

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 (brackish clams) from closed harvest areas for the protection of public health.

Who Issues This Permit? N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, Habitat and Enhancement Section.

How Much Will This Permit Cost? No cost.

Where Can I Get The Application For This Permit? N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, Habitat and Enhancement Section, 3441 Arendell Street, Post Office Box 769, Morehead City, NC 28557; phone: 252-726-7021; 1-800-682-2632; 252-808-8056.

How Long Will It Take To Review My Application? Two weeks (14 days) or less.

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

How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid? Determined by proclamation.

Notes/Comments: Permit issuance is based on harvest area classification, means, 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. Mechanical harvest of Rangia clams requires further permitting.

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: N.C. General Statute 113-169.1 and 113-201; N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rules 15A NCAC 03K .0401 - .0403.

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

Statewide Contact Information:

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