comments: There are reporting requirements associated with this permit. Permittees must report number of bushels of shellfish transplanted and the amount of shell transplanted (in bushels).

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: General Statute 113-203; NC Fisheries Rules for Coastal Waters 15A NCAC 3K.0104, 3K.0301(b), 3O.0501(c)(1), and 18A.0303.

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

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