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2010 Commercial Harvesting Permits

The 2010 permits are valid from October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010. The cost for the permit is \$150. A permit is required for each individual engaged in the commercial harvesting of clams, crabs, fish, oysters, shrimp and bait fish within the boundaries of Canaveral National Seashore and/or Merritt Island Wildlife Refuge. Commercial Harvesting Permits may not be used for Commercial Guide Services.


To apply for a Commercial Harvesting Permit, please attach a photo copy of your SPL and boat registration (if applicable) to your completed permit application, and submit your paperwork to Canaveral National Seashore headquarters office. [Permits are no longer issued at Apollo Beach or Seminole Rest].

To expedite the processing of your permit, applicants are advised to attach copies of individual fishing licenses (SPL) and boat registration(s) to their completed application. It is not necessary to bring your original fishing license or boat registration(s) to the office. Legible copies will suffice.

Please allow **10 business days** to process your Commercial Harvesting Permit, as a satisfactory criminal background check is now required of all applicants before a permit can be issued. Incomplete or illegible applications will not be processed until the deficiency has been corrected.

Necessary documentation required to obtain a Commercial Harvesting Permit include the following:

1. Permit application form filled out completely
2. Signed & dated permit conditions acknowledgement form
3. Copy of your valid Saltwater Products License (SPL)
4. Copy of your valid boat registration (if applicable)



Chief Ranger
Canaveral National Seashore

COMMERCIAL HARVESTING PERMIT APPLICATION – 2010

**For Harvesting Clams, Oysters, Fish, Crabs, Shrimp or Bait Fish
from the waters of
Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge or
Canaveral National Seashore**

Permit #

Date _____

Name _____

[Leave Blank]

Address _____
Street or P.O. Box

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone () _____

Social Security # _____ **DOB:** _____

Commercial Activities you are applying for:

Clamming _____ **Crabbing** _____
Fishing _____ **Shrimping** _____
Oystering _____ _____

Salt Water Products License Number _____ Individual

V# _____ **marker color** _____ **KL #** _____
(Crabbing) (Required for clamming in Brevard County)

X# _____ **RS Endorsement** **Yes / No** **(circle one)**
(Stone Crabs)

The Following Vessels Will Be Used In Commercial Harvesting

FL Number	Vessel Name	Length	Color	Description/Make

I have read and understand the special conditions of the Commercial Harvesting Permit. I certify that the above is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that failure to comply with all permit conditions and catch log reporting requirements may result in termination of the permit and/or disqualify me from obtaining future permits. There are no refunds on permit fees.

Signature _____

Date _____



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COMMERCIAL HARVESTING PERMIT CONDITIONS

This Commercial Harvesting Permit covers activities in waters administered by Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge and Canaveral National Seashore (Mosquito Lagoon, north Indian River Lagoon, and north Banana River.) Commercial harvesting of seafood products from these waters is authorized with the purchase of this permit, together with applicable Federal, state, and local licensing requirements. The permit fee is \$150.00 and is valid from October 1st through September 30th, annually. Each individual harvesting, handling, or transporting seafood products from these waters must obtain and carry this permit. Commercial activities covered under this permit include, but are not limited to crabbing, clamming, oysters, fishing, and harvesting shrimping for commercial purposes. Commercial Harvesting Permits are issued at Canaveral National Seashore's headquarters office.

Permit Conditions:

- Commercial harvesting is allowed in the Indian River, Banana River, and Mosquito Lagoon except for Kennedy Space Center security areas. All impounded waters (waters inside a dike) are closed to commercial harvesting.
- Each vessel used for commercial harvesting operations must be identified on the Commercial Harvesting Permit. Please list boat registration number (FL#), V number (Crabbing,) and KL number (clamming #) when you obtain your permit. A KL license is required for commercial clamming in Brevard County waters (waters south of marker 29 in Mosquito Lagoon).
- A valid Saltwater Products License (SPL) is required to obtain a permit.
- Oysters and clams must be taken by hand and/or hand rake. Mechanical devices are not permitted.
- Certain waters can be closed to shell fishing harvesting periodically. It is your responsibility to keep informed of these changes. The Florida Marine Patrol publishes maps depicting current closures and area status is available 24 hours a day by calling (321) 383-2740.
- Nighttime boat launching (between sunset and sunrise) is permitted only by Bairs Cove, Beacon 42 ramp, and the Public Boat Ramp on A1A at Canaveral National Seashore in New Smyrna Beach.
- Air thrust boats and personal watercraft are prohibited from operation in all Refuge waters, and all waters of Canaveral National Seashore, including the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW), from Marker 13 south to Haulover Canal.
- Numerous manatee protection zones are found within the waters of the Refuge and Seashore. All protection zones are clearly identified with signs. Heed all signs and abide by posted limits. Boats are restricted to Idle Speed in Bairs Cove and slow speed/minimum wake in

Haulover Canal. All waters of Mosquito Lagoon are regulated under State and Federal laws. A Manatee Sanctuary is established in the Banana River and motorized vessels are excluded from most of these waters. See Refuge Sports Fishing Regulations for more information.

- Commercial fishing is not permitted in Eddy Creek, Patillo Creek, and KARS Marina from December 15th through March 31st.
- Camping and open fires are permitted in designated sites and under permit from Canaveral National Seashore. Camping is not permitted within the Refuge.
- All Federal and State laws apply to all firearms.
- Two “Pole & Troll” Zones exist in Mosquito Lagoon and are delineated with buoys. Internal combustion motors must be shut off within the zones (except in the posted channels) and vessels drafting more than 12 inches at rest must not enter. Boats may operate internal combustion engines only in the posted channels but electric trolling motors may be used anywhere within the zones.
- Monthly catch logs must be maintained and copies provided to Canaveral National Seashore.
- Violation of permit regulations or state laws may result in the suspension or revocation of your commercial harvesting permit.

SIGNATURE

DATE

Note: Please direct questions regarding these conditions, fishing laws, regulations or equipment requirements to a Park Law Enforcement Ranger or Fish & Wildlife officer.



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COMMERCIAL PERMIT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK RELEASE FORM

Print name: _____
[Full name - last, first, middle]
** Please enter "NMN" if you do not have a middle name **

Date of Birth: _____
[Month-Day- Year]

Drivers License Number: _____ State _____

Residence: _____
[Street Address]

[City]

[State]

[Zip Code]

By my signature below I hereby authorize a criminal background check to be conducted by a duly authorized Law Enforcement Ranger for the purpose of determining my eligibility for this commercial permit.

Signature

Date



Commercial Permit Issuance/Suspension/Termination Policy

This Policy addresses issuance, suspension, and termination of commercial permits including Commercial Use Authorization, Commercial Harvest Permits, Commercial Photography Permits and other Commercial Use Authorizations/Special Use Permits for commercial activities.

Background: Commercial activities on Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) and Canaveral National Seashore (Seashore) are increasing and collectively the Refuge/Seashore issues more than 100 commercial permits each year. The Refuge and Seashore share in the management of Mosquito Lagoon and work in cooperation to issue commercial permits for fishing guides (Commercial Use Authorizations) and individuals that harvest crabs, clams, fish and oysters (Commercial Harvest Permits). The Refuge and Seashore also issues Commercial Use Authorizations/Special Use Permits for commercial kayaking, commercial land tours, commercial waterfowl hunting guides, and commercial photography. There have been several occasions when a person holding a commercial permit has been convicted of several offenses of violating Refuge, Seashore, State of Florida (State), and/or other federal resource regulations. These resource violations include, but are not limited to, Refuge, Seashore, State or federal fishing and/or hunting violations, Refuge Pole and Troll Zone or No Motor Zone(s) violations, failure to obtain required Refuge/Seashore permits, or federal and/or State manatee zone violations. The Refuge/Seashore needs a policy for dealing with commercial permit holders that chronically violate resource and other laws and regulations.

Policy Statement: Applicants for commercial permits on Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge and/or Canaveral National Seashore will undergo background checks for previous law and regulation violations, i.e., manatee speed zone violations, pole-troll zone/no motor zone violations, state and federal game and fish violations, commercial permit non-compliance violations, safety violations, DUI/BUI violations, firearms violations, felony convictions, and convictions involving resisting a law enforcement officer. Commercial permits will not be issued to individuals with more than three resource or other violations within the past five years. For those individuals receiving a commercial permit, the Refuge and Seashore will suspend a commercial permit for 60 days effective on the date of conviction for a second instance of a violation as outlined above within a 5-year period. The Refuge and Seashore will terminate a commercial permit for one year effective on the date of conviction for a third instance of a violation as outlined above within a 5-year period. If a Commercial Permit is suspended or terminated, the permit holder will have no claim for reimbursement for any portion of the commercial permit that remains unused. Authority to suspend or terminate permits is given in 50CFR25.43 and 36CFR, 1.6.