



SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
INLAND FISH – SCIENTIFIC COLLECTION PERMIT

Post Office Box 167
1000 Assembly Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, Freshwater Fisheries Section, is responsible for the conservation and management of the State's freshwater fisheries resources. A Scientific Collecting Permit is required when collection methods or harvest are not legal under general licenses, such as sportfishing or commercial fishing licenses. Scientific Collecting Permits are only issued when agency judgment indicates the obtained information will benefit resource management efforts. The attached application form is intended to streamline the process.

General Guideline/Conditions

(Applicable to all issued permits)

1. **FEE:** A non-refundable processing fee of \$10.00 per application is required. In cases where one permit is issued to an organization, the named permittee is responsible for others in the organization operating under the guidelines of the permit.
2. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** A permit is valid for up to one year from date of issuance until the end of that calendar year.
3. **REVIEW PERIOD:** Up to a 20 working day review period may be required before the permit is issued. Applicants who desire permit issuance on January 1 should generally be submitted by November 25th to insure adequate review time.
4. **PROPER DISPOSAL OF SPECIMENS:** Whenever possible, specimens should be returned alive to the waterbody from whence they came. If fish must be sacrificed, they must be disposed of in an appropriate manner, such as burial. Fish collected under a permit must not be used for personal consumption or gain.
5. **LISTED SPECIES:** Unless specially listed on the permit collection, transport, or possession of state or federally listed species is not allowed.
6. **NOTIFICATION OF FIELD SAMPLING:** The appropriate Regional Fisheries Biologist (see list) and Regional Law Enforcement Officer (see list) should be notified of planned sampling at least 24 hours in advance. Where long-term intensive field studies are planned, it may be appropriate to provide an anticipated sampling schedule.
7. **MARKING OF GEAR:** Unattended sampling gear must be marked with permittee's name and permit number. Failure to properly identify ownership of the sampling device will result in removal of that device and revocation of the collecting permit.
8. **MARKING OR TAGGING FISH:** If study design necessitates marking or tagging, the applicant is required to furnish a **full description**, including identifying codes.

9. SAMPLING DATA: As per section 50-11-1180 the permittee shall submit a report at the end of the permit period of the specimens collected and of other information as may be included on the report form, which will be furnished to the Department. Received data may be used for management decisions.

10. APPLICATION: Approved applications will be issued a wallet sized permit with basic information.

11. CORRESPONDENCE: Direct all correspondence to:

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources
Freshwater Fisheries – Scientific Collecting Permit
Post Office Box 167
Columbia, SC 29202

12. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: SCDNR



Inland Scientific Collecting Permit (Instructions - Reference Attached Form)

1. Self Explanatory.
2. Self Explanatory: Provide basic professional qualifications.
3. If more than a single stream or pond will be sampled, request a permit for the sub-basin(s) where sampling will occur (the 15 sub-basins in South Carolina are identified on the enclosed map).
4. Note that the use of toxicant(s) will be severely restricted, while gill net use is discouraged where possible.
5. "Teaching" indicates the collections will be for educational purposes only. "Research" indicates a hypothesis is being tested by an educational institution, governmental agency or privately held firm. "Contracted Survey" indicates a fee is being received by the applicant to perform research or conduct a survey.
6. It is essential that a separate page of Part II of the application be filled out for each major objective under investigation. A study Plan for each proposed project must be attached using additional sheet(s). For example if Professor A wishes to study darter distribution in the Saluda sub-drainage and feeding habits of blue catfish in Lake Brown, two descriptions of the basic study plan are needed. Provide any additional information or questions relative to the application.
7. Estimate the number of individual fish targeted.
8. Copies of field data sheets must be made available to the Department of Natural Resources upon request. Failure to file reports shall be considered grounds for refusing renewal of the collecting permit.
9. Please provide any additional information or questions relative to the application.

***Failure to file reports shall be considered grounds for refusing renewal of future collecting permit(s).**



INLAND FISHERIES SCIENTIFIC COLLECTING PERMIT
(Part 1)
(Please Print or Type)

1. Applicant: _____
Institution: _____
Address: _____

Phone: (Office) _____
(Home) _____

INTERNAL USE ONLY	
Application Fee:	_____
Date Received:	_____
Date Issued:	_____
Permit Number	_____

2. Applicant's Job Title: _____
Applicant's Education: _____
Experience: _____

Names of Subordinates: _____

(Provide names of those that will sample with direct supervision of applicant)

3. Desired Permit Type:
Sub-Basin(s) _____ *Water Bodies/County(s) _____

Single Site _____ Waterbody Name _____
County _____

4. Method(s): **(Study Plan Required)**
Electrofishing _____ Toxicant (name) _____
Traps _____ Trawl _____
Gill/Trammel nets _____ Seine _____
Other (name) _____

5. Purpose(s):
Education: _____
Research _____
Contracted monitoring survey _____
Other _____

Inland Fisheries Scientific Collecting Permit
(Part II)
(Please Print or Type)

6. Study title **required for permit (one form per study):**

Objective: _____

Study plan should include the following:

- (a) Project Leader
- (b) Specific Water Body(s)
- (c) Details/description of study, per site
- (d) Site Coordinates (if available)
- (e) Purpose
- (f) Objective
- (g) Schedule/sampling frequency
- (h) Species targeted
- (i) Hypothesis, if research is conducted

7. Estimate of fish to be collected:

Less than 100 _____
100 – 1,000 _____
Over 1,000 _____

8. Reporting Format

- (a) Excel Spreadsheet _____
Text File _____
- (b) CD _____
E-mail _____

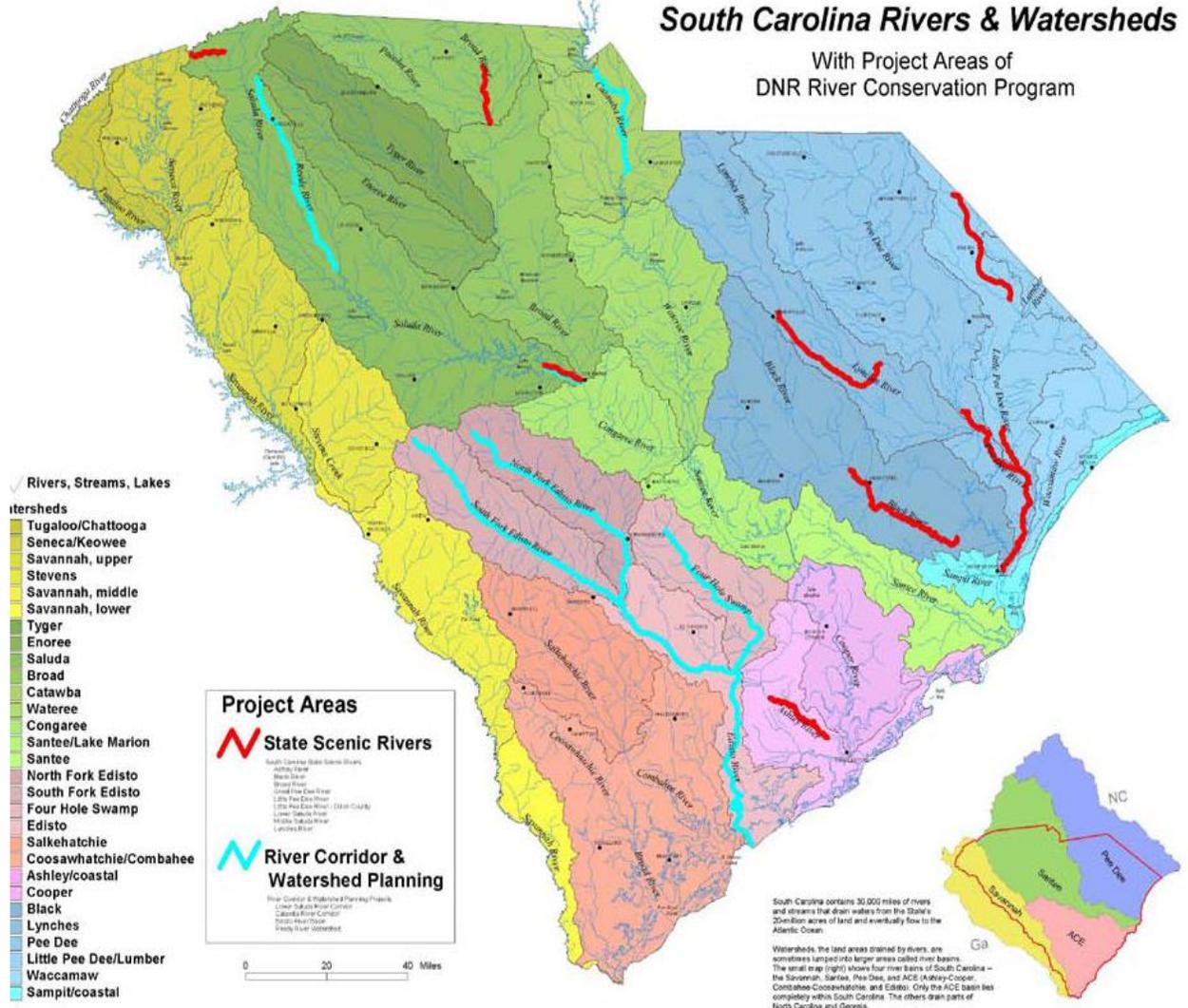
(Report may be e-mailed to InlandfishPermit@dnr.sc.gov)

