

ATTENTION

Recreational Fishing Tournaments

*A Recreational Fishing
Tournament License to Sell Fish*
is
REQUIRED
to sell fish harvested from
a
recreational tournament

See attached information sheet and application forms.

North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries
PO Box 769
Morehead City, NC 28557
252/726-7021

RECREATIONAL FISHING TOURNAMENT LICENSE TO SELL FISH

Requirements

- What:** Recreational fishing tournaments that want to sell fish caught from a tournament are required to purchase a *Recreational Fishing Tournament License to Sell Fish*.
- When:** Application for a *Recreational Fishing Tournament License to Sell Fish* must be filed with a NCDMF license office 30 days prior to the start of the tournament by the Tournament Organizer.
- Where:** The *Recreational Fishing Tournament License to Sell Fish* can be purchased from any NCDMF license office.

Morehead City	Washington
Wanchese	Wilmington
Columbia	Elizabeth City

The Morehead City office is the only office where applications will be accepted through the mail. Please mail applications to:

License Office
N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries
P.O. Box 769
Morehead City, NC 28557
252/726-7021, or 1-800-682-2632

- Why:** The purpose of this law is to improve the quality of data used in the management of the State's fishery resources.
- Who:** All recreational fishing tournaments in North Carolina that sell their catch.
- Cost:** The cost of the *Recreational Fishing Tournament License to Sell Fish* is \$100.00
- Facts:** The recreational tournament can only sell fish through a licensed fish dealer (the Tournament Organizer may wish to purchase a *Fish Dealer License* to meet this requirement).

Fish plates, including free fish plates to tournament participants, from fish caught during the tournament requires the tournament organizer to purchase this license.

The fish dealer must complete a NCDMF trip ticket.

The Tournament Organizer must file a license application for this license 30 days in advance of the tournament. Organizers not filing an application 30 days in advance will not receive a license and the recreational tournament cannot sell fish.

Proceeds from the sale of fish must be used for religious, educational, civic, or conservation purposes. Proceeds are not to be used to pay for tournament expenses.

The Tournament Organizer must file a *Recreational Fishing Tournament Disposition of Proceeds from the Sale of Fish* Form within 30 days after the last day of the tournament to the NCDMF.

Information on this form includes type and amount of fish sold and a contact person whose organization is benefiting from the sale of fish.

Application Process:

The Tournament Organizer can apply for the *Recreational Fishing Tournament License to Sell Fish* in person by coming into one of the NCDMF license offices.

The Tournament Organizer can apply through the mail to the Morehead City License office only. If applying through the mail, the applicant must complete an *Application for the Recreational Fishing Tournament License to Sell Fish*.

- Follow all instructions for the application, including required attached documentation.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. – Do all fishing tournaments need the Recreational Fishing Tournament License to Sell Fish License?

A. – No, only tournaments that plan to sell fish must have this license. Organizers of tournaments must apply 30 days before the tournament to get this license.

Q. – Do tournaments need to report the proceeds from the sale of fish?

A. – Yes, tournaments must report the proceeds from the sale of fish. The sale of fish must go through a licensed Fish Dealer. The proceeds from the sale of fish may be used only for charitable, religious, educational, civic, or conservation purposes and is not to be used to pay tournament expenses.

Q. – Can vessels fishing in tournaments with a Commercial Fishing Vessel Registration and an individual with a Standard or Retired Commercial Fishing License sell their catch instead of giving it to the tournament?

A. – No, vessels and fishermen participating in tournaments with a Recreational Fishing Tournament to Sell Fish License are not to engage in commercial fishing activities.

Q. – Does a tournament need a Recreational Fishing Tournament License to Sell Fish if the tournament is selling fish plates from fish caught in the tournament?

A. – Yes, the sale of fish plates, including free fish plates to participants, from fish caught during the tournament requires the tournament organizer to purchase a license. Additionally, the tournament must sell the fish through a Fish Dealer (the tournament organizer may wish to purchase a Fish Dealer License to meet this requirement).



