



FOR HIRE FISHING PERMIT

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Applications are to be completed and signed by the individual who operates a for-hire boat. A For-Hire Fishing Permit or For-Hire Blanket Coastal Recreational Fishing License (CRFL) must be issued to each vessel engaged in for hire fishing. Individuals applying for a Permit for another under the authority of Power of Attorney must submit a **PHOTOCOPY** of the Power of Attorney and current picture identification.

Eligibility: A person who operates a for hire boat may apply for a For Hire Fishing Permit for the for hire boat. A person who holds a valid United States Coast Guard operator's license certification that allows taking people for hire and operates a for hire boat as defined by G.S.113-174, when the vessel originates from or returns to a North Carolina port for the purpose of recreational fishing, may obtain a For Hire Fishing Permit. For-hire recreational fishing means any activity, preparatory to, during, or subsequent to the taking of any finfish, the taking of which is subject to regulation by the Marine Fisheries Commission, by any means if the purpose of the taking is to obtain finfish that are not to be sold. The For Hire Fishing Permit allows recreational fishing in coastal waters, but not joint or inland waters. This permit does not cover all anglers on the vessel and anglers must hold their own CRFL to engage in recreational fishing.

- A. Provide a **PHOTOCOPY** of one of the following current picture identifications of the vessel operator:
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| 1. Driver's License; or | 3. Military Identification; or |
| 2. State Identification (issued by DMV); or | 4. Passport; or |
| | 5. Resident Alien Card (green card) |
- B. A **For Hire Fishing Permit** Application must have the following
1. Check one:
 - a. New application (i.e., new license)
 - b. Renewing
 - c. Updating current license and/or change of vessel information
 - d. Replacing a current license
 2. **For Hire Fishing Permit** License numbers, if renewing the license. This number is printed on the license to the right of the words *For Hire Fishing Permit*.
 3. U.S. Coast Guard operator certification information.
 4. Complete all the applicable Individual Boat Operator's Information, including Participant Identification number. This number is listed to the right of the word *Participant #* on your license or any licenses that you may hold that were issued by the Division of Marine Fisheries. Leave blanks if you do not hold any licenses.
 5. All surveys must be completed.
Vessel usage survey definitions:
 - Charterboat – any vessel for hire engaged in recreational fishing typically hired on a per trip basis.
 - Headboat – any vessel for hire engaged in recreational fishing typically hired on a per person basis.
 - Guideboat – a vessel carrying a fishing guide and recreational fisherman engaged in fishing.
 - Dive Boat – any vessel for hire engaged in underwater diving that allows persons to take fish for recreational purposes.
 6. Sign the application.
- C. **PHOTOCOPY** of all valid out-of-state vessel registration or U.S. Coast Guard Vessel Documentation that may be operated in the for-hire fishery. If applying for a transfer of ownership and the U.S Coast Guard Vessel Documentation is pending, a notarized bill of sale will be accepted.
- D. **PHOTOCOPY** of valid U.S. Coast Guard operator's license that allows taking persons for hire.
- E. Fees:
NO COST (FREE)

You are required to notify the Division of Marine Fisheries of any address or residency changes within 30 days. If you are going to captain a vessel other than those listed on the permit, you must update the vessel information on your permit. Incomplete applications submitted without required documentation will be deemed incomplete and returned to you unprocessed.

Mail to: NCDMF, License Office, PO Box 769, Morehead City, NC 28557

North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries

For Hire Fishing Permit Application

Check one: ☐ New Application ☐ Renew ☐ Update and/or Change of Vessel Information

For Hire Fishing Permit Number (License number is printed on license)

U.S. Coast Guard Operator Certification Information:

U.S. Coast Guard Operators Certification License No.:		Expiration Date:	/ /
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Individual Boat Operator's Information

Participant I.D.		First Name		Middle Name		Last Name		Suffix	
Driver's License No.		State I.D. No.		Military I.D. No.		Resident Alien I.D. No.		Passport No.	
Expire Date / /		Expire Date / /		Expire Date / /		Expire Date / /		Expire Date / /	
Date of Birth / /		Primary Residence				Secondary Residence		E-mail Address	
Race:		Gender:		Physical Address				Mailing Address	
		M / F		Address 1: _____ Address 2: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____ Country: _____				Address 1: _____ Address 2: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____ Country: _____	
Height		Weight							
Eye Color		Hair Color							
Home Phone:		Business Phone:		Fax:		Prior Name (if name change):			
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Vessel Information

