

# SPEARFISHING

**Valid: Sept 1 – Aug 31**

Resident – Non-Resident

Alabama Game, Fish and Wildlife Law; Article 5; beginning with 9-11-170

## **PRIVILEGE:**

- Allows person completely submerged, to spear commercial or non-game fish in freshwater or saltwater state.

## **NOTE:**

- Appropriate freshwater and/or saltwater fishing license is also required for spearfishing.
- SW Gulf Reef Endorsement also required to fish gulf reef fish Mandatory for all saltwater anglers 16 years and older - NO EXEMPTION. In addition to other required saltwater fishing licenses.
- Possession of speargun or spearing device in a boat or on the bank of a body of water is prima facie evidence of its use.
- Trip licenses are valid for 168 consecutive hours.
- License not required to frog gig.

## **COST:**

- Resident Annual \$6.00
- Non-Resident Annual \$8.50
- Non-Resident 7-Day Trip \$3.50

## **HOW TO PURCHASE YOUR LICENSE:**

- Visit [www.outdooralabama.com/license-information](http://www.outdooralabama.com/license-information)
- Call **1-888-848-6887** (Immediate confirmation code is given. Additional processing fee of 2.5% of license cost plus \$5.25 convenience fee when using toll free number.)
- Visit the **Marine Resources Office**
  - o 999 Commerce Street, Gulf Shores, AL 36547
  - o 2 North Iberville, Dauphin Island, AL 36542
- Visit the **Montgomery Office** (See address below)
- Mail a completed application (download at [www.outdooralabama.com/license-information](http://www.outdooralabama.com/license-information)) to:
  - Dept. of Conservation, Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries, Attn: License Sales
  - o PO Box 301456, Montgomery, AL 36130-1456
  - o 64 N Union St., Ste. 567, Montgomery, AL 36104 (overnight/express)



DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES DIVISION
SPEARFISHING LICENSE



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LICENSE HOLDER: all information is required.

PRINT OR TYPE ONLY INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ CID #: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Male Female
\*Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License State and #: \_\_\_\_\_ Wt. \_\_\_\_\_
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Ht. \_\_\_\_\_
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Eyes: \_\_\_\_\_
City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair: \_\_\_\_\_
Phone: Hm \_\_\_\_\_ Wk \_\_\_\_\_ Cl \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Type License Needed

Trip licenses are valid for 168 consecutive hours

Spearfishing - valid for freshwater and saltwater

Table with 2 columns: License Type and Price. Includes Spearfishing Annual (\$8.50) and 7-day Spearfishing Trip (\$3.50).

In addition to Spearfishing license, you must possess either a Recreational Freshwater and/or Saltwater Fishing License

Table with 2 columns: License Type and Price. Lists various fishing licenses such as Annual Freshwater Fishing, 7-day Freshwater Fishing Trip, and SW Reef Fish Endorsement.

1Required to fish gulf reef fish (see attached regulation page for list of species). Mandatory for all saltwater anglers 16 years and older - NO EXEMPTION. In addition to other required saltwater fishing licenses.

Visit www.outdooralabama.com/license-information for more information and regulations on any of the privileges listed.

3-day Trip Freshwater Family License available at the cost of a 7-day freshwater trip. See that license for more information.

Submit: (1) completed application, (2) check or money order, and (3) copy of driver's license 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, Suite 567, 36104. Questions: (334) 242-3465 or dcnr.wfflicense@dcnr.alabama.gov.

License can also be issued by select WFF District Office, County Probate Office/License Commissioner, local agents (which includes most sporting good and bait & tackle shops in Alabama), our website www.outdooralabama.com or by calling 1-888-848-6887 (additional processing fee of 2.5% of license cost plus \$5.25 convenience fee when using toll free number).

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

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.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
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The 2022-23 Recreational Licenses

**THE NEWLY REDESIGNED COLLECTIBLE HARD CARDS AVAILABLE**

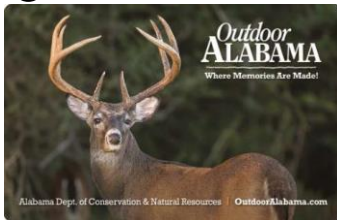
These credit card style cards are a collectible keepsake of your hunting and fishing memories.

