



NORTH CAROLINA AQUARIUM AT PINE KNOLL SHORES  
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Kate Michie, Plan Coordinator  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
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Dear Ms. Michie:

On behalf of the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources Aquariums Division I am requesting a reissuance of the Aquarium's Exempted Fishing Permit. Our last permit (No. F/SER25:JW, SER05-004) expired in June of 2007.

**Purpose:** The permit is needed to continue to incorporate North Carolina native species into the educational exhibits at the three North Carolina Aquariums located on Roanoke Island, Pine Knoll Shores and Fort Fisher, N.C. The North Carolina Aquariums use these displays of native North Carolina habitats and species to teach our visiting public (over 1 million a year) about conservation of these resources. We uphold the highest standards in animal care and are accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA).

**Species and Numbers:** For a two-year permit period we are requesting the following species and total numbers:

16 Speckled Hind	16 silk snapper	300 pounds live rock
16 Red Hind	78 Vermilion snapper	
16 Rock Hind	200 tomtate	
16 Red Grouper	100 small-mouth grunt	
16 Gag	5 common hogfish	
16 Scamp	5 spanish hogfish	
26 Red Snapper	5 Cuban hogfish	
16 Red Porgy	200 cottonwick	
9 Yellowfin grouper	6 blue angelfish	
16 Yellowmouth Grouper	6 queen angelfish	
12 Snowy Grouper	6 grey angelfish	
2 Warsaw	6 French angelfish	
9 Yellowedge Grouper	6 stoplite parrotfish	
16 Graysby	6 blue parrotfish	
16 Coney	6 midnight parrotfish	
84 Yellowtail snapper	6 dwarf goatfish	
26 Schoolmaster snapper	6 yellow goatfish	



**Timeframe and Location:** We would like to collect year-round from Latitude 33° 10' North up to Latitude 36° 30' North (along the N.C. coast) from three miles out to 100 fathoms.

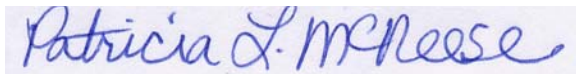
**Gear Types:** We would like to collect using hook and line, monitored trap and SCUBA collection techniques for all species listed above.

**Vessels:** Each of the three Aquariums has a 25' Parker to be used for collecting under this permit and vessels are all by the State of North Carolina (Aquariums Division). The registration numbers for the vessels are: NC5836P (Fort Fisher), NC6008P (Pine Knoll Shores), NC5857P (Roanoke Island).

**Participants:** The following Husbandry Department personnel from the three Aquariums will be the primary participants involved in collecting: Paul Barrington, Hap Fatzinger, Brian Germick, Keith Farmer, Patricia McNeese, Brian Dorn, Stuart May, Steve Broadhurst, Jeff McBane, Clint Taylor, John Mauser, Ben Wunderly, Olivia Burrus, Frank Hudgins, Patrick Murphy, Britton Purtee, Wynne Hopkins, Lauran Jozik, Heather White, Lori Watkins, and Christian Guerreri.

Additional information including boat registrations will be sent separately as soon as possible. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments at 252-247-4003, ext. 267 or [patricia.mcneese@ncmail.net](mailto:patricia.mcneese@ncmail.net). Thank you!

Sincerely,



Patricia L. McNeese, Conservation and Research Coordinator  
North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores

