Marine Fisheries
Recreational Fishing Tournament License to Sell Fish

What Activities Require This Permit? Recreational fishing tournaments that sell their fish to a licensed fish dealer must have this license. Proceeds from the sale of fish must be used for charitable religious, educational, civic or conservation purposes. The license is valid for a specified period of time not to exceed seven days.

What Is The Purpose of This Permit? To license and identify organized fishing competitions that intend to sell the fish to a licensed fish dealer.

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

How Much Will This Permit Cost? $100

What Are My Payment Options for Permit Application Fees? Check or cash

If Paying by Check, Who do I Make the Check Payable to and Where Do I Send the Check? If applying in-person for a permit or license at a NC DMF Field Office, the application and check or cash are submitted at the time of purchase. If renewing a permit or license by mail the applicant must submit the application and check to the NCDMF, License Office, PO Box 769, Morehead City, NC 28557. Please make all checks payable to NCDMF.

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 although the tournament organizer must apply 30 days in advance of the tournament.

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? The license is only valid for the fishing dates of the tournament, or a maximum of seven days.

Notes/Comments: This license is non-transferable. There are reporting requirements associated with this license.

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: General Statute 113-168.4, NC Fisheries Rules for Coastal Waters 15A NCAC 30.0101(a) and 30.0102.

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

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