

DISABLED MILITARY VETERAN'S APPRECIATION ANNUAL FRESHWATER FISHING LICENSE

Valid: Sept 1 – Aug 31

Resident

Alabama Game, Fish and Wildlife Law; Article 2; beginning with 9-11-53

PRIVILEGE:

- *Allows qualifying resident disabled military veteran to fish in public freshwaters of state.*
- *License purchase includes privileges of the Wildlife Heritage License. Wildlife Heritage License includes: fishing in freshwater statewide with hook and line from the bank; fishing in WFF operated Public Fishing Lakes (daily lake permits required); hunting small game, except waterfowl, on WFF Wildlife Management Area (WMA map/permit required); and shooting on WFF managed shooting ranges.*

RESTRICTIONS:

- *Applicant must show certification from Veteran's Administration showing a disability of 20% or more.*
- *Daily creel limits, possession limits and size limits are updated periodically. See Regulation 220-2-.35 attached for current information.*
- *The selling of skipjack taken from public waters of the Tennessee River and its impoundments and tributaries prohibited, see Regulation 220-2-.170. (Effective October 14, 2024 – December 31, 2029).*

NOTE:

- *All applicants must first present their driver's license(s).*
- *You are considered a Non-Resident IF you have an Alabama Driver's License or Non-Driver's ID and you possess a valid driver's license from another state.*
- *Applicants with multiple driver's license are not considered Alabama residents and must use their out-of-state driver's license to purchase non-resident licenses.*
- *License not required to fish from bank only in county of residence with ordinary hook and line or private lakes or ponds.*

HUNTER EDUCATION:

- *License purchase includes privileges of the Wildlife Heritage License, which has limited hunting privileges. UTILIZING THE HUNTING PRIVILEGES WILL REQUIRE A HUNTER EDUCATION ID NUMBER. Applications without HUNTER EDUCATION ID NUMBER will result in 'supervision required' status for hunting privileges. If supervision is selected, it only applies to the hunting privileges.*

COST:

- *\$ 3.55*

HOW TO PURCHASE YOUR LICENSE:

- *Visit your local **Probate Office** or **License Commissioner***
- *Visit the **Montgomery Office** (see address below)*
- *Mail a completed application (download at www.outdooralabama.com/license-information) to:*
 - Dept. of Conservation, Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries, Attn: License Sales*
 - *PO Box 301456, Montgomery, AL 36130-1456*
 - *64 N Union St., Ste. 567, Montgomery, AL 36104 (overnight/express)*



DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES DIVISION
DISABLED MILITARY VETERAN'S APPRECIATION ANNUAL
FRESHWATER FISHING LICENSE

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LICENSE COST: STATE \$ 3.55

LICENSE HOLDER: all information is required.

PRINT OR TYPE ONLY INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED

Name: _____ CID #: _____

*Social Security #: _____ - _____ - _____ Driver's License # _____

Date of Birth: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Hm _____ Wk _____ Cl _____

Enter Hunter Education State & ID Number¹: _____

Sex: _____
Male
Female
Wt. _____
Ht. _____
Eyes: _____
Hair: _____
Race: _____

You must attach certification from the Veteran's Administration indicating 20% or more disabled

This license includes privileges of the Wildlife Heritage License. This license includes: fishing in freshwater statewide with hook and line from the bank; fishing in WFF operated Public Fishing Lakes (daily lake permits required); hunting small game, except waterfowl, on WFF WMA (WMA map/permit required); and shooting on WFF managed shooting ranges.

¹ UTILIZING THE HUNTING PRIVILEGES INCLUDED WITH THE WILDLIFE HERITAGE LICENSE WILL REQUIRE A HUNTER EDUCATION ID NUMBER. Applications without HUNTER EDUCATION ID NUMBER will result in 'supervision required' status for hunting privileges. If supervision is selected, it only applies to the hunting privileges.

