



**North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality  
Division of Marine Fisheries  
BLANKET FOR-HIRE VESSEL or NON-BLANKET FOR-HIRE VESSEL  
COASTAL RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSE (CRFL)  
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS (REV 2025-12)**

Attached is an application for a Blanket For-Hire Vessel Coastal Recreational Fishing License or a Non-Blanket For-Hire Vessel License. Either the operator of the vessel, the owner or a business agent may apply. A United States Coast Guard operator's license is not required for application although all operators of for-hire vessels must be properly licensed by the USCG. The Blanket For-Hire Vessel CRFL covers the recreational fishing license requirements for all anglers aboard the vessel when fishing in coastal waters but not joint or inland waters. The Non-Blanket For-Hire Vessel License does not cover the licensing requirements of passengers so each angler 16 years or older must hold a valid Coastal Recreational Fishing License. Both licenses are available for 6 or fewer passengers or more than 6 passengers. See NC General Statute 113-174.3 for regulations governing for-hire licensing. 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.

Provide a **PHOTOCOPY** of one of the following current picture identifications:

- Driver's License; or
- State Identification (issued by DMV); or
- Military Identification; or
- Passport; or
- Resident Alien Card (green card)

If you are applying as a business, you must provide:

- If incorporated, a **PHOTOCOPY** of Articles of Incorporation and list of current corporate holders.
- If organization, a **PHOTOCOPY** of the Articles of Organization and list of current corporate holders.
- If written agreement partnership, a **PHOTOCOPY** of written partnership agreement.
- If not incorporated, organization, or written partnership, a **PHOTOCOPY** of current Assumed Name Statements, filed with Register of Deeds in the business county, and a **PHOTOCOPY** of business privilege tax certificates, if applicable.
- Current annual reports for LLC or INC.

**A Blanket For-Hire VESSEL CRFL Application:**

- Complete the Vessel Survey (Vessel usage survey definitions)
  - Charter Boat – any for-hire vessel typically hired on a per trip basis.
  - Head Boat – any for-hire vessel typically hired on a per person basis.
  - Guide Boat – a for-hire vessel typically less than 30' carrying a fishing guide and one or more recreational fishermen.
  - Dive Boat – any vessel engaged in underwater diving that allows persons to take fish for recreational purposes.
- Sign and date the Application.
- Complete the NC DMF License Certification Statement Form. It must be notarized if applying for a new license.
- A **PHOTOCOPY** of valid vessel state registration or U.S. Coast Guard Vessel Documentation.
  - If applying for a transfer of ownership and the U.S Coast Guard Vessel Documentation is pending, a notarized bill of sale will be accepted.
- A **PHOTOCOPY** of all valid United States Coast Guard Operators certifications (Masters, OUPV, etc.) suitable for the passenger rating you are applying for.

**Fees:**

- See Commercial License and Permit Fee Sheet. If you need assistance, please contact any NC DMF License Office or call (252) 515-5500 or (800) 682-2632. Replacement Fee: There is a \$5.00 fee for replacing current/valid license.
- Method of payment: Personal check, Money Order, Cashier check, Cash (In person only), or Credit Card (In person only). Make payable to **North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries**. There will be a \$35.00 service charge for returned checks.

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: North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries  
License Office  
PO Box 769  
Morehead City, NC 28557**



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FOR-HIRE VESSEL LICENSE APPLICATION (REV 2025-12)**

**Applying For:**  Blanket Vessel CRFL       Non-Blanket Vessel License  
 Six or Fewer Passengers       More than Six Passengers

**Select One:**     New Application     Replace     Renewal     Update

<b>Existing License Numbers for Replacements</b>	
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**Select One:**     Individual     Business Agent

**Individual or Business Agent Participant Information**

Participant I.D.	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix
Participant I.D.	Business Name:		State of Incorporation:	Charter State:
Business Owner Name (F, M, L)		Business Owner/Agent Name (F, M, L)		Business Owner/Agent Name (F, M, L)
<b>Check One:</b>		State I.D. <input type="checkbox"/>	Military I.D. <input type="checkbox"/>	Resident Alien I.D. <input type="checkbox"/>
Driver's License <input type="checkbox"/>				Passport <input type="checkbox"/>
No. _____		Expire Date      /      /		
Date of Birth	Primary Residence (State)		E-mail Address	
____ / ____ / ____				
Race	Gender:	Physical Address		Mailing Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if same as physical address
	M / F			
Height	Weight	Address 1:		Address 1:
		Address 2:		Address 2:
Eye Color	Hair Color	City:	State:	Zip:
		County:		Country:
Home Phone:		Business Phone:		Fax:
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**Type of Business Entity (Circle One):**    Corporation    Partnership    Sole Proprietorship    Organization



