

# Marine Fisheries

## Harvest Rangia Clams from Prohibited (Polluted) Areas (Permit to)

**What Activities Require This Permit?** Harvesting rangia clams from prohibited areas.

**What Is The Purpose of This Permit?** To identify individuals harvesting rangia clams (freshwater clams) from closed harvest areas.

**Who Issues This Permit?** N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), Habitat Enhancement and Protection 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?** N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, Habitat Enhancement and Protection Section, Morehead City office; phone: (252) 726-7021 or 1-800-682-2632.

**How Long Will It Take To Review My Application?** Up to two weeks.

**Where Do I Submit My Application?** N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, Habitat Enhancement and Protection Section, 3441 Arendell Street, PO Box 769, Morehead City, NC 28557-0769.

**How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid?** Fall of one year (starting date determined by Fisheries Management and Marine Patrol Sections) until May 15 of next year, or as determined by operation.

**Notes/Comments:** Permit issuance is based on harvest area classification, means and methods and times of harvest. Permit criteria includes dealer designation and use of rangia clam meats. The sale of rangia clams from prohibited (polluted) waters requires a plan for disposing of the meats that eliminate the risk of human consumption.

**Legal Authority/Statute Reference:** General Statute 113-169.1 and 113-201; NC Fisheries Rules for Coastal Waters 15A NCAC 3K.0401, 3K.0402, and 3K.0403.

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

### Statewide Contact Information:

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