Submit: (1) completed application, (2) check or money order, (3) copy of driver's license, and (4) copy of disability statement to: Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources, Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Div., Attn: License Sales, PO Box 301456, Montgomery, AL 36130-1456, or by walk-in or express mail requests: 64 N Union Street, Ste 567, 36104. Questions: (334) 242-3465 or dcnr.wfflicense@dcnr.alabama.gov.

License can also be issued by WFF District Offices & County Probate Office/License Commissioner.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Check [] to be excluded from list sold by DCNR. If blank, you will be included.

License Number: _____ Amount Received: _____ Date Issued: _____

*DCNR IS NOW REQUIRED BY SECTION 30-3-194(A) CODE OF ALABAMA 1975 TO COLLECT SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS ON ALL RECREATIONAL LICENSES BEING ISSUED/RENEWED.

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THE NEW 2024-2025 COLLECTIBLE HARD CARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

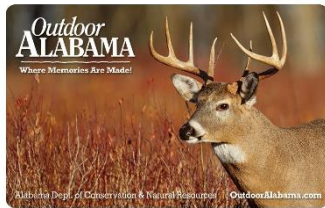
These credit card style cards are a collectible keepsake of your hunting and fishing memories.

- Each card is \$5.00 and should be received shortly after your purchase.
- Which is your favorite annual card? Select one.
- Your name, information, and annual hunting and fishing privileges will be displayed on the back.

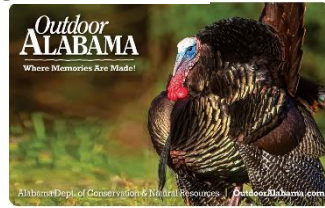
**ONLY SELECTED ANNUAL HUNTING AND FISHING PRIVILEGES CAN BE DISPLAYED.
ALL OTHER PRIVILEGES (TRIPS, ETC.) WILL DISPLAY ON THE PAPER LICENSE.**

Please indicate which designs you would like:

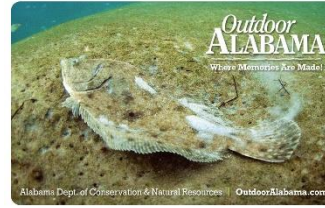
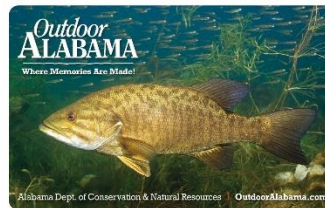
Deer Design



Turkey Design



Watchable Wildlife Design



Freshwater Fishing Design

Saltwater Fishing Design

2nd Amendment Supporter

Collectible Hard Cards _____ X \$5.00 each = TOTAL: \$ _____

ROUND-UP YOUR LICENSE COST:

You can now 'round-up' the total cost of your recreational license purchase to the next dollar and your donation will help support research for wildlife, freshwater or saltwater fishing or shooting sports.

My Total License Cost is \$ _____ and I would like to round-up to \$ _____

I would like my donation to support research for: \$___ Wildlife \$___ Freshwater Fish \$___ Saltwater Fish \$___ Shooting Sports

MAKE A 1-TIME DONATION:

You can make a 1-time donation to help support research. You can select any or all wildlife, freshwater fishing and/or saltwater fishing.

I would like my donation to support research for: \$___ Wildlife \$___ Freshwater Fish \$___ Saltwater Fish \$___ Shooting Sports

DID YOU KNOW?:

- The Division does not receive any state tax dollars.
- The Division is solely funded through license sales.
- Each license dollar is matched with federal funds through excise tax on sporting firearms, ammunition, fishing rods and reels, fishing line, and other related hunting and fishing equipment.

Your support is valuable in promoting wise stewardship, management, and enjoyment of our natural resources.

If you would like any of these options, complete that section and attach to your application.

Payment for license and optional items can be included in one check or money order.

Veteran's Appreciation Freshwater Fishing – Resident

Code of Alabama

www.legislature.state.al.us

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.

