

2009 Commercial Harvesting Permits Canaveral National Seashore / Merritt Island Wildlife Refuge

The 2009 permits are valid from October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009. 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 one of the offices identified below. Canaveral National Seashore headquarters is the primary permit processing office.

Commercial Harvest Permit application forms are available on our [park website](#), by mail, or at either of the following locations:

1. Canaveral National Seashore Headquarters in Titusville
2. Canaveral National Seashore's North District (Apollo Beach)

To expedite the processing of your permit, applicants are requested 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.

Permit processing times vary according to the number of applications received at any given time, and the inclusion of all required (and legible) documentation. Please allow **5 business days** to process your Commercial Harvesting Permit. 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

Payment is due at the time your permit is issued. Make checks payable to "National Park Service"

COMMERCIAL HARVESTING PERMIT APPLICATION - 2009

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 # _____

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 any of these conditions may result in termination of the permit and/or disqualify me from obtaining future permits. There are no refunds on permit fees.

Signature _____

Date _____

Commercial Harvesting Permit Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge & Canaveral National Seashore

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 (check or money order) and is good from October 1st through September 30th, annually. This permit can be acquired at Canaveral National Seashore's headquarters office. If you'd prefer to purchase it at the Visitor Center in New Smyrna Beach, please call (386) 428-3384 before arriving. 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.

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 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 in all refuge waters. North of the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW) Channel Marker 19 in Canaveral National Seashore, personal watercrafts are restricted. Contact Canaveral National Seashore for more details.
- 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 north of Haulover Canal are regulated under state rules. 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 north of ICW Marker #19 in designated sites and under permit from Canaveral National Seashore. Camping is not permitted within the Refuge.
- Firearms are prohibited in all areas.
- 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.
- State catch logs must be maintained and copies provided to Canaveral National Seashore.
- Violation of permit regulations or state laws could result in revocation of your commercial harvesting permit.

SIGNATURE

DATE

Note: Please direct specific questions regarding the above laws, regulations or requirements to a Canaveral National Seashore Law Enforcement Ranger or Merritt Island Fish & Wildlife officer.