

# Legislation Changes Saltwater Recreational Fishing License Requirements

## What fishing requirements have changed?

Individuals recreationally fishing from shore (beach, bank, private dock, free public pier, etc.) and those recreationally shrimping and crabbing will be required to have a saltwater recreational fishing license.

## Who is required to have a fishing license?

The new legislation will require all who recreationally harvest fish, oysters, clams, shrimp, and crab to have a saltwater recreational fishing license. Individuals under the age of 16 will be exempt from licensing requirements and senior and disability license holders will not need to purchase an additional saltwater license. Additional exemptions include, individuals fishing on a licensed public fishing pier; individuals fishing on a licensed charter vessel; individuals crabbing with 3 or fewer drop nets, 3 or fewer fold up traps, or 3 or fewer handlines with no hooks and one bait (chicken necking); and individuals shrimp baiting (will still be required to purchase a shrimp baiting license.)

## When will the changes occur?

Saltwater fishing license requirements will change July 1, 2009.

## Why did the changes occur?

Changes to SC's saltwater recreational fishing license will provide better information about recreational catch, which will lead to better management of SC's valuable marine resources.



## Saltwater Fishing License Basics

### • License Types & Fees

Annual Resident	\$10	
Annual Non-resident	\$35	
14-day Resident	\$ 5	
14-day Non-resident	\$11	
Senior License*	\$ 9	
Disability License**	NO COST	

### • License Term

Annual licenses valid from July 1 - June 30

14-day licenses valid 14 days from date of purchase

\* Must be a domiciled SC Resident for six months immediately prior to application and have attained 64 years of age. Includes the saltwater fishing privilege.

\*\*Must be a domiciled SC resident for one year prior to application and determined to be totally disabled. 3 Year Disability Fishing License includes the saltwater fishing privilege. See SCDNR *Rules & Regulations* for application.

## What benefits do I get from the changes?

With the license changes, SC anglers will simply need to purchase one license to fish anywhere in both state and federal waters. Revenue generated from saltwater recreational fishing license sales will be used to directly benefit SC's marine recreational resources.

## Where can I buy a fishing license?

Saltwater recreational fishing licenses can be purchased online by visiting [www.dnr.sc.gov](http://www.dnr.sc.gov); by telephone calling 1-866-714-3611, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; or by visiting SCDNR license sales agents across the state. To learn more information about the saltwater recreational fishing license or about SC saltwater recreational fishing visit [www.dnr.sc.gov](http://www.dnr.sc.gov).

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