

Veteran's Appreciation Freshwater Fishing – Resident

Code of Alabama

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Section 9-11-53 RESIDENT LICENSE - FRESHWATER FISHING

(a) Any person who has been a bona fide resident of this state for a period of not less than 90 days next preceding and who is age 16 or older, but who has not yet reached the age of 65, shall not take, catch, kill or attempt to take, catch, or kill any fish in any of the waters of this state above that line defined in Rule 220-2-.42 (1) of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources as published in the Alabama Administrative Code, as well as below that line in any of the ponds or lakes containing freshwater fish, subject to the exceptions contained herein, by any means, except designated commercial fishing gear and wire baskets, expressly allowed by law or regulation without first procuring an Annual Resident Freshwater Fishing License and paying therefor the sum of eleven dollars (\$11), plus a one dollar (\$1) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 2 of the act adding this language; provided, however, that U.S. military veterans otherwise meeting the requirements of this section who are certified by the U.S. Veterans Administration as 20 percent or more disabled shall be entitled to purchase an alternative license to the annual resident freshwater fishing license to be known as the Disabled Military Veterans Appreciation Fishing License for a license fee of two dollars (\$2) plus a one dollar (\$1) issuance fee. All persons making application for the license provided for in this section shall present a valid Alabama driver's license or in the case of nondrivers proof of permanent residence. All licenses required by this section shall bear the Alabama driver's license number of the licensee, except in the case of nondrivers and active duty military personnel stationed in Alabama and their spouses and dependents who reside with them, and all licenses shall bear proof of residence as required by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a member of the United States military stationed in Alabama on active duty, and his or her spouse and their dependents who reside with them, shall be deemed an Alabama resident for the purpose of procuring this license. Active duty military personnel stationed in Alabama and their spouses and dependents who reside with them shall provide military orders that assign them to Alabama. These licenses shall be issued in the manner and under the conditions, limitations, and exemptions as expressly provided for in this section. Persons obtaining the annual resident freshwater fishing license shall also be entitled to all of the privileges of the wildlife heritage license.

Section 9-11-82 GAME FISH DESIGNATED.

For the purposes of this title the following shall be named and designated as game fish: largemouth and smallmouth black bass, commonly called trout or green trout; bream, crappie or perch and all other members of the sunfish family, including rock bass or goggle eye, calico bass, warmouth, redbreast, white perch, speckled perch, bluegill and copper nose; walleye pike, sauger or jack salmon, jack fish or pickerel and all other members of the pickerel and pike families; and white lake bass, commonly called striped bass, yellow bass and other members of the bass family; also, the saltwater striped bass or rock fish when taken in fresh water.

Section 9-11-87 MEANS OF CATCHING GAME FISH GENERALLY.

It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch or kill or attempt to take, catch or kill any game fish by any other means than ordinary hook and line, artificial lure, troll or spinner in any of the public waters of this state. Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00.