

North Carolina National Estuarine Research Reserve



Research Permit Conditions

General Rules:

- The Research permit is good for the duration of the study or three years, whichever comes first. Permits may be renewed if more time is needed to complete the project.
- The Permittee must comply with all Reserve rules and regulations (see either NC Administrative code, Title 15: subchapter 70 or [North Carolina National Estuarine Research Reserve Management Plan](#) and with any other applicable state and federal regulations.
- It is the permittee's responsibility to be aware of legal obligations. All other required permits (e.g. NC Division of Marine Fisheries collecting permits) are the responsibility of the Permittee.

Field Site Guidelines:

- Carry a copy of the permit when you go into the Reserve. Reserve staff or other law enforcement officers have the right to request to see your research permit.
- All experiments and equipment left in the field during a project should be clearly marked with the Researcher's name and address. The Research Permit number should be attached. Failure to abide by these guidelines may result in the removal of these items by reserve staff.
- All experiments, trash, or equipment related to the project must be removed from the Reserves within one month from the end of the project. This is a condition for research in the Reserves and failure to meet this condition will result in revocation of research privileges in the Reserves and will affect chances for future funding by the National Estuarine Research Reserve Program.
- If there are deviations during the project that involve physical or chemical disturbances the Permittee should contact the [Reserve Research Coordinator](#) to discuss permit revisions.

Project Updates:

- Open communication with reserve staff about project developments are required. Staff will periodically reach out to permittees, or vice versa, for information (e.g., research briefs, photos, etc.) related to permitted project(s) that can be shared with the general public.
- A final project report is required. It may consist of a short review of what was accomplished or a full copy of the paper(s) that resulted from work in the Reserves. Even if a short report is submitted, we would like to receive copies of any subsequent publications, reports, or dissertations/theses that result from work in the Reserve components.