9. General Comments:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

South Carolina Rivers & Watersheds

With Project Areas of
DNR River Conservation Program



Freshwater Fisheries Regional Biologist
and
Counties of Responsibilities

<p><u>Region I (Piedmont)</u></p> <p>Dan Rankin 311 Natural Resources Drive Clemson, SC 29670 rankind@dnr.sc.gov</p> <p>864-654-6346 ex. 12</p>	<p>Oconee, Pickens, Greenville, Anderson, Laurens, Spartanburg, Cherokee, Abbeville, Greenwood, Union, McCormick, Edgefield Counties</p>
<p><u>Region 2 (Catawba – Pee Dee)</u></p> <p>Robert Stroud 4037 India Hook Road Rock Hill, SC 29732 stroudr@dnr.sc.gov</p> <p>803-366-7024</p>	<p>York, Chester, Fairfield, Lancaster, Kershaw, Chesterfield, Marlboro, Darlington, Lee, Dillon, Marion, Florence, Williamsburg Counties</p>
<p><u>Region 3 (Central)</u></p> <p>Hal Beard 2726 Fish Hatchery Road West Columbia, SC 29172 beardh@dnr.sc.gov</p> <p>803-955-0462</p>	<p>Newberry, Saluda, Lexington, Richland, Aiken, Barnwell, Bamberg, Allendale, Sumter, Calhoun, Clarendon, Orangeburg Counties</p>
<p><u>Region 4 (Coastal)</u></p> <p>Scott Lamprecht 305 Black Oak Road Bonneau, SC 29431 lamprechts@dnr.sc.gov</p> <p>843-825-3387</p>	<p>Horry, Georgetown, Berkeley, Dorchester, Colleton, Charleston, Hampton, Jasper, Beaufort Counties</p>

Regional Law Enforcement Officers
and
Counties of Responsibilities

<p><u>Region 1</u></p> <p>Captain Mike Isaacs 311 Natural Resource Drive Clemson, SC 29670 isaacsmj@dnr.sc.gov</p> <p>864-654-6346</p>	<p>Oconee, Pickens, Greenville, Anderson, Laurens, Spartanburg, Cherokee, Abbeville, Greenwood, Union, McCormick, Edgefield Counties</p>
<p><u>Region 2</u></p> <p>Captain Daniel McCaskill 295 S. Evander Dr. Florence, SC 29506 mccaskilld@dnr.sc.gov</p> <p>843-661-4766</p>	<p>York, Chester, Fairfield, Lancaster, Kershaw, Chesterfield, Marlboro, Darlington, Lee, Dillon, Marion, Florence, Williamsburg Counties</p>
<p><u>Region 3</u></p> <p>Captain Harvin Brock Post Office Box 167 Columbia, SC 2902 brockh@dnr.sc.gov</p> <p>803-755-1822</p>	<p>Newberry, Saluda, Lexington, Richland, Aiken, Barnwell, Bamberg, Allendale, Sumter, Calhoun, Clarendon, Orangeburg Counties</p>
<p><u>Region 4</u></p> <p>Captain Gentry Thames Post Office Box 12559 Charleston, SC 29412 thamesg@dnr.sc.gov</p> <p>843-953-9307</p>	<p>Horry, Georgetown, Berkeley, Dorchester, Colleton, Charleston, Hampton, Jasper, Beaufort Counties</p>