



North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality
Division of Marine Fisheries
**RECREATIONAL COMMERCIAL GEAR LICENSE (RCGL) APPLICATION
INSTRUCTIONS
(REV 2023-12)**

This application is to be completed and signed by individuals applying for a Recreational Commercial Gear license. 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)

A Recreational Commercial Gear License Application:

- If you have moved to the state of North Carolina and have resided within the state for 60 days to six months and consider North Carolina as your permanent residence, you are required to complete the Certification of Eligibility for North Carolina Residency/Domicile.
- Sign the application.

Fees:

- \$70.00 North Carolina Residents + \$1 transaction fee
- \$500.00 Non-Residents + \$1 transaction fee
- Method of payment: Personal check, money order or Cashier check. Make payable to **North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries**. There will be a \$25.00 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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Select One: ☐ New Application ☐ Renew ☐ Update

Existing Recreational Commercial Gear License Number

Select One: ☐ North Carolina Resident
☐ Non-Resident – less than 60 days
☐ Military stationed in North Carolina**
☐ Student in NC School**
** Must provide documentation as proof of residency.

Individual Participant Information

WRC I.D. # (If renewing)	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	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:	City: State: Zip:	
		County: Country:	County: Country:	
Home Phone:		Business Phone:	Fax:	Cellular Phone:
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Applicant signature
Must be signed to be valid

Date

For those individuals applying for a Recreational Commercial Gear license (RCGL):

As of June 2023, an Estuarine Gill Net Permit will be required for anyone who plan to fish anchored gill nets in estuarine waters. This includes the sounds and rivers, but not the ocean.

Anchored nets, also known as fixed or stationary gill nets, are defined as nets anchored or staked to the bottom, or some structure attached to the bottom, on both ends. To ensure compliance with the Federally issued Incidental Take Permits for sea turtles and sturgeon in the estuarine anchored gill net fishery, a condition of this permit is that the fisher agrees to be observed by the DMF's Observer Program.

To help schedule these observed fishing trips, the DMF developed a "call-in system" called the Observer Trip Scheduling System (**OTSS**) that EGNP holders will have to use if they plan on fishing anchored gill nets in the sounds and rivers for a given week. This system will be piloted in the Fall of 2023; with official use of the system by 2024.

If the fisher ONLY fishes drift, runaround, strike, and/or drop gill nets and NOT anchored (set, fixed, stationary) gill nets, then they do not need an EGNP. Drift nets are defined as nets used to capture fish while being moved along by water current and the net is being actively fished and attended from deployment through retrieval, and runaround nets, including strike and drop nets are defined as nets that are set and then immediately retrieved.



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LICENSE APPLICATION CERTIFICATION FORM
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OFFICE USE ONLY

Year _____

PID # _____

License # _____

DMF Staff: _____

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

I, _____ certify that:

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. For commercial fishing licenses, endorsements or registrations I certify that:

- a) 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.
b) 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.

5. 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>.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. For Ocean Fishing Pier License, linear length of the pier and responsible parties has not changed.

9. 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: _____