

# Marine Fisheries

## Ocean Fishing Pier License

**What Activities Require This Permit?** The license authorizes the manager of an ocean fishing pier to charge the public a fee to fish from a pier within coastal waters. This license was recently combined with the Pier Blanket License and therefore patrons of the pier are not required to hold an individual Coastal Recreational Fishing License.

**What Is the Purpose of This Permit?** Licensing and identification of coastal fishing piers.

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

**How Much Will This Permit Cost?** \$4.50 per linear foot of the pier.

**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 for this license although there may be some time required for the DMF Marine Patrol to validate the pier length.

**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?** All licenses are valid for up to one year and expire on June 30.

**Notes/Comments:** This license is non-transferable. The replacement fee is \$10.

**Legal Authority/Statute Reference:** General Statute 113-169.4, NC Fisheries Rules for Coastal Waters 15A NCAC 30.0101(a).

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

**Statewide Contact Information:**

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