

# Marine Fisheries

## For-Hire Blanket Captains Coastal Recreational Fishing License

**What Activities Require This Permit?** This license, or one of the other for-hire licenses, is required to conduct a for-hire fishing operation in coastal waters. The Blanket Captains license allows an individual who is properly license by the US Coast Guard to operate any for-hire vessel as long as that vessel also has a for-hire vessel license or for-hire endorsement on the Commercial Fishing Vessel Registration.

**What Is The Purpose of This Permit?** This license gives charter captains and guides some flexibility in which vessels they operate and provides for some cost savings.

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

### How Much Will This Permit Cost?

- Six passengers or less \$250 (non-resident \$312.50)
- More than six passengers \$350 (non-resident \$437.60)

**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 or on the DMF website. 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 for this license.

**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>.

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

**Notes/Comments:** This license was meant for charter boat captains and guides who wish to cover the recreational fishing licensing requirements of their patrons. It allows the captain to operate any properly licensed for-hire vessel. The replacement fee is \$5.

**Legal Authority/Statute Reference:** General Statute 113-174.3, NC Fisheries Rules for Coastal Waters 15A NCAC 30.0101(a).

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

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