

Marine Fisheries

Under Dock Oyster Culture Permit

What Activities Require This Permit? Attachment of oyster cultivation containers to a dock or pier for personal consumption.

What Is The Purpose of This Permit? To track dock or pier owners involved in under dock oyster cultivation on their private dock or pier; and to ensure the health and safety of the consumer through education and observance of shellfish water classification.

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, Post Office Box 769, Morehead City, NC 28557-0769.

How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid? Permits are valid for one year from the date of issuance.

Notes/Comments: Dock or pier must be located in an area open to shellfish harvest. Owner must satisfy training requirements established by the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission prior to issuance of permit. Reporting requirements must be met yearly. Sale of oysters is prohibited.

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: N.C. General Statute 113-210; N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rules 15A NCAC 030 .0503.

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

Statewide Contact Information:

N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries
Habitat and Enhancement Section
3441 Arendell Street
Morehead City, NC 28557
Telephone: 252-726-7021; 1-800-682-2632; 252-808-8056