



August 26, 2019

The Honorable David Bernhardt
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Bernhardt:

Thank you for meeting with the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (Council) in June. Council members look forward to working with you to expand participation in recreational fishing and boating nationwide.

I am writing today, on behalf of the Council, to request that you contact the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and request a status update on a complaint filed jointly by the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) and Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA) concerning deceptive practices related to the sale of state fishing licenses.

In July 2018, RBFF and AFWA submitted a formal complaint to the FTC concerning several websites that purport to sell consumers valid state fishing licenses. Instead, these websites sell consumers a guidebook about the process of purchasing such licenses. When consumers learn they have not purchased a fishing license, they must request a refund of their payment from the offending websites. According to RBFF, there is considerable variability among the websites in terms of the process for requesting a refund and whether or not the consumer receives a full refund of their purchase. Some sites keep a portion of the purchase price for "processing."

It appears the operators of these websites are investing significant resources for search engine marketing (SEM), which elevates their websites above legitimate state agency licensing sites when consumers search for websites to purchase fishing licenses. At our meeting last month, state agency leaders from Iowa and Oklahoma highlighted how these deceptive websites appear before their state agency websites in the results of a simple Google search. The complaint includes similar examples from other states.

Although the complaint was filed a year ago, RBFF and AFWA have been unable, in spite of repeated requests, to obtain any information from the FTC about the status of its evaluation of their complaint.

As noted above, these websites continue their deceptive practices today. The Council believes it is important for the FTC to provide RBFF and AFWA with information about the procedural status of their complaint. The Council requests that your office contact the FTC to request a status update about this complaint.

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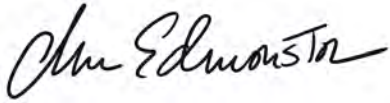


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Thank you for your leadership on issues important to recreational angling and boating in America.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Chris Edmonston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chris" and last name "Edmonston" clearly legible.

Chris Edmonston
Chair

Enclosure - FTC Complaint

cc: Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation
 Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies



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BOATING & FISHING
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TAKEMEFISHING.org



VAMOSAPESCAR.org

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600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20580

Re: Fishing License Websites Fraud

Dear Mr. Smith and Ms. Greisman,

The Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies ("AFWA") is the collective voice of state, provincial, and territorial fish and wildlife agencies. Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation ("RBFF") is a national organization with the goal of increasing participation in recreational boating and fishing to help conserve and restore the country's aquatic natural resources. AFWA and RBFF have joined forces, along with thirty-six (36) state wildlife agencies (the "State Agencies"), to urge the FTC to take immediate aggressive action against an ongoing consumer fraud relating to misleading web sites (collectively the "Problem Websites") that dupe consumers into believing that they are purchasing official state fishing licenses, when instead they are purchasing mere "guides" about fishing.

Fraud that targets fishing licensing threatens not only American consumers, but also the nation's natural conservation efforts. Money collected from fishing licenses pays for conservation projects locally and nationwide, as well as for the general upkeep of public lands. In Kentucky, for example, such funds have helped pay for hatcheries, provided for scientific management of Kentucky's fishery resources, as well as paid for fish habitat work, lake renovations, and studies to better manage fish populations. See <http://outdoorchannel.com/article.aspx?id=28883>. Proper fishing licenses in general also encourage proper respect for fishing seasons, daily limits, and other state-specific regulations, all of which help conserve and protect America's wildlife.

As shown below, the fraud perpetrated by the Problem Websites is well-coordinated, and the confusion caused is extensive and nationwide in scope. AFWA, RBFF, and the State Agencies strongly believe that unified action through the FTC is the only way to effectively combat this fraud. Piecemeal, uncoordinated actions by 36-state separate attorneys general will be unnecessarily expensive and unwieldy. Similarly, civil suits by two small associations will pose undue burdens on these non-profit organizations. Given the significant adverse impacts that these Problem Websites are having on not only consumers, but also state and commercial fishing interests as detailed below, the FTC has a duty to take legal action against this blatant fraud. The efforts by the owner(s)/operator(s) of these websites to pass off the sale of a "guide" as a "fishing

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license” falls squarely within the “unfair or deceptive acts or practices” that Section 45 of the FTC Act empowers the FTC to prohibit. 15 U.S.C. § 45(a).