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**Complete Required Vessel Information, Vessel Survey, Vessel Owner Survey, and Economic Survey Sections.  
THIS INFORMATION IS REQUIRED! IF INCOMPLETE, APPLICATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED AND WILL BE RETURNED**

**Vessel Information**

Vessel Name:		Homeport:	
US Customs #:		Expire Date / /	Vessel Year Built:
State Registration #:		Expire Date / /	Hull ID:
Vessel Length:		Vessel Manufacturer:	
Port of Landing:		Carrying Capacity:	
FH-County of Landing		Vessel Gross Tons:	

**Vessel Survey**

Total Horsepower					
Number of Engines:					
Propulsion:	<input type="checkbox"/> Outboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Inboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Inboard/Outboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Hull Material:	<input type="checkbox"/> Fiberglass	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood	<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum	<input type="checkbox"/> Steel	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Engine Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Gas	<input type="checkbox"/> Diesel	<input type="checkbox"/> Other		

**Vessel Owner Information Survey (please select one of the following Owner designations)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Owner and Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Owner, but not Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Master
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Vessel Master Name	Vessel Master Date of Birth	Vessel Master Phone #

**Economic Survey (must be completed by Responsible Party)**

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	At least 50% of income derived from commercial fishing?
			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO



**North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality  
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LICENSE APPLICATION CERTIFICATION FORM  
(REV 2025-12)**

<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>		Year _____
PID #	_____	
License #	_____	
	_____	
	_____	
DMF Staff:	_____	
CA/CC/CH	BANK	_____
CH#	AMT	_____

**Certification Statement** *(This section must be completed by applicant)*

I, \_\_\_\_\_ certify that:

- All the information provided on this application and any supporting documentation provided is true, accurate, and complete. And further, for renewals, any changes in information or supporting documents have been provided at the time of renewal. I understand that any false information or fraudulent disclosures may result in termination of appropriate licenses, permits and related documents, revocation or suspension of marine fisheries licensing and other privileges, and in possible criminal prosecution.
- I am a resident of the State of : \_\_\_\_\_  
If claiming resident status in North Carolina, I certify further that *(check one)*:
  - I have been a legal resident for more than six months, or
  - If domiciled in North Carolina between 60 days and six months, I have completed and submitted with this application a notarized Certificate of Eligibility for North Carolina Residency.
- If applying for a Standard or Retired Standard Commercial Fishing License as a North Carolina Resident, I also certify that *(check the appropriate entry)*:
  - I filed a North Carolina State Income Tax Return for the previous calendar or tax year.
  - I was not required to file a North Carolina State Income Tax Return for the previous calendar or tax year.

I understand if there are any questions regarding the filing of a North Carolina State Income Tax Return, I may have to provide appropriate tax records, as requested by the Division of Marine Fisheries.
- For commercial fishing licenses, endorsements or registrations I certify that:
  - I currently have no marine fisheries licenses, permits, endorsements, or registrations under suspension or revocation and the privilege to hold such licenses, permits, endorsements, or registrations is not revoked or suspended.
  - I have not been convicted of four or more violations in any jurisdiction related to state or federal law or regulations involving or related to marine or estuarine resources during the previous three years.
- NC General Statute §113-221 requires the NC Division of Marine Fisheries to provide a current copy of the rules governing activities authorized by the license you are purchasing. You have the right to request a current rulebook in hardbound. The document is available on the Division of Marine Fisheries website on the "Rules and Regulations" webpage at <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/marine-fisheries/rules-proclamations-and-size-and-bag-limits/rules>.
- For for-hire fishing licenses and endorsements, I affirm that I have liability insurance and that I am knowledgeable of USCG safety requirements for the vessel(s) used in the operation in accordance with G.S. 113-168.6.
- If application is for a Standard/Retired Commercial Fishing License with a Shellfish Endorsement or a Shellfish License for NC Residents I affirm that I have received the required harvester training.
- For Ocean Fishing Pier License, linear length of the pier and responsible parties has not changed.
- If applying for a Land or Sell License, I also certify that: *(check the appropriate entry)*
  - I have a commercial fishing license issued by the state of \_\_\_\_\_ (Other than North Carolina).
  - I have a federal permit that allows commercial fishing.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTARY (Only NEW applications must be notarized)**

State: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day and year of \_\_\_\_\_,

Notary Public: \_\_\_\_\_ My Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_