

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES**  
**APPLICATION FOR GILL NET PERMIT (Back Bay and North Landing River only) (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 \_\_\_\_\_

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 Game and Inland Fisheries, Permit Section, P O Box 3337, Henrico, VA 23228

Have you been convicted of violating any federal or state wildlife laws or wildlife-related regulations within the past 5 years?

Yes  No  If "yes", year and nature of offense \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 §1-13.32 AND §2.1-7.4

## CONDITIONS OF GILL NET PERMIT

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 Game and Inland Fisheries (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 300 feet from any other net and be at least 300 feet from the shoreline. All such nets must be marked at both ends and at least every 100 feet along the length of the net with a five-inch by twelve-inch (minimum dimensions) float.

### D. Reporting Requirements

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 VDGIF 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@dgif.virginia.gov](mailto:collectionpermits@dgif.virginia.gov) or mailed to: VDGIF, Permits Section, P O Box 3337, Henrico, VA 23228-3337

E. Regulation 4 VAC 15-290-130 states that a permit holder shall comply with all terms and conditions of any permit issued by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries 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 Species.

G. Fish Species Harvest Restrictions

1. The following species of nongame fish **MAY** be harvested and /or sold with a VDGIF 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 VDGIF 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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Annual Mandatory Harvest Reporting Form for Commercial Gill Net Permittees

\*\*Completed Annual Gill Net Permit Reporting Form must be mailed and received by VDGIF by the 5<sup>th</sup> of April each year. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to report "No Activity" when no activity occurs during a permit year.

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VDGIF Gill Net Permit Holder \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date (mm/dd/yy) # Nets Fished BB or NLR Fish Species Harvested (in pounds)

EX. 11/10/15 2 BB white perch-110, catfish-40, gizzard shad -29

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