I. Widespread Consumer Confusion

Since 2016, RBFF has received numerous complaints from consumers regarding the following Problem Websites that are intentionally designed to deceive consumers into believing they are purchasing state-specific fishing licenses that will cover their individual fishing needs:

<fishandgamelicenses.org>
<fishinglicense.org>
<recreationalllicenses.org>

Instead, after going through a payment process that repeatedly suggests consumers are buying a state-specific fishing license, all consumers receive the exact same “guide” that, among other things, includes some general information on license requirements and where consumers need to go in order to *actually* purchase a state fishing license. Consumers also receive, among other things, a cookbook and access to a variety of coupons.

RBFF is not the only entity to have received consumer complaints. Since January 2017, the Better Business Bureau has received numerous complaints from consumers regarding the confusing advertising tactics used by the <fishinglicense.org> website and complaining that they received only an informational guide when they thought they were purchasing a state fishing license. See Ex. 1 (compilation of complaints and reviews copied from: <https://www.bbb.org/snakeriver/business-reviews/ebooks/fishinglicense-org-in-coeur-d-alene-id-1000030042/reviews-and-complaints?section=complaints>).

The State Agencies across the country have also handled similar complaints. At least one (Texas Parks & Wildlife) reports that license staff have fielded phone calls from consumers on a nearly weekly basis, estimating having received forty to fifty calls in the past year alone. See Ex. 2 (letters from State agencies to FTC).¹ The complaints noted in these exhibits are likely only a small sample of consumers who have been actually duped by these websites.

There can be little doubt that the Problem Websites are part of a single operation controlled by a single entity or closely related entities. First, as shown further below, the layout and processes used by the websites are strikingly similar. Second, the language used by the websites is nearly identical. Third, the domain names are all currently registered using the same privacy service:

¹ The letters from the State Agencies attached as Exhibit 2 include letters that have already been sent to the FTC, as well as those that were drafted specifically for AFWA and RBFF to include in this joint request.

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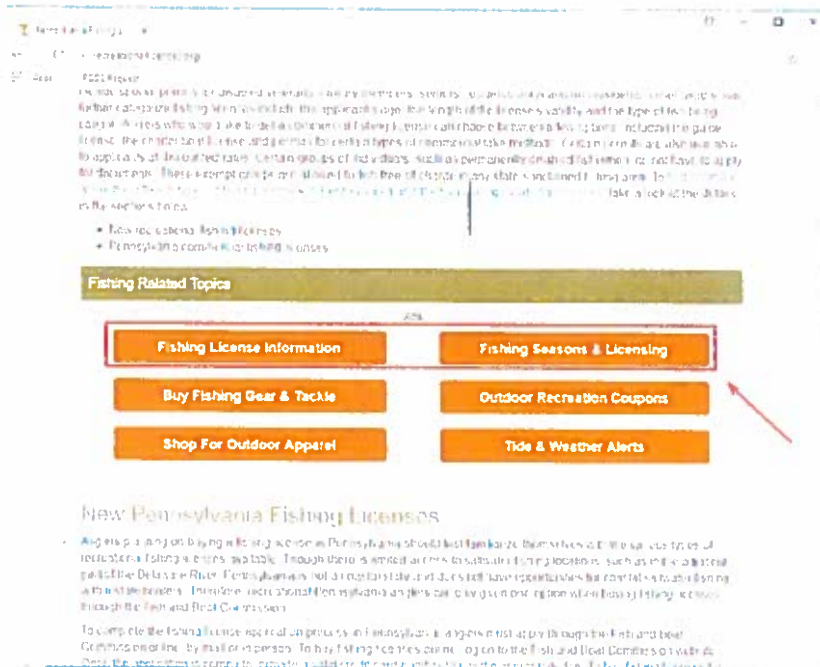
For over two years now, RBFF has been working with the State Agencies to address this issue. *See, e.g., Ex. 3.* In addition to responding to consumer complaints, at least two state agencies have issued advisories or press releases warning consumers about these deceptive websites. *See Ex. 2 (Nebraska and West Virginia).* Several state agencies, such as the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, have submitted letters directly to the FTC notifying it of the deceptive activity taking place at these websites, but the FTC has responded only by noting that “the FTC is not able to intervene in individual disputes,” and that the information has been recorded in the FTC’s secured online database. *See Ex. 4.* The FTC has also recommended filing a complaint with the offices of State Attorneys General for legal assistance. *See id.*

