

Marine Fisheries

Striped Bass Commercial Gear Permit (Atlantic Ocean)

What Activities Require This Permit? This permit is required to harvest striped bass from the Atlantic Ocean by gill net, trawl or beach seine.

What Is The Purpose of This Permit? To identify participants engaged in the harvest of striped bass and to limit the gear used by these harvesters. This permit was established to aid the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) in managing the striped bass fishery by limiting participation and setting appropriate quotas.

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

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? Permits are valid from July 1 through June 30, but are only effective during the harvest season established by proclamation.

Notes/Comments: Each permit holder must declare on their application which of the three gears (gill net, trawl or beach seine) they intend to use to harvest striped bass from the ocean. Permit holders will be locked into their gear declaration for three years during which time it cannot be changed. Individuals must have a valid Standard Commercial Fishing License (SCFL) or Retired Standard Commercial Fishing License (RSCFL) and can only obtain one permit per license and per individual. No permits may be transferred except pound net. Contact NCDMF license staff at the Morehead City office for more details.

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: General Statute 113-169.1 and 113-170.2, NC Fisheries Rules for Coastal Waters 15A NCAC 30.0501, 30.0501(g) and 30.0503(k).

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

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