



**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**FRESHWATER SCIENTIFIC COLLECTION PERMIT**

Post Office Box 167  
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

[www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/publications/pdf/FreshwaterScientificCollectionPermitApplication.pdf](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/publications/pdf/FreshwaterScientificCollectionPermitApplication.pdf)

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Freshwater Fisheries Section is responsible for the management and conservation of the State's freshwater fisheries resources. A Freshwater Scientific Collection Permit is required when collection methods or harvests are not legal under general licenses, such as sportfishing or commercial fishing licenses. Freshwater Scientific Collection 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**

1. **APPLICATION FORM:** The application form must be mailed to the Department of Natural Resources. **Applications sent electronically will not be processed.**
2. **FEE:** A non-refundable processing fee of \$10.00 per application is required **and must be mailed with the application.** **PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: SCDNR**
3. **PERMITS ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE:** All individuals leading field collections must be a named permittee and on site during collecting events. When one (1) permit is issued, the named permittee is responsible for others operating under the permit and must be on site during collection.
4. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** A permit is valid from date of issue until the end of that calendar year.
5. **APPLICANT REVIEW PERIOD:** A thirty (30) business day review period may be required before the permit is issued.
6. **PROPER DISPOSAL OF SPECIMENS:** Return live specimens to the waterbody they came from. If specimens must be sacrificed, they must be disposed of in an appropriate manner such as burial. Specimens collected under a permit must not be used for personal consumption or gain.
7. **PROTECTED SPECIES:** Possession of federally listed species require federal permits in addition to the South Carolina Freshwater Scientific Collection Permit. When determining which species to target in study plans, applicants should review the species of greatest conservation need listed in the most recent State Wildlife Action Plan (<https://www.dnr.sc.gov/swap/species2015.html>) and avoid their take/sacrifice to the greatest extent possible to meet study objectives.
8. **NOTIFICATION OF FIELD SAMPLING:** The appropriate Regional Fisheries Biologist and Regional Law Enforcement Officer (see enclosed lists) should be notified of planned sampling at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance. Provide an anticipated sampling schedule if long-term intensive field studies are planned.
9. **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.
10. **MARKING OR TAGGING SPECIMENS:** If study design necessitates marking or tagging, the applicant is required to furnish a **full description** of the marking method and/or device, including identification codes.

11. **FRESHWATER SCIENTIFIC COLLECTION PERMIT:** Approved applicants will be issued a wallet sized permit stating specific information relative to the intent of the permit.
12. **SAMPLING DATA REPORT:** As per the “Code Of Laws Of South Carolina” 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 must be furnished by the department. A Sampling Data Report must be submitted whether collection took place or not. More information can be found at: <https://scientific-collection-permits-scdnr.hub.arcgis.com/> and by selecting the 'Reporting' card. This reporting format is required for all issued permits moving forward. Data received may be used for management decisions.

SCDNR must be notified within thirty (30) days when any non-native species (those that are not already established in the wild) are collected during the sampling allowed under the scientific collection permit. Send notice of the location where the species were collected and any photographs taken to the permit correspondence contact (Dell Martin). **Failure to file reports shall be considered grounds for refusing renewal of future collection permits.**

13. **PERMIT CORRESPONDENCE:** Direct all correspondence to:

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources  
Freshwater Scientific Collection Permit  
Post Office Box 167  
Columbia, SC 29202  
[MartinD@dnr.sc.gov](mailto:MartinD@dnr.sc.gov)  
(803) 734-3891



**Freshwater Scientific Collection Permit Application  
(Instructions - Reference Attached Form)**

**Part I**

Self Explanatory.

**Part II**

- 1. OBJECTIVE:** State each major objective under investigation. A study plan for each proposed project must be submitted. 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. Study plan must be submitted with application. (Separate Document)

Study Plan Should Include the Following:

- Project Leader
- Specific Waterbody(ies) / Sub-Basin(s) / Applicable County(ies)
- Site Coordinates (If Available)
- Purpose
- Objective
- Hypothesis, if Research is Conducted
- Field Collection Method(s)
- Schedule/Sampling Frequency
- Species Targeted / Sacrificed

- 2. WATERBODY(IES) /SUB-BASIN(S) / APPLICABLE COUNTY(IES):** If more than a single waterbody will be sampled, request the permit for the waterbody(ies), sub-basin(s) and applicable county(ies) where sampling will occur. (Reference the interactive map online at <https://scdnr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=5d92bc60251b4b3492db69071a3ae1ed> or the attached map.)
- 3. Will this be a Community Survey?**      Yes/No
- 4. SPECIES TO BE TARGETED / SACRIFICED:** List species to be targeted and estimate the number of individuals to be sacrificed. Avoid conservation priority species where possible.
- 5. SAMPLING METHOD(S):** Gillnet use is discouraged. The use of toxicants is severely restricted.
- 6. PURPOSE(S):** “Education” 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.