II. The Deceptive Nature of The Problem Websites

The intentionally deceptive nature of these websites is evidenced by the fact that the wording of the domain names used by the websites suggests that consumers are visiting websites that provide resources for purchasing licenses, and by the facts detailed below.

A. The <recreationalllicenses.org> and <fishinglicense.org> Websites

The website at <recreationalllicenses.org> redirects users to the <fishinglicense.org> website when users click buttons that read, “Fishing Seasons & Licensing” or “Fishing License Information.” *See, e.g., <http://recreationalllicenses.org/c/fishing/sc/general-information/pennsylvania.html>;* *see also* screenshot exemplar below. Therefore, the following focuses solely on the <fishinglicense.org> website.



- a) Once at the <fishinglicense.org> website, users see the webpage title, "[State] Fishing Licenses," and below that, "Select a Service" or "Select The Type of License You Need Information On." It then provides options for consumers to select that reinforce the impression that they are purchasing a fishing license. For example, consumers must select whether they are seeking a new or lifetime fishing license, or seeking to renew or replace a fishing license.

Pennsylvania Fishing Licenses

recreationallicenses.org/c/fishing/sc/general-information/pennsylvania.html

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include special permits for disabled veterans, military members, seniors, residents of PA and non residents. Other factors that further categorize fishing licenses include the applicant's age, the length of the license's validity and the type of fish being caught. Anglers who would like to get a commercial fishing license can choose between a few options, including the guide license, the charter boat license and permits for certain types of commercial take methods. Certain permits are also available to applicants at discounted rates. Certain groups of individuals, such as permanently disabled fishermen, do not have to apply for documents. These exempt groups are allowed to fish free of charge in any state-sanctioned fishing area. To find out more about the different types of fishing licenses in Pennsylvania and their various application processes, take a look at the details in the sections below:

- New recreational fishing licenses
- Pennsylvania commercial fishing licenses

Fishing Related Topics

Ads

Fishing License Information

Fishing Seasons & Licensing

Buy Fishing Gear & Tackle

Outdoor Recreation Coupons

Shop For Outdoor Apparel

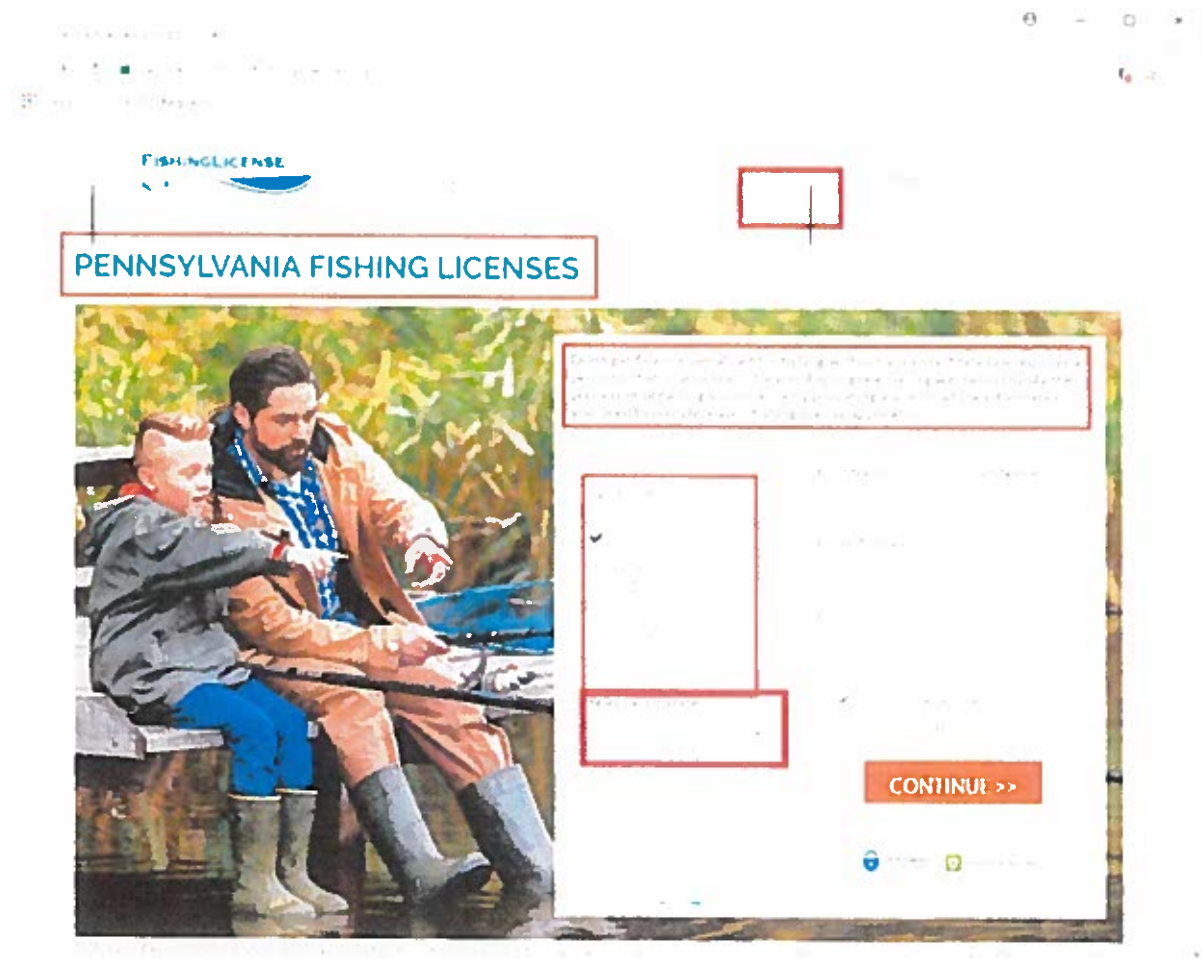
Tide & Weather Alerts

New Pennsylvania Fishing Licenses

Anglers planning on buying a fishing license in Pennsylvania should first familiarize themselves with the various types of recreational fishing licenses available. Though there is limited access to saltwater fishing locations, such as in the adjacent part of the Delaware River, Pennsylvania is not a coastal state and does not have opportunities for coastal saltwater fishing within state borders. Therefore, recreational Pennsylvania anglers are only given one option when buying fishing licenses through the Fish and Boat Commission.

To complete the fishing license application process in Pennsylvania, anglers must apply through the Fish and Boat Commission online, by mail or in person. To buy fishing licenses online, log on to the Fish and Boat Commission website. Once the application is complete, provide a valid credit card number to pay the appropriate fee. To buy fishing licenses by

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- b) Notably, even though the <fishinglicense.org> website ultimately sells the same guidebook regardless of which choices users make, the website also provides a “State Info” tab and a “Select your state” option (see above). Both give users the impression they can purchase fishing licenses from any state in the country on this website, and the “State Info” tab even redirects to a new webpage allowing users to select their state (see below).

Pennsylvania Fishing License X

Secure | https://fishinglicense.org/form/step1/new-fishing-license/pennsylvania.html#utm

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FISHINGLICENSE.ORG

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Don't get fined or penalized for fishing without a license. State law requires a permit to fish in all bodies of water. FishingLicense.org will help simplify the process of obtaining your license by providing you with all the