



**North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality
Division of Marine Fisheries
LAND OR SELL LICENSE
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS (REV 2025-12)**

This application is to be completed and signed by individuals applying for a Land or Sell license. The Responsible Party (business agent) **OR** Vessel Master can purchase the Land or Sell License. Businesses requesting a license must have the Responsible Party **OR** Vessel Master complete and sign the application. The Responsible Party is the person who coordinates, supervises or otherwise directs operations of a business entity, such as a corporate officer or executive-level supervisor of business operations and is the person responsible for use of the issued license in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. 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.

Eligibility:

The Responsible Party (business agent) **OR** Vessel Master must have a vessel to be licensed that has a homeport listed on the U.S. Coast Guard Documentation or state vessel registration from any state other than North Carolina and wants to fish beyond the State's territorial (greater than 3 miles in the ocean) waters and wants to land catch in North Carolina.

Additionally, the applicant must provide proof (Provide a **PHOTOCOPY**) of a valid and current commercial license to fish issued from another state and/or a federal permit that allows commercial fishing.

Provide a **PHOTOCOPY** of one of the following current picture identifications of Responsible Party and/or Vessel Master:

- 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 Land or Sell License Application:

- Complete all the applicable Information, including Participant Identification number. This number is listed to the right of the word *Participant #* on your license. If you do not currently have a license with DMF, please leave this box blank.
- Information on the Vessel Master.
- All surveys must be completed.
- Sign and date the application.
- Complete the NC DMF License Certification Form. Form must be notarized if applying for a new license.

A **PHOTOCOPY** of valid out-of-state vessel registration or U.S. Coast Guard Vessel Documentation that has an out-of-state homeport. 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.

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. There is a \$10.00 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.



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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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Select One: New Application Renew Replace Update and/or Change of Vessel Master

Existing License Number If renewal - this number is printed on the license to the right of the words <i>Land or Sell License</i>	
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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)
Check One:				
Driver's License <input type="checkbox"/>	State I.D. <input type="checkbox"/>	Military I.D. <input type="checkbox"/>	Resident Alien I.D. <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:	County:
Home Phone:		Business Phone:		Fax:
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Type of Business Entity (Circle One): Corporation Partnership Sole Proprietorship Organization



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PLEASE COMPLETE REQUIRED ECONOMIC AND VESSEL SURVEY SECTIONS

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

Vessel Survey

Vessel Name:		Vessel Year Built:		Vessel Length:	
Documentation #:		Expire Date / /	Port of Landing:	Vessel Gross Tons:	
State Registration #:		Expire Date / /	Homeport:	Vessel Net Tons:	

Must be completed with the Vessel Master's Information

Participant I.D.	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix
Check One: Driver's License <input type="checkbox"/>	State I.D. <input type="checkbox"/>	Military I.D. <input type="checkbox"/>	Resident Alien I.D. <input type="checkbox"/>	Passport <input type="checkbox"/>
No.	Expire Date / /			
Date of Birth	Primary Residence (State)	E-mail Address		
____ / ____ / ____				
Race	Gender:	Physical Address	Race	
	M / F			
Height	Weight	Address 1:	Address 1:	
		Address 2:	Address 2:	
Eye Color	Hair Color	City: State: Zip:	City: State: Zip:	
		County: Country:	County: Country:	
Home Phone:	Business Phone:	Fax:	Cellular Phone:	
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Signature: _____ (Must be signed to be valid) _____ Date



**North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality
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LICENSE APPLICATION CERTIFICATION FORM
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OFFICE USE ONLY		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: _____