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

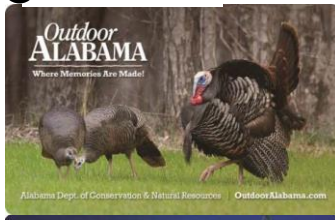
**ONLY SELECTED ANNUAL HUNTING AND FISHING PRIVILEGES CAN BE DISPLAYED.  
ALL OTHER PRIVILEGES ( TRIPS, ETC.) WILL DISPLAY ON THE PAPER LICENSE.**

Please indicate which designs you would like:

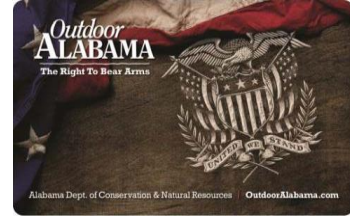
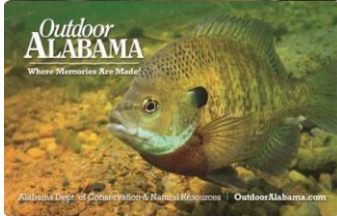
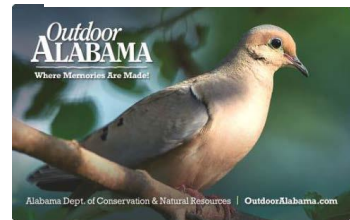
Deer Design



Turkey Design



Waterfowl Design



Freshwater Fishing Design

Saltwater Fishing Design

United We Stand Design

# 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.**

## **Section 9-11-170      SPEARING OF COMMERCIAL OR NONGAME FISH FOR SPORT – WHEN, WHERE AND HOW PERMITTED; NOTICE OF COMPETITIVE EVENTS**

(a) The spearing of commercial or nongame fish solely for the purpose of sport in all waters of this state, both fresh and salt, shall be lawful; provided, that the person engaged in the act of spearing shall be completely submerged. "Commercial or nongame fish" as used in this article shall be limited to those freshwater fish designated as such by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and all species of saltwater fish. "Spearing" as used in this article shall be limited to the use of a spear or similar instrument that is held in the hand of the person using same and the use of a weapon, other than a firearm, which propels or forces a projectile, arrow or similar device therefrom to which a wire, rope, line, cord or other means of recovering the propelled projectile, arrow or similar device is attached and is secured to the weapon or to the person using the weapon.

(b) When a group of individuals shall meet for the purpose of a competitive spearfishing event, notice thereof shall be given to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources at least one week prior thereto designating the time, date and place of the event.

## **Section 9-11-171      SPEARING OF COMMERCIAL OR NONGAME FISH FOR SPORT – LICENSE – REQUIRED; ISSUANCE; FEES; DISPOSITION OF REVENUE FROM SALE**

Each person engaged in the spearing of commercial or nongame fish shall, in addition to all other Alabama fishing licenses, have a commercial or nongame fish spearfishing license. The fee for the commercial or nongame spearfishing license shall be as follows: state resident's license, \$5.00; nonresident seven-day license, \$2.50; nonresident annual license, \$7.50. Said licenses shall be issued only by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Montgomery, Alabama. The revenue derived from the sale of the licenses provided for in this article shall be covered into the State Treasury to the credit of the Game and Fish Fund.

## **Section 9-11-172      SPEARING OF COMMERCIAL OR NONGAME FISH FOR SPORT – LICENSE - DISPLAY**

Said commercial or nongame spearfishing license must be kept in the boat or other base of operations for said skin diver and readily available for inspection by any conservation officer, agent or employee of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

## **Section 9-11-173      REGULATION OF SEASONS, HOURS, ETC.**

The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources shall have the power to open and close spearfishing of commercial or nongame fish on any and all waters of this state or at any time of the day or night by regulation and shall have the power to further regulate or restrict spearfishing if he deems it necessary in the interest of good conservation practices.

## **Section 9-11-174      COMPLIANCE WITH WATER SAFETY LAWS**

The provisions of Chapter 5 of Title 33 of this code requiring a diver's flag to be displayed on the surface of the water where skin divers are operating and any and all other present and future regulations promulgated under authority of said act which affect the operation of skin divers must be obeyed by spear fishermen when engaged in spearfishing under authority of this article.

## **Section 9-11-175      POSSESSION OF SPEAR, ETC., EVIDENCE OF SPEARFISHING; EXCEPTION**

The possession of a spear, spear gun or spearing device in a boat, on the bank of a body of public water or on or in the public waters of this state shall be prima facie evidence to the court having jurisdiction that the person in possession of the same is engaged in spearfishing, unless said person is frog gigging only.

## **Section 9-11-176      PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE**

Any person who shall violate the provisions of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as provided for by law, except that the minimum fine under this article shall be \$25.00.

## **Section 9-11-83      COMMERCIAL OR NONGAME FISH DESIGNATED**

The following shall be considered commercial fish or nongame fish: drum, buffalo, channel catfish and all members of the catfish family and the spotted sucker and all members of the sucker family, including the species known as red horse and black horse.