

15A NCAC 10C .0214 FISH COLLECTORS

- (a) **Collection Licenses.** The Executive Director is authorized to license qualified individuals to take or collect any species of fish from the inland fishing waters of the State, or game fish from the joint or coastal waters, other than an endangered or threatened species. Such license shall be issued upon payment of a fee of five dollars (\$5.00), except that licenses may be issued to representatives of educational or scientific institutions or of governmental agencies without charge. Such license may be used in lieu of any other fishing license required by law and shall authorize possession and transportation of the fish incidental to the authorized taking.
- (b) **Qualifications of Licensees.** In addition to representatives of educational or scientific institutions and governmental agencies, the collection license may be issued to any individual for any worthwhile purpose that is not deemed inimical to the conservation of the species to be collected or to some other fish or wildlife resources that may be dependent thereon.
- (c) **Methods of Taking.** The manner of taking fish under a collection license may be specified by the Executive Director and need not be restricted to the usual methods of lawful fishing.
- (d) **Term of License.** The Executive Director may, in his discretion, impose time limits, but unless so restricted the license shall be valid from January 1 through December 31 of the applicable year.
- (e) **Report of Collecting Activity.** Each individual licensed under this Rule shall submit a written report to the Executive Director within 15 days following the date of expiration of the license. The report shall be on a form supplied by the Wildlife Resources Commission and shall show the numbers of each species taken under the license and the use or disposition thereof. The Executive Director may require additional information for statistical purposes such as the dates and places of the taking and the sex, size, weight, condition, and approximate age of each specimen taken. Such additional information may be required on the form of report or by a separate writing accompanying the form.
- (f) **Other Requirements and Restrictions.** The Executive Director may, in his discretion, impose such other requirements and restrictions on persons licensed under this Rule as he may deem to be necessary to the efficient administration of the wildlife conservation laws and regulations.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-272.4;
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