



## EXPERIMENTAL GEAR PERMIT APPLICATION

Completed application must be submitted at least eight weeks before the start of the permit.

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If a renewal, previous permit number: \_\_\_\_\_ MRC ID (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

• Gear type used on previous permit: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Purpose of permit (submit formal proposal with application), including target species:**

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**Collection area(s):**

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**Sampling gear(s): (Please describe and include photos/drawings of gear):**

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**Vessel name/number (if applicable):**

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**Frequency of Activity (daily, weekly, etc.):**

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**Additional personnel:**

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**Affiliation:**

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**\*If additional space is needed for additional personnel, please send in list with application.**

**Disposition of catch (kept/discarded/dead/alive):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Dates of requested permit:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Standards of Permit:**

1. If you are targeting any species managed commercially or recreationally, exact species and estimated number and total weight of collections must be specified. No sharks may be collected without a special permit.
2. A copy of your collection permit must be available for presentation by any designated project personnel to any Police Officer, during all phases of collection activities.
3. A copy of any **activity report or results** from your project must be submitted to the VMRC annually.
4. All bycatch and incidental catch must be returned to the water immediately after collecting the necessary information.
5. Any protected resource interactions (sea turtles, marine mammals, and sturgeon) should be reported to VMRC within 24 hours with the disposition of the animal (released unharmed, released injured, or dead).

6. Applicant agrees to allow their data to be used by VMRC in presentations regarding the permit.
7. Applicant is required to allow VMRC observers to accompany trips with advance notice.
8. Applicant may be required to maintain a logbook of activities, catch, and observations.

**“I certify under penalty of law that the information submitted in this application is to the best of my knowledge true, accurate, and complete. I agree to the permit conditions provided on this application and to any additional conditions on my permit. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment.”**

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**Applicant Name**

TYPED SIGNATURE IS AUTHORIZED AND BINDING PER CODE OF VIRGINIA §59.1, CHAPTER 42.1 ET SEQ.

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**Staff Only:**

Date application received:
Employee Designation:
Date Completed: