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BOW FISHING IN SALTWATER

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Bow fishing requires a saltwater fishing license.

Section 9-11-53.1(a) Resident Annual License - Saltwater Fishing.

Section 9-11-53.5 Resident Seven-Day Trip Saltwater Fishing License.

Section 9-11-55.2 Nonresident Annual and Seven-Day Trip Saltwater Fishing License.

If the fish are to be sold a commercial fishing license is needed.

Section 9-12-113(a)(3)a. Licenses or permits for commercial fishing; net or seine permits.

Fish caught under a commercial license are required to be reported through a Seafood Dealer.

Bows cannot be used to take game fish.

Red Drum, Spotted Seatrout, Tarpon and freshwater game fish

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 Alabama.

Creel and size limits apply when using a bow for recreational or commercial uses.

220-3-.30 Saltwater Fish Creel, Bag, Possession and Size Limits.

Shark fishing with a bow is legal but sharks must meet the minimum lengths and be a legal species to take. Sharks are often hard to identify from the top. It is legal to shoot most species of stingray and skates but it is discouraged to kill them without eating them as they have a low reproductive rate and are scavengers that are important to the ecosystem.

220-3-.04 (8) It shall be unlawful for any person to discard dead fish, fish parts or carcasses or other dead seafood within 500 feet of any shoreline.

Care should be taken to not use a bow in a swimming area or around people.

Section 13A-6-24; Reckless endangerment.

(a) A person commits the crime of reckless endangerment if he recklessly engages in conduct which creates a substantial risk of serious physical injury to another person.