Regulation 220-2-.35

Seasons, Creel and Size Limits for Fish on Public Waters or Banks Thereof

- (1) The following seasons for taking fish in accordance with the below stated times, places, manners and restrictions are hereby established. Unless noted below, the seasons for all designated game and commercial fish are open continuously.
- (2) It shall be unlawful for any person to take or have in possession more than the daily limit for any fish as established herein. This shall not apply to fish held live for release by the sponsor or its designated agent after a bonafide fishing tournament provided they are released unharmed to the public waters from which they were taken as soon as reasonably possible on the same day they were taken. This does not obligate the sponsor or its designated agent to release dead or dying fish.
- (3) Except as otherwise noted, it shall be unlawful to possess any fish less than or greater than size restrictions as established herein. Size restrictions on all fish are determined by measuring from the front of the mouth to the tip of the tail with both mouth and tail closed. Except as otherwise provided for certain State and Federally owned and/or managed fishing lakes and ponds, the daily creel, possession limits and size restrictions for fish in all public waters of this State shall be as follows:

DAILY CREEL LIMITS, POSSESSION LIMITS AND SIZE LIMITS

- (a) **Black Bass**.....**10**
Includes combinations of largemouth, smallmouth, spotted, Alabama, shoal and those species formerly known as “redeye” bass, which are now known separately as Coosa, Warrior, Cahaba, Tallapoosa and Chattahoochee bass, based on their respective drainages. The Alabama bass was formerly known as spotted bass in the Mobile drainage. No more than 5 of the daily creel limit of 10 may be smallmouth bass. See exceptions for shoal bass in specific tributaries of the Chattahoochee River.
- (b) **Walleye****2**
It shall be illegal to take or attempt to take walleye by any method from Sweetwater Lake located in the Talladega National Forest, Cleburne County, from White Plains Lake (also known as Whitesides Mill Lake), Calhoun County and from Shoal Creek upstream of White Plains Lake, Calhoun and Cleburne Counties. It shall also be illegal to take or attempt to take walleye by any method from Lake Mitchell on the Coosa River between Mitchell Dam and Lay Dam or from its tributary streams, Walnut Creek in Chilton County, Hatchet Creek in Coosa and Clay Counties, Weogufka Creek in Coosa County, the Mulberry Fork River and the Sipsey Ford River or any of their tributary streams in Blount, Cullman, Lawrence, Walker, or Winston Counties. Any walleye taken in these lakes or streams shall immediately be released back into the waters from which they were taken with least possible harm.
- (c) **Sauger****5**
It is illegal to possess any Sauger less than 15 inches in total length.
- (d) **White Bass**.....**15**
- (e) **Yellow Bass**.....**15**
- (f) **Saltwater Striped Bass, and Hybrids or Combinations****15**
No more than five of the 15 may exceed 22 inches in total length. See exceptions for Lewis Smith, Inland, Yates, and Thurlow reservoirs and Lake Martin.
- (g) **Crappie****30**
It is illegal to possess any crappie less than nine inches in total length taken from Alabama public waters, including Aliceville Reservoir and Pickwick Reservoir. Waters exempt from the nine-inch crappie limit include impoundments less than 500 surface acres, and the reciprocal waters of the Chattahoochee River and Impoundments and their tributaries, Bear Creek Reservoir (Big Bear Lake of the B.C.D.A. Lakes), Lake Jackson at Florala and Weiss Reservoir. See exception for Weiss Reservoir.
- (h) **Yellow Perch** **No Limit**
- (i) **Catfish** (under 34 inches)..... **No Limit**
- (j) **Catfish** (over 34 inches).....**1**
This size limit shall not apply to catfish harvested from the Perdido, Conecuh, Blackwater, Yellow, Choctawhatchee, Chipola, and Chattahoochee rivers basins. It shall be unlawful to transport live catfish 34 inches in length or greater beyond the boundaries of this state.
- (k) **Bream****50**
- (l) **Rainbow Trout**.....**5**
It shall be unlawful to fish with more than two rods or to cull from the creel any trout caught from the Sipsey Fork from Lewis Smith Dam downstream to the confluence with the Mulberry Fork. (See paragraph 5).
- (m) **Alligator Gar****1**
All alligator gar caught with commercial me fishing gear must be immediately returned to the water with the least possible harm.
- (n) **Sturgeon**..... **Closed Season**
All sturgeon must be immediately returned to the water with the least possible harm.
- (o) **Paddlefish or Spoonbill** **Closed Season**
Except for those holders of special commercial harvest permits, all paddlefish must be immediately returned to the water with the least possible harm.
- (p) **Skipjack Herring****50**
- (4) **SIZE LIMITS** - As provided for above, as posted in State and Federally owned and/or managed public fishing lakes and ponds, and as follows:
 - (a) **Chattahoochee River Tributaries** - It is illegal to possess shoal bass in Little Uchee, Uchee, Osanippa, Halawakee and Wacoochee creeks.
 - (b) **Guntersville Reservoir and Its Tributary of Town Creek** - It is illegal to possess any largemouth or smallmouth bass less than 15 inches in total length.
 - (c) **Harris Reservoir** - It is illegal to possess any largemouth bass between 13 inches and 16 inches in total length.
 - (d) **Lake Jackson at Florala** - Creel limit of five black bass greater than 12 inches in total length. Only one of the five can be over 22 inches in total length.
 - (e) **Inland Reservoir** - It is illegal to possess more than two saltwater striped bass that exceed 22 inches in total length in the daily creel limit and only one of those may exceed 30 inches in total length.

