

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES**  
**APPLICATION FOR GILL NET PERMIT (15 – GNET)**  
(Under Authority of § 29.1-412 and § 29.1-416 of the Code of Virginia, 4 VAC 15-340-30)  
**For Permit Period November 1 through March 31 (or part thereof)**

NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE: \$8.00 for each net operated

PERMIT (Check One):  NEW  RENEWAL PREVIOUS PERMIT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE: This permit is valid only for gill nets to be used in VA Beach (Back Bay and North Landing River only). VMRC issues gill net licenses for VMRC jurisdictional waters only.** VMRC may be reached at 1-800-541-4646.

PRIVATE USE \_\_\_\_\_ COMMERCIAL USE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Mr. \_\_\_\_ Mrs. \_\_\_\_ Ms. \_\_\_\_ Miss.

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Last 4 of SSN \_\_\_\_\_

Last 4 of Driver's Lic# \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Gill Net Permits Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8.00 Each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*A Separate Tag Must Be Issued For Each Net\***

Send this application and a check or money order made payable to TREASURER OF VIRGINIA for \$8.00 for each net tag to: Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources, Permits Section, P. O. Box 3337, Henrico, VA 23228

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APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

By my signature above, I hereby certify that all entries made on this application are true and complete, and I agree and understand that any falsification of information herein, regardless of time of discovery, may result in denial or revocation of my permit. TYPED SIGNATURE IS AUTHORIZED AND BINDING PER CODE OF VIRGINIA §59.1, CHAPTER 42.1, ET SEQ.

## GILL NET PERMIT PERMIT CONDITIONS

- A. A gill net permit shall authorize the holder to take nongame fish during the times, in the waters and for the purposes authorized by the Department of Wildlife Resources (C and D below). A gill net shall not be more than 300 feet in length. The mesh size shall be not less than 1 1/2 inch bar or square mesh (3-inch stretched mesh). Applicants must annually purchase tags for each net the applicant intends to operate and attach a Department tag to each net prior to use. A single permit will be issued to the permittee and shall list each tag number the permittee has been issued. All nets must be checked daily and all game fish returned to the wild.
- B. The holder of a gill net permit must be present with the net at all times when it is being set and checked for fish. The holder may have others to assist him, and such persons assisting are not required to have a permit. However, those assisting the permittee must meet the fishing license requirements of the Commonwealth.
- C. Gill nets may be used in the City of Virginia Beach in Back Bay and its natural tributaries (not including Lake Tecumseh and Red Wing Lake) and North Landing River from the North Carolina line to Pungo Ferry (not including Blackwater River) for the taking of nongame fish for table use and also for sale from November 1 through March 31, both dates inclusive. Gill nets set in Back Bay and North Landing River waters must be at least three hundred (300) feet from any other net and be at least three hundred (300) feet from the shoreline. All such nets must be marked at both ends and at least every one hundred (100) feet along the length of the net with a 5" x 12" (minimum dimensions) float.
- D. Each gill net permit holder is required to report all fish species harvested and/or sold for the permit year. This mandatory reporting will be by species, and submitted on an annual basis using the Mandatory Harvest Reporting Form for Gill Net Permittees provided by the Department. The report form can be found on the last page of the application packet. All reports must be submitted to the VDWR Permits Section by the 5<sup>th</sup> of April each year. All reports must be received by the Permits Section before the permit can be renewed for the following year.

Annual reports can either be emailed to [collectionpermits@DWR.virginia.gov](mailto:collectionpermits@DWR.virginia.gov) or mailed to: Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources, Permits Section, P O Box 3337, Henrico, VA 23228-3337.

- E. 4 VAC 15-290-130 of the Virginia Administrative Code requires that a permit holder shall comply with all terms and conditions of any permit issued by the Department of Wildlife Resources pursuant to Title 29.1 of the Code of Virginia and the regulations of the board pertaining to hunting, fishing, trapping, attempting to take, possession, sale, offering for sale, transporting or causing to be transported, importing or exporting, propagating, exhibiting, and rehabilitating of any wild bird, wild animal or fish. The penalty for violation of this section is a Class 3 misdemeanor unless another penalty is specified.

F. Federal, State or Local Laws: This permit does not absolve the permittee of any responsibilities or conditions of any other Federal, State or Local laws and regulations, including those that apply to Threatened/Endangered (T&E) Species.

G. Fish Species Harvest Restrictions

1. The following species of nongame fish may be harvested and /or sold with a VDWR gill net permit: Striped Mullet, Yellow Perch, White Perch, Gizzard Shad, White Catfish, Channel Catfish, Blue Catfish, Brown Bullhead, Yellow Bullhead, Common Carp, Longnose Gar, Bowfin, Spot, Atlantic Croaker, Atlantic Menhaden, Black Drum, Hickory and American Shad (10 per day, in aggregate), size and creel limits exist for certain species.
2. The following list of fish species may not be harvested at any time with a VDWR gill net permit: Largemouth Bass, Bluegill (and all other species of sunfish), Black Crappie, Chain Pickerel, Striped Bass, Red Drum, Spotted Sea Trout (Speckled Trout), Gray Trout, Southern Flounder, Alewife, Blueback Herring.



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