**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) (Additional convenience fees apply.)
- Call 1-888-848-6887 (Immediate confirmation code is given. Additional convenience fees apply.)
- Visit the Marine Resources Office
  - 999 Commerce Street, Gulf Shores, AL 36547
  - 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
    - 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
SPEARFISHING LICENSE
Valid: Sept 1 – Aug 31
Non-Resident

**LICENSE HOLDER:** all information is required.

**PRINT OR TYPE ONLY**
**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED**

Name: __________________________________________ CID #: __________

*Social Security #:______ - - - _____

Driver’s License State and #: __________________________

Date of Birth: __________ Email: ______________________

Address: _________________________________________

City: __________________________ County: __________

State: ______ Zip: __________

Phone: Hm __________ Wk __________ Cl __________

**Valid in freshwater and saltwater.**

Recreational Freshwater and/or Saltwater license is also required.

Check Type License Needed

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1 Required 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](http://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 WFF District Offices, County Probate Office/License Commissioners, local agents (which includes most sporting good and bait & tackle shops in Alabama), online at [www.outdooralabama.com](http://www.outdooralabama.com) or by calling 1-888-848-8887. Online and phone sales charge additional convenience fees.

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.*
THE NEW 2023-2024 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 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
- [ ] 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.
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 engage d 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.