- (f) **Lewis Smith Reservoir** - It is illegal to possess more than two saltwater striped bass that exceed 22 inches in total length in the daily creel limit. It shall be unlawful to intentionally cull from the creel any saltwater striped bass from June 15th to October 15th. (See paragraph 5)
 - (g) **Lewis Smith Reservoir** - It is illegal to possess any black bass between 13 inches and 15 inches in total length.
 - (h) **Lake Martin** - It is illegal to possess more than two saltwater striped bass that exceed 22 inches in total length in the daily creel limit. It shall be unlawful to intentionally cull from the creel any saltwater striped bass from June 15th to October 15th. (See paragraph 5)
 - (i) **Pickwick Reservoir** - It is illegal to possess any smallmouth bass or largemouth bass less than 15 inches in total length.
 - (j) **Thurlow Reservoir** - It is illegal to possess more than two saltwater striped bass that exceed 22 inches in total length in the daily creel limit and only one of those may exceed 30 inches in total length.
 - (k) **Walter F. George Reservoir (Lake Eufaula) and its Tributaries** - It is illegal to possess any largemouth bass less than 14 inches in total length.
 - (l) **Weiss Reservoir** - It is illegal to possess crappie less than 10 inches in total length.
 - (m) **West Point Reservoir and its Tributaries** - It is illegal to possess any largemouth bass less than 14 inches in total length.
 - (n) **Wheeler Reservoir** - It is illegal to possess any smallmouth bass less than 15 inches in total length.
 - (o) **Wilson Reservoir and Its Tributaries of Big Nance and Town Creeks** - It is illegal to possess any smallmouth bass less than 15 inches in total length.
 - (p) **Yates Reservoir** - It is illegal to possess more than two saltwater striped bass that exceed 22 inches in total length in the daily creel limit and only one of those may exceed 30 inches in total length.
 - (q) **Chattahoochee River and Impoundments and Tributaries** - Special creel limits apply in reciprocal waters as specified under regulation 220-2-.122.
- (5) For the purposes of this regulation in paragraphs (3)(l), (4)(f), and (4)(i), “culling” shall be defined as removing and releasing a fish from the creel (live well, stringer, basket, bucket, cooler, or other container) whether it is replaced or not.”

Regulation 220-2-.170 Selling of Skipjack Herring Prohibited

It shall be unlawful to sell, offer for sale, or trade anything of value for any Skipjack Herring (*Alosa chrysochloris*) taken from the public waters of the Tennessee River and its Impoundments and Tributaries within the State of Alabama. This regulation shall expire on December 31, 2029, to allow adequate time for additional biological analysis to be performed to determine if the continued harvest and sale of Skipjack Herring is sustainable.