Vessel Name:						Vessel Gross Tons:			
US Customs #:		Expire Date / /		Port of Landing:				Vessel Length:	
St. Registration #:		Expire Date / /		Homeport:				Vessel Year Built:	
Hull ID #:				Total Horsepower:				Number of Crew:	
Vessel Manufacturer:				Carrying Capacity:				Number of Engines:	
Propulsion:		☐ Outboard ☐ Inboard ☐ Inboard/Outboard ☐ Other							
Hull Material:		☐ Fiberglass ☐ Wood ☐ Aluminum ☐ Steel ☐ Other							
Engine Type:		☐ Gas ☐ Diesel ☐ Other				Are you the primary operator of vessel? ☐ Yes ☐ No			
Charterboat:		Start Date / /		Expire Date / /		Guideboat:		Start Date / /	
Headboat:		Start Date / /		Expire Date / /		Dive Boat:		Start Date / /	

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Vessel Owner's Information (Individual's Information – No businesses)

Participant I.D.		First Name		Middle Name		Last Name		Suffix	
Driver's License No.		State I.D. No.		Military I.D. No.		Resident Alien I.D. No.		Passport No.	
	Expire Date / /		Expire Date / /		Expire Date / /		Expire Date / /		Expire Date / /
Date of Birth / /		Primary Residence				Secondary Residence		E-mail Address	
Race:	Gender:	Physical Address				Mailing Address			
	M / F	Address 1: _____ Address 2: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____ Country: _____				Address 1: _____ Address 2: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____ Country: _____			
Height	Weight								
Eye Color	Hair Color								
Home Phone:		Business Phone:		Fax:		Prior Name (if name change):			
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Economic Survey (at least 50% of income derived from for-hire fishing?) ☐ YES ☐ NO

Signature: _____
 Applicant Signature Date
Must be signed to be valid

GENERAL PERMIT CONDITIONS and PERMIT APPLICATION CERTIFICATION FORM

The following conditions apply to all permits issued by the Fisheries Director:

It is unlawful to operate under the permit except in areas, at times, and under conditions specified on the permit;

It is unlawful to operate under a permit without having the permit or copy thereof in possession of the permittee or his or her designees at all times of operation and shall be ready at hand for inspection, except for Pound Net Permits;

It is unlawful to operate under a permit without having a current picture identification in possession and ready at hand for inspection.

It is unlawful to refuse to allow inspection and sampling of a permitted activity by an agent of the Division;

It is unlawful to fail to provide complete and accurate information requested by the Division in connection with the permitted activity;

It is unlawful to hold a permit issued by the Fisheries Director when not eligible to hold any license required as a condition for that permit as stated in 15A NCAC 03O.0501;

It is unlawful to fail to provide reports within the timeframe required by the specific permit conditions;

It is unlawful to fail to keep such records and accounts as required by the Rules in this Chapter for determination of conservation policy, equitable and efficient administration and enforcement, or promotion of commercial or recreational fisheries;

It is unlawful to assign or transfer permits issued by the Fisheries Director, except for Pound Net Permits as authorized by 15A NCAC 03J.0107(h);

The Fisheries Director, or his agent, may, by conditions of the permit, specify any or all of the following for the permitted purposes:

Species	Time period	Means and methods	Disposition of resources
Quantity or size	Location	Harvest conditions	Marking requirements

Unless specifically stated as a condition on the permit, all statutes, rules and proclamations shall apply to the permittee and his or her designees.

As a condition of accepting the permit from the Fisheries Director, the permittee agrees to abide by all conditions of the permit and agrees, that if specific conditions of the permit as identified on the permit are violated, or if false information was provided in the application for initial issuance, renewal or transfer, the permit may be suspended or revoked by the Fisheries Director.

Violation of any Rule Condition or items on the permit may result in suspension or revocation of the permit.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT (Must be completed and signed by the Permittee and notarized for each permit transaction)

I, _____, certify that:

1. All the information provided and any supporting documentation provided is true, accurate, and complete. For renewals, any changes in information or supporting documents have been provided at the time of renewal.
2. I, and all listed designees, currently have no marine fisheries licenses, permits, endorsements, or registrations under suspension or revocation, and the privilege to hold such licenses, permits, endorsements, or registrations is not revoked or suspended.
3. I, and all listed designees, have not been convicted of four or more violations in any jurisdiction related to state or federal law or regulations involving or related to marine or estuarine resources.
4. I have been provided a copy of permit rules and conditions that apply to this permit and I acknowledge failure to abide by all bolded permit rules as well as conditions highlighted on this permit may result in termination of the permit.
5. I understand that as a condition of accepting this permit from the Division of Marine Fisheries, I agree to abide by all conditions of this permit and agree, that if specific conditions of this permit as identified on this permit are violated, or if false information was provided in the application for initial issuance, renewal or transfer, this permit may be suspended or revoked by the Fisheries Director.

I understand that any false information or fraudulent disclosures may result in termination of this permit and related documents and possible criminal prosecution.

Date Signed: _____

Signature of Permittee: _____

NOTARY (must be notarized to be valid)

State: _____

County: _____

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, _____

Notary Public: _____ My Commission expires: _____