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(Please Type or Print)

**Part I**

Applicant Name: _____	Organization: _____	INTERNAL USE ONLY	
Street Address: _____		Application Fee:	
City: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____	Date Received:	
Business Phone: _____	Cell Phone: _____	Permit Number:	
E-mail: _____		Date Issued:	
Applicant's Job Title: _____		Date Mailed:	
Applicant's Education: _____			
Experience: _____			

**Part II**

1. Objective: (Full study plan must be included with application)

2. Waterbody(ies) / Sub-Basin(s) to be Sampled / Applicable County(ies):

Waterbody / Sub-Basin	County	Waterbody / Sub-Basin	County

3. Will this be a Community Survey? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4. Species to be Targeted / Sacrificed: (Maximum Number - By Species)

Species	Qty. Targeted	Qty. Sacrificed	Species	Qty. Targeted	Qty. Sacrificed

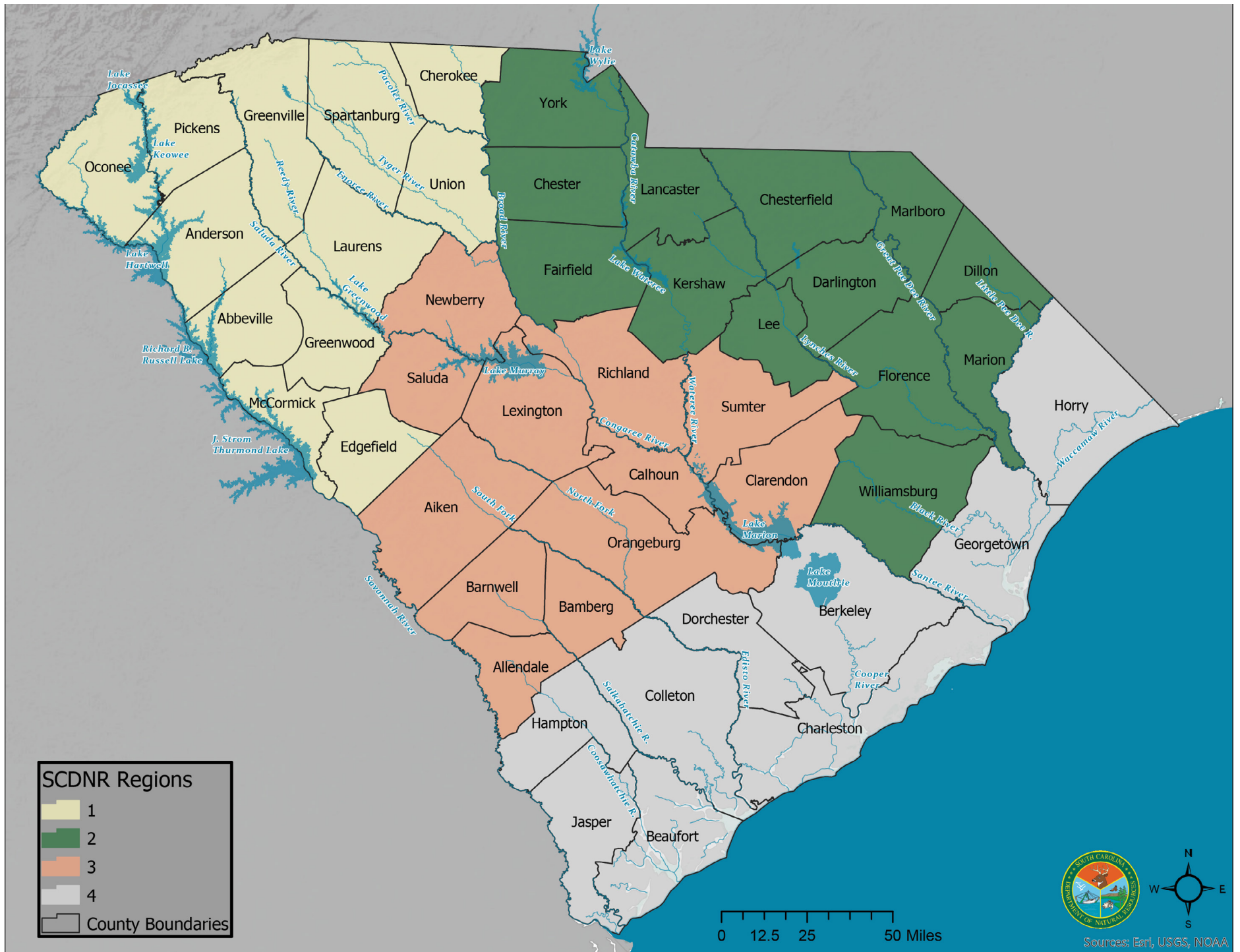
5. Sampling Method(s): (Check All That Apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Backpack / Boat Electrofishing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Seine	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trawl
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gill / Trammel Nets	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tagging	<input type="checkbox"/>	Toxicant (Name) _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hook and Line	<input type="checkbox"/>	Traps	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) _____

