



United States Department of the Interior

National Park Service
Canaveral National Seashore
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Fish and Wildlife Service
Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge
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2016 Commercial Harvesting Permits

The 2016 Commercial Harvesting permits are valid from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016. 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 or other commercial business activities.

To obtain a Commercial Harvesting Permit, apply at Canaveral National Seashore, 212 S. Washington Avenue, Titusville, FL 32796. Processing time is approximately four business days, but may be longer during peak renewal period.

Permit applications that are illegible or missing required information or copies of valid licensing documentation cannot be processed.

If applying by mail, attach a legible copy of your SPL fishing license (SPL) and commercial use boat registration(s) to your application.

Payment must accompany your application. Please make your check or money order payable to "National Park Service".



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COMMERCIAL HARVESTING PERMIT Application Instructions

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To apply for a Commercial Harvesting permit, submit your complete application along with the \$150.00 permit fee, to Canaveral National Seashore headquarters office. Payment may be by personal check or money order made payable to: NATIONAL PARK SERVICE. Cash (exact amount only) is accepted when applying in person. (Do not send cash if you are submitting your application by mail).

In the "Description of Proposed Activity" section of this application, please describe the specific types of harvesting you will engage in, i.e., clamming, fishing, crabbing, shrimping, oystering, etcetera.

The following application documents are required:

- Special Use Permit application (completed & signed).
- Signed permit conditions acknowledgement form

The following documents must be presented to obtain a commercial harvesting permit:

- Photo identification
- Valid Commercial Saltwater Products License (SPL) issued to applicant
- Valid Commercial Vessel Registration issued to applicant (if you use a boat)

Persons who apply by mail must provide **legible** photo copies of eligibility verification documents.



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Application for Special Use Permit

Please supply the information requested below. **Attach additional sheets, if necessary, to provide required information.** A nonrefundable processing fee of **\$150.00** must accompany this application unless the requested use is an exercise of a First Amendment right. You must allow sufficient time for the park to process your request; check with the park for guidelines. You will be notified of the status of the application and the necessary steps to secure your final permit. Your permit may require the payment of cost recovery charges and proof of liability insurance naming the United States of America as also insured.

Applicant Name:	Telephone #:
Organization Name:	Cell phone #:
Social Security or Tax ID #:	Fax#:
Street/Address:	Email:
City/State/Zip Code:	

Proposed activity: **COMMERCIAL HARVESTING**

Preferred Date	Preferred Location	Preferred Time
Alternate Date(s)	Alternate Location(s)	Alternate Time(s)

Alternatives will be considered if first choice is not available.

Maximum Number of Participants _____ Maximum Number of Vehicles _____

List of equipment (i.e. tables, chairs, grills, sound system, etc.)

Individual in charge of activity onsite (include cell phone number) and authorized to make decisions related to the permitted activity:

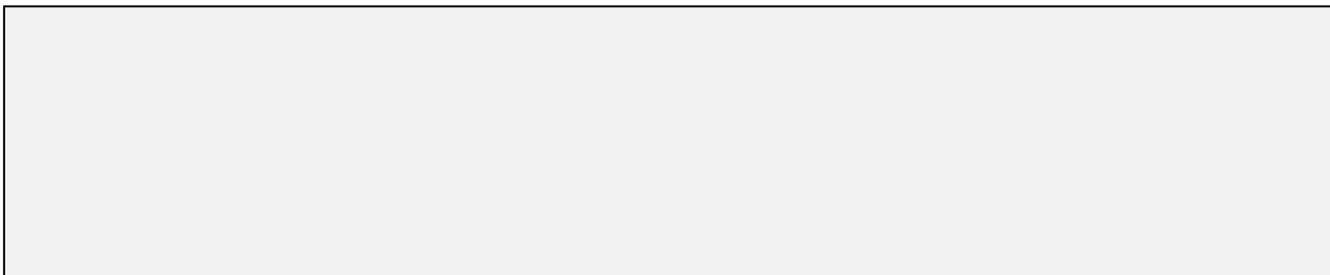
Have you visited the requested area? Y N
 Is this an exercise of a First Amendment rights? Y N

The applicant by his or her signature certifies that all the information given is complete and correct, and that no false or misleading information or false statements have been given.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: This is an application only, and does not serve as permission to conduct any special activity in the park. The information provided will be used to determine whether a permit will be issued. Send the completed application along with the application fee in the form of a cashier's check or money order made payable to **National Park Service** to the "Permit Coordinator" at the Park address found on the first page of this application.

If your request is approved, a permit containing applicable terms and conditions will be sent to you. The permit must be signed by the responsible person and returned to the park for final approval by the Park Superintendent before the permitted activity may begin.



Notice to Customers Making Payment by Personal Check: When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us either to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction. When we use information from your check to make an electronic fund transfer, funds may be withdrawn from your account as soon as the same day we receive your payment, and you will not receive your check back from your financial institution.

NOTICES

Privacy Act Statement: The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) provides that you be furnished with the following information in connection with information required by this application. This information is being collected to allow the park manager to make a value judgment on whether or not to allow the requested use. Applicants are required to provide their social security or taxpayer identification number for activities subject to collection of fees and charges by the National Park Service (31 U.S.C. 7701). Information from the application may be transferred to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, when relevant to civil, criminal or regulatory investigations or prosecutions.

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: We are collecting this information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501) to provide the park managers the information needed to decide whether or not to allow the requested use. All applicable parts of the form must be completed in order for your request to be considered. You are not required to respond to this or any other Federal agency-sponsored information collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including the time it takes to read, gather and maintain data, review instructions and complete the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, National Park Service, 1849 C Street, NW (1237), Washington, D.C. 20240.

Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 makes it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.



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COMMERCIAL HARVESTING PERMIT CONDITIONS

This Commercial Harvesting Permit covers activities in waters administered by Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) 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:

- The Federal government, its agents, and employees, cannot be held liable for property damage, bodily injury, or death caused by the permittee's use of park lands in connection with the permit, and permittee agrees to pay the National Park Service for any costs incurred associated with any claims.
- Commercial harvesting is allowed in the Indian River, Banana River, and Mosquito Lagoon except for Kennedy Space Center security areas. All impounded waters of Merritt Island NWR and Canaveral National Seashore (waters inside a dike) are closed to commercial harvesting.
- 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 Department of Agriculture publishes maps depicting current closures and area status is available 24 hours a day on their website: www.floridaaquaculture.com/SEAS_maplinks/82.htm, or by calling 850-488-5471.
- Nighttime boat launching (between sunset and sunrise) is permitted only at 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 Merritt Island NWR waters, and all waters of Canaveral National Seashore (excluding 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 [Merritt Island NWR Sports Fishing Regulations](#) for more information.
- Permit holder must comply with all Federal and State firearm laws.
- 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 a copy provided to Canaveral National Seashore at the end of each month. (Do not submit a quarterly or annual compilation of monthly reports.)
- Violation of permit regulations or state laws may result in the suspension or revocation of your commercial harvesting permit.

SIGNATURE

DATE

- FOR OFFICE USE ONLY -

Applicant has valid SPL: (Y / N)

R/S endorsement: (Y / N)

SPL presented issued to permit applicant: (Y / N)

Valid commercial vessel registration: (Y / N)

Boat registered to permit applicant: (Y / N)

Identification form presented: _____

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