

Marine Fisheries

Closed Oyster Season Harvest Certificate

What Activities Require This Certificate? Harvesting oysters outside of the normal season.

What Is The Purpose of This Certificate? To authorize leaseholders to harvest oysters from closed harvest areas for the protection of public health.

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

How Much Will This Certificate Cost? No cost.

What Are My Payment Options for Certificate Application Fees? Not applicable.

If Paying by Check, Who do I Make the Check Payable to and Where Do I Send the Check? Not applicable.

Where Can I Get The Application For This Certificate? Not applicable.

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

Where Do I Submit My Application? Not applicable.

How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid? This certificate expires on September 30th.

Notes/Comments: The leaseholder wishing to harvest out of season must contact the permit coordinator.

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: N.C. General Statute 113-169.1; N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rules 15A NCAC 30.0501-.0503.

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

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