6. Purpose(s): (Check All That Apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Contracted Monitoring Survey
<input type="checkbox"/>	Research	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) _____

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Sources: ERI, USGS, NOAA



**Freshwater Fisheries Regional Biologist**  
**and**  
**Counties of Responsibilities**

<p><b><u>Region I (Piedmont)</u></b></p> <p>Dan Rankin  311 Natural Resources Drive  Clemson, SC 29631  <a href="mailto:RankinD@dnr.sc.gov">RankinD@dnr.sc.gov</a>  864-986-6246</p>	<p>Oconee, Pickens, Greenville, Anderson, Laurens, Spartanburg, Cherokee, Abbeville, Greenwood, Union, McCormick, Edgefield Counties</p>
<p><b><u>Region 2 (Catawba – Pee Dee)</u></b></p> <p>Preston Chrisman  935 East Main Street  Rock Hill, SC 29730  <a href="mailto:ChrismanP@dnr.sc.gov">ChrismanP@dnr.sc.gov</a>  803-280-0922</p>	<p>York, Chester, Fairfield, Lancaster, Kershaw, Chesterfield, Marlboro, Darlington, Lee, Dillon, Marion, Florence, Williamsburg Counties</p>
<p><b><u>Region 3 (Central)</u></b></p> <p>Jason Bettinger  1921 Van Boklen Road  Eastover, SC 29044  <a href="mailto:BettingerJ@dnr.sc.gov">BettingerJ@dnr.sc.gov</a>  803-353-8232</p>	<p>Newberry, Saluda, Lexington, Richland, Aiken, Barnwell, Bamberg, Allendale, Sumter, Calhoun, Clarendon, Orangeburg Counties</p>
<p><b><u>Region 4 (Coastal)</u></b></p> <p>Steve Meyer  305 Black Oak Road  Bonneau, SC 29431  <a href="mailto:MeyerS@dnr.sc.gov">MeyerS@dnr.sc.gov</a>  843-809-2870</p>	<p>Horry, Georgetown, Berkeley, Dorchester, Colleton, Charleston, Hampton, Jasper, Beaufort Counties</p>



**Regional Law Enforcement Officers**  
**and**  
**Counties of Responsibilities**

<p><b><u>Region 1 (Piedmont)</u></b></p> <p>Captain Daniel Baker  311 Natural Resource Drive  Clemson, SC 29670  <a href="mailto:BakerD@dnr.sc.gov">BakerD@dnr.sc.gov</a></p> <p>864-550-0174</p>	<p>Oconee, Pickens, Greenville, Anderson, Laurens, Spartanburg, Cherokee, Abbeville, Greenwood, Union, McCormick, Edgefield Counties</p>
<p><b><u>Region 2 (Catawba – Pee Dee)</u></b></p> <p>Lt. Benjamin Byers  295 S. Evander Drive  Florence, SC 29506  <a href="mailto:ByersB@dnr.sc.gov">ByersB@dnr.sc.gov</a></p> <p>864-616-2130</p>	<p>York, Chester, Fairfield, Lancaster, Kershaw, Chesterfield, Marlboro, Darlington, Lee, Dillon, Marion, Florence, Williamsburg Counties</p>
<p><b><u>Region 3 (Central)</u></b></p> <p>Captain John Bedingfield  2762 Wildlife Lane  West Columbia, SC 29172  <a href="mailto:BedingfieldJ@dnr.sc.gov">BedingfieldJ@dnr.sc.gov</a></p> <p>803-609-6830</p>	<p>Newberry, Saluda, Lexington, Richland, Aiken, Barnwell, Bamberg, Allendale, Sumter, Calhoun, Clarendon, Orangeburg Counties</p>
<p><b><u>Region 4 (Coastal)</u></b></p> <p>Captain Dennetta Dawson  217 Ft. Johnson Road  Charleston, SC 29412  <a href="mailto:DawsonD@dnr.sc.gov">DawsonD@dnr.sc.gov</a></p> <p>803-609-6817</p>	<p>Horry, Georgetown, Berkeley, Dorchester, Colleton, Charleston, Hampton, Jasper, Beaufort Counties</p>