

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
- 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) 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 #: _____ Wt. _____
Date of Birth: _____ Email: _____ Ht.: _____
Address: _____ Eyes: _____
City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Hair: _____
Phone: Hm _____ Wk _____ Cl _____ Race: _____
Enter Hunter Education ID State & Number:1 _____

Spearfishing – valid for freshwater and saltwater

Spearfishing Annual \$ 6.00 []

In addition to Spearfishing license, you must possess either Freshwater and/or Saltwater Fishing3, depending on where you are fishing

Freshwater Annual2 \$ 14.20 []

Saltwater Annual \$ 25.00 []

SW Reef Fish Endorsement \$ 10.00 []

Saltwater 7-Day Trip \$ 10.40 [] Trip Start Date: _____ AM PM
Trip licenses are valid for 168 consecutive hours Trip State Time: _____ AM PM

1 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.

2 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 Wildlife Management Area (WMA map/permit required); and shooting on WFF managed shooting ranges.

3 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 for more information and regulations on any of the privileges listed.

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), 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 2021-22 Recreational Licenses will be available Monday, August 30, 2021.

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



Hog Wild Design



Waterfowl Design



Freshwater Fishing Design



Saltwater Fishing Design



Shooting Sports 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 fishing or saltwater fishing.

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

I would like my donation to support research for: \$ _____ Wildlife \$ _____ Freshwater Fisheries \$ _____ Saltwater Fisheries

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 Fisheries \$ _____ Saltwater Fisheries

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.*

Spearfishing License – Resident & Non-Resident

Code of Alabama

www.legislature.state.al.us

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.