

Marine Fisheries

Under Dock Oyster Culture Permit

What Activities Require This Permit? Attachment of oyster cultivation containers to a dock or pier.

What Is The Purpose of This Permit? To identify dock or pier owners involved in the use of oyster cultivation containers on their private dock or pier.

Who Issues This Permit? N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, Habitat Enhancement and Protection Section.

How Much Will This Permit Cost? No cost.

Where Can I Get The Application For This Permit? N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, Habitat Enhancement and Protection Section, Morehead City office; phone: 1-800-682-2632.

How Long Will It Take To Review My Application? Approximately four weeks.

Where Do I Submit My Application? North Carolina 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? One year from date of issuance.

Notes/Comments: Dock or pier cannot be located in an area closed to shellfish harvest. Owner must satisfy training requirements established by the Marine Fisheries Commission prior to issuance of permit. Reporting requirements must be met yearly. Sale of oysters is prohibited.

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: General Statute 113-210; NC Fisheries Rules for Coastal Waters 15A NCAC 30.503(h).

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

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