

# Marine Fisheries

## Transplant Oysters from Seed Oyster Management Areas (Permit to)

**What Activities Require This Permit?** Moving seed oysters from the state's management areas located in White Oak River, Cedar Bush Bay, Wanchese Marshes, Bay River, and Virginia Creek to private leases.

**What Is The Purpose of This Permit?** To identify those shellfish harvesters moving seed oysters from the state's seed management areas to private leases or franchises.

**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; phone: 252-726-7021 or 1-800-682-2632.

**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 mid-October of each year.

**Notes/Comments:** There are reporting requirements associated with this permit. Immediately following the expiration date of the permit, the number of bushels of seed transplanted must be reported.

**Legal Authority/Statute Reference:** General Statute 113-203; NC Fisheries Rules for Coastal Waters 15A NCAC 3K.0103.

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

### Statewide Contact Information:

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