Marine Fisheries
Transplant Oysters from Seed Oyster Management Areas (Permit to)

What Activities Require This Permit? Moving seed oysters from the state's management areas located in White Oak River, Cedar Bush Bay, Wanchese Marshes, Bay River, and Virginia Creek to private leases.

What Is The Purpose of This Permit? To identify those shellfish harvesters moving seed oysters from the state's seed management areas to private leases or franchises.

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? Two weeks (14 days).

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? Permits are valid from April 1 through mid-October of each year.

Notes/Comments: There are reporting requirements associated with this permit. Immediately following the expiration date of the permit, the number of bushels of seed transplanted must be reported.

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: General Statute 113-203; NC Fisheries Rules for Coastal Waters 15A NCAC 3K.0103.

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

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