INSTRUCTIONS

RECREATIONAL FISHING TOURNAMENT LICENSE TO SELL FISH APPLICATION

(Applications must be received by the Division of Marine Fisheries
30 days prior to the tournament date)

Applications are to be completed and signed by the Tournament Organizer. Businesses that are the tournament organizer requesting a license must have the Responsible Party (business agent) complete and sign the application. The Responsible Party (business agent) is the person who coordinates, supervises or otherwise directs operations of a business entity, such as a corporate officer or executive-level supervisor of business operations and is the person responsible for use of the issued license in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Individuals applying for a license for another under the authority of Power of Attorney must submit a **PHOTOCOPY** of the Power of Attorney and current picture identification.

- A. Provide a **PHOTOCOPY** of one of the following current picture identifications:
1. Driver's License; or
 2. State Identification (issued by DMV); or
 3. Military Identification; or
 4. Passport; or
 5. Resident Alien Card (green card)
- B. If you are applying as a business, you must provide:
1. If incorporated, **PHOTOCOPY** of Articles of Incorporation and list of current corporate holders.
 2. If written agreement partnership, **PHOTOCOPY** of written partnership agreement.
 3. If not incorporated or written partnership, **PHOTOCOPY** current Assumed Name Statements, if filed, and **PHOTOCOPY** of business privilege tax certificates, if applicable.
- C. A **Recreational Tournament License To Sell Fish** license application must have the following:
1. Check one:
 - a. New application (i.e., new license)
 - b. Updating current license
 - c. Replacing a current license
 2. **Recreational Tournament License To Sell Fish** numbers, if renewing the license. This number is located on the license to the right of the words *Recreational Fishing Tournament License to Sell Fish*.
 3. Complete all the applicable Participant Information (tournament organizer), including the Participant Identification number. This number is listed to the right of the word *Participant #* on your license
 4. Tournament name (must have a tournament name) and tournament dates.
 5. Tournament location (physical address of weigh-in).
 6. List those that may receive charitable proceeds from the sale of fish from the tournament (actual recipients will be recorded after the tournament is finished on the Recreational Fishing Tournament Disposition of Proceeds from the Sale of Fish form).
 7. Sign the Application.
 8. Certification Statement Form for Licenses completed, signed and notarized.

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D. Fees:

1. \$100.00
2. \$10.00 replacement fee for replacing or updating current/valid license.

E. Method of payment: Personal check, money order or Cashier check. Make payable to ***North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries***. There will be a \$25.00 service charge for returned checks.

NOTE:

- **This license is only valid for the dates of the tournament up to 7 days.**
- ***Tournament Disposition of Proceeds from Sale of Fish Application* must be returned to the Division of Marine Fisheries License Office in Morehead City within 30 days of the tournament's completion**

You are required to notify the Division of Marine Fisheries of any address or residency changes within 30 days. 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

Application for Recreational Fishing Tournament License to Sell Fish

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Check one: ☐ New Application ☐ Renew ☐ Update ☐ Replace

Tournament License Number (License number is printed on license)

Circle one: **Individual** (complete the Individual Participant Information)

Business Agent (complete the Business Participant Information and Individual Participant Information)

Individual or Business Agent Participant 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:		Cellular Phone:			
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Type of Business Entity (Circle One): Corporation Partnership Sole Proprietorship LLC Academia

Business Participant Information (This section must be completed for the application of a license for use by a business)

Participant I.D. if available		Business Name:				State of Incorporation:		Charter State:	
Business Phone:		Cellular Phone:		Home Phone:		Fax:		E-mail Address:	
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Business Owner Name (F, M, L)		Physical Address				Mailing Address			
Business Owner Name (F, M, L)		Address 1: _____ Address 2: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____ Country: _____				Address 1: _____ Address 2: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____ Country: _____			
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Tournament Information (Must have a Tournament Name)

Tournament Name	Begin Date	End Date
	____/____/____	____/____/____

Location of Weigh-In

Location (i.e., marina):	
Address line 1:	
Address Line 2:	

City:		State:		Zip:		County:	
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Intended Charitable Proceeds Recipient(s)

(Must be completed with the names of charities that may receive proceeds from the sale of fish from the tournament)

Name	Contact Number, if available
1.	() ext.
2.	() ext.
3.	() ext.
4.	() ext.
5.	() ext.
6.	() ext.

Tournament Proceeds Form attached to this application must be completed and submitted to the Division of Marine Fisheries License Office in Morehead City within 30 days following the completion of the tournament

Signature: _____

Tournament Organizer Signature

Date

Must be signed to be valid