



Public Comment Update
15A NCAC 07H .2300
Rule Amendments

General Permit for Replacement of Existing Bridges and Culverts in
Estuarine Waters, Estuarine and Public Trust Shorelines,
Public Trust Areas, and Coastal Wetlands
(CRC-26-50)



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Update since August 2025 Meeting

- DCM published the public comment period in the NC Register 10/1/25
 - Comment Period 10/1/25 to 12/1/25
 - No comments were submitted
- DCM conducted a Public Hearing at the DCM headquarters in Morehead City
 - 10/20/25
 - No public attended

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(a) An applicant for a General Permit under this Subchapter shall contact the Division of Coastal Management at the Regional Office indicated on the map located at

<https://ncdenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=1a5881ec85ca40679988982e02665b51> and request approval for development as defined in G.S. 113A-130(5).

(b) The applicant shall provide:

- (1) the site location, project narrative, dimensions of the project area, and ~~his~~ applicant's name and address; and
- (2) a dated plat(s) showing existing and proposed development; and





(b) The applicant shall provide:

(23) confirmation that a written statement has been obtained and, signed by the adjacent riparian property owners, indicating that they have no objections to the proposed work; or

(34) confirmation that the adjacent riparian property owners have been notified by certified mail of the proposed work. The notice shall instruct adjacent riparian property owners to provide any comments on the proposed development in writing to the Division of Coastal Management within 10 days of receipt of the notice and indicate that no response by the adjacent riparian property owners will be interpreted as the adjacent riparian property owners having no objection. Division staff shall review all comments and determine, based on their relevance to the potential impacts of the proposed project, if the proposed project can be approved by a General Permit. If Division staff finds that the comments are worthy of more in-depth review, the Division shall notify the applicant that he or she must submit an application for a major development permit.

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(c) No work shall begin until an onsite meeting is held with the applicant and a Division of Coastal Management representative to review the proposed development. A permit to proceed with the proposed development shall be issued if the Division representative finds that the application meets all the requirements of this Subchapter. Construction authorized by this permit shall be completed within two years of permit issuance or the permit shall expire and a new permit shall be required to begin or continue construction. If the applicant seeks a new permit under this Section, the Division of Coastal Management shall re-examine the proposed development to determine if the General Permit may be reissued. Pursuant to G.S. 136-44.7B, permits issued to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for projects identified in the Transportation Improvement Program shall not expire. Approval of individual projects shall be acknowledged in writing by the Division of Coastal Management and the applicant shall be provided a copy of this General Permit.



Next Steps

- Staff is happy to take any questions.
- If the commission agrees, with the rule amendments developed, the fiscal analysis approved, and public commenting period complete without comment, staff are recommending adoption of the approved changes.

