

Recreational Commercial Gear License

Recreational fisherman who want to use a gill net, crab pots* or other commercial gear in North Carolina coastal waters need to purchase a Recreational Commercial Gear License.

The license costs \$35 per year for residents and \$250 per year for non-residents and is available at North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries offices and at many bait and tackle shops. It authorizes the holder to use limited amounts of commercial gear to harvest seafood for their personal consumption. Seafood harvested under this license can not be sold and the license holder must adhere to recreational size and possession limits.

More information about this license and its requirements can be found on the Division of Marine Fisheries Web site at www.ncdmf.net.

*** One crab pot per person with properly marked buoys may be attached to the shore on privately owned land or to a privately owned pier without a license.**



North Carolina Coastal Recreational Fishing License FAQ

If I purchase the new CRFL does it allow me to fish in inland waters? *The CRFL allows you to fish in coastal and joint fishing waters, but not in inland or fresh waters. If you want a license to fish in all state waters, you may purchase a Unified Fishing License.*

What constitutes a disabled veteran under this licensing structure? *To qualify for a Resident Disabled Veteran CRFL, you have to be a veteran that is 50 percent or more disabled as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The license remains valid for the lifetime of the licensee so long as the licensee remains 50 percent or more disabled.*

Are fishermen who use gigs to recreationally harvest fish required to have this license? *Yes.*

I harvest oysters and clams recreationally, do I have to have this license? *No. The CRFL is only required for the recreational taking of finfish.*

I have a lifetime hunting and fishing license issued by the WRC; will this license cover me in coastal waters? *Yes. All license holders who purchase a WRC Lifetime Sportsman or Lifetime Comprehensive fishing license prior to Jan. 1, 2006, will be exempted from purchasing the CRFL.*

Will I need a license to fish on a private or public pier? *Yes, unless the public pier has purchased a blanket license.*

Will I need a license to fish from the shore? *Yes, if you are fishing recreationally for finfish in coastal waters.*

If I have a CRFL, can people fish on my private boat without purchasing a license? *No, they must all have a license if you are fishing in coastal waters, unless they are under 16 years of age.*

What if I lose my license, are replacement licenses available? *Anglers who have lost their license may apply for a another license to be reissued for a \$5 fee.*

Can I sell my catch if I have a CRFL? *No, seafood harvested under this license is for personal consumption and cannot be sold.*

This brochure was prepared by the Town of Ocean Isle Beach with information obtained from the NC Division of Marine Fisheries. For additional information you may visit their website at www.ncfisheries.net or call 252-726-7021 or 800-682-2632.



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North Carolina Coastal Recreational Angler's Guide



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North Carolina Coastal Recreational Fishing License

Effective Jan. 1, 2007, North Carolina requires those age 16 or older to hold a Coastal Recreational Fishing License (CRFL) to saltwater fish in the state. A variety of license options are available, and they can be purchased at many tackle shops, at Division of Marine Fisheries and Wildlife Resources Commission offices and online at www.ncwildlife.org.

Revenues from license sales are used to manage, protect, restore, develop, cultivate, conserve and enhance the marine resource.

Exemptions

Individuals under 16 years of age.
Individuals who purchase any of the following WRC licenses prior to Jan. 1, 2006:

- All categories of Lifetime Sportsman licenses;
- Lifetime Resident Comprehensive Fishing License;
- Lifetime Combination Hunting and Fishing License for Disabled Resident Sportsman;
- Disabled Resident Sportsman;
- Lifetime Fishing License for the Legally Blind; and
- Adult Care Home Resident Fishing License.

For-hire vessels and ocean fishing piers have the option to purchase a blanket license to cover their fishing patrons. When purchasing a Blanket License, vessel operators must provide a copy of the U. S. Coast Guard license that allows taking people for-hire. **Please Note:** Blanket Licenses are ONLY available at DMF offices

Waivers

A free license waiver will be available for subsistence anglers from their local Department of Social Services.



North Carolina Coastal Recreational Fishing License Types

Annual License

State Residents*, age 16 or older - **\$15**
Nonresidents, age 16 or older - **\$30**

10-day License

State Residents*, age 16 or older - **\$5**
Nonresidents, age 16 or older - **\$10**



Lifetime CRFL Licenses

Infant Lifetime: younger than one year - **\$100**
Youth Lifetime: age 1 through age 11 - **\$150**
Resident Adult*: age 12 through age 64 - **\$250**
Nonresident Adult: age 12 and older - **\$500**
Resident Age 65 Lifetime : age 65 and older - **\$15**
Resident Disabled Veteran: 50 percent or more disabled - **\$10**
Resident Totally Disabled: totally and permanently disabled - **\$10**

Annual Unified Sportsman -

(Hunting and Fishing Licenses)

Resident Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License* - **\$55**
Resident Unified Inland/Coastal Recreational Fishing License* - **\$35**

Lifetime Unified Sportsman (Hunting and Fishing Licenses)

Infant Lifetime: younger than one year - **\$275**
Youth Lifetime: age 1 through age 11 - **\$450**
Resident Adult*: age 12 through age 64 - **\$675**
Nonresident Adult: age 12 and older - **\$1,350**
Resident Age 65 Lifetime : age 65 and older - **\$30**
Resident Disabled Veteran: 50 percent or more disabled - **\$110**
Resident Totally Disabled: totally and permanently disabled - **\$110**
Resident Lifetime Unified Inland/Coastal Recreational

Lifetime Unified Inland/Coastal Recreational Fishing Licenses

Resident Legally Blind Unified Inland/Coastal Recreational Fishing License – No charge
Resident Adult Care Home Unified Inland/Coastal Recreational Fishing License – No charge
Resident Subsistence Unified Inland/Coastal Recreational Fishing License Waiver – No charge

- *Out-of-state students attending a university, college, or community college in North Carolina are considered residents.*

Local Wildlife Service Agents for the Ocean Isle Beach Area

Island Tackle
6855-3 Beach Drive
Ocean Isle Beach 910-579-6116

Jimmy Sasser's Marine
6685 Beach Drive
Ocean Isle Beach 910-579-0752

Coastal Hardware & Supply
594 Seaside Road
Sunset Beach 910-579-6006

Wal-Mart
4540 Main Street
Shalotte 910-754-2880

Beach Mart Enterprises
3368 Holden Beach Road
Supply 910-842-2699

Robinson's Hardware
3263 Holden Beach Road
Supply 910-842-4142

Rod & Reel Shop
3401 Holden Beach Road
Supply 910-842-2034

