Fishing License

North Carolina's Coastal Recreational Fishing License is effective January 1, 2007. this license can be purchased on a 10-day, annual or lifetime basis, or combined with a variety of licenses issued by North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC). This license allows recreational fishermen to harvest finfish for personal consumption; finfish harvested under this license cannot be sold. Fishermen using this license are held to the state's recreational size and possession limits. The license is required to recreationally harvest finfish in the state's Coastal Fishing Waters, which include sounds, coastal rivers and their tributaries, out to three miles in the ocean. Recreational anglers, who catch fish in the ocean, including waters beyond three miles, will be required to have this license to land fish. Fishing in Joint Waters (areas managed by both the Marine Fisheries and the Wildlife Resources commissions) will require either this or a WRC inland fishing license. The new license can be purchased at any Division of Marine Fisheries office,on line at WRC's website (www.ncwildlife.org), by calling toll-free (888) 248-6834, orat WRC license agents which includemost Walmart stores,the following tackle shops:*Hatteras VillageTeach's Lair Marina (The Roost)Frisco VillageFrisco TackleFrisco Rod & GunBuxton VillageDillon's CornerRed Drum (only by using the computer yourself and using your credit card)Avon VillageAskins Creek Store (BP and Car Wash)Frank & Fran'sSalvo VillageThe Fishin HoleRodanthe VillageHatteras Jack* Web sites for the above tackle shops can be found on our links page.

To view license options or for more license information, please visit www.ncfisheries.net or call the Division of Marine Fisheries at (252) 726-7021 or (800) 682-2632.