

Marine Fisheries

Aquaculture Seed Transplant Permit

What Activities Require This Permit? To allow shellfish lease/franchise holders to purchase shellfish seed from permitted aquaculture operations that use waters in the prohibited, restricted, or conditionally approved classification for placement on their private beds.

What Is The Purpose of This Permit? To track the movement of seed sized shellfish (clams less than 12 millimeters in their largest dimension, and oysters less than 25 millimeters in their largest dimension) and to ensure that the product is re-submerged and grown-out on shellfish leases and franchises in open waters. To protect the health of consumers.

Who Issues This Permit? N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, Habitat and Enhancement 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 and Enhancement Section, 3441 Arendell Street, Post Office Box 769, Morehead City, NC 28557; phone: 252-726-7021; 1-800-682-2632; 252-808-8056.

How Long Will It Take To Review My Application? Two weeks (14 days) or less.

Where Do I Submit My Application? N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, Habitat and Enhancement 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 the date of issuance to December 31 each year.

Notes/Comments: There are reporting requirements associated with this permit on the part of the seller. Multiple purchases and transfers can be made under a permit issued between January 1 and June 30 of a calendar year. Another permit is required for purchase and transport after July 1 of a calendar year, with multiple purchases and transports allowed until December 31 of the calendar year.

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: N.C. General Statute 113-203.

Link: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/habitat/enhancement/shellfish-leases>

Statewide Contact Information:

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