Marine Fisheries
Estuarine Gill Net Permit

**What Activities Require This Permit?** This permit is required to use anchored gill nets in coastal waters for either commercial or recreational purposes.

**What Is The Purpose of This Permit?** To identify fishermen using anchored gill nets so they can be contacted to schedule a fishery observer aboard their vessel. Observers in the gill net fishery are required to satisfy requirements of Incidental Take Permits from the National Marine Fisheries Service.

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

**How Much Will This Permit Cost and Who Do I make the Check Payable to?** 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 or on the DMF website. Visit the following link for license sales locations: [http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/dmf-offices](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 or via mail. Visit the following link for license sales locations: [http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/dmf-offices](http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/dmf-offices).

**How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid?** Permits are valid from July 1 through June 30 of each year.

**Notes/Comments:** A valid Standard Commercial Fishing License or Recreational Commercial Gear License is required to obtain this permit.

**Legal Authority/Statute Reference:** General Statute 113-169.5, NC Fisheries Rules for Coastal Waters 15A NCAC 30.0101(a).

**Link:** [http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/marine-fisheries](http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/marine-fisheries)

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