

# Marine Fisheries

## Black Sea Bass North of Cape Hatteras Dealer Permit

**What Activities Require This Permit?** Licensed dealers purchasing more than 100 lbs. of black seas bass per day per commercial fishing operation harvested from the Atlantic Ocean north of Cape Hatteras.

**What Is The Purpose of This Permit?** For the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) to obtain a list of permitted dealers who are required to report daily landings of black sea bass for quota monitoring purposes.

**Who Issues This Permit?** N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, License and Statistics Section.

**How Much Will This Permit Cost?** No cost.

**What Are My Payment Options for Permit 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 Permit?** Contact any N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries license office. Visit the following link for license sales locations: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/dmf-offices>.

**How Long Will It Take To Review My Application?** No review required.

**Where Do I Submit My Application?** Any N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries License Office. Visit the following link for license sales contact information: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/dmf-offices>.

**How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid?** Permits are valid for up to one year and expire on June 30.

**Notes/Comments:** A valid fish dealer license is required to obtain this permit. There are daily reporting requirements associated with this permit during the black sea bass trawl season. Seasons and trip limits for the trawl fishery are established by proclamation. Outside of that season there is a 100 pound limit on the amount of black sea bass from the ocean that dealers may purchase.

**Legal Authority/Statute Reference:** General Statute 113-169.1, and 113-170.2, NC Fisheries Rules for Coastal Waters 15A NCAC 30.0501, 30.0502 and 30.0506. See also Proclamation FF-43-2003.

**Link:** <http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/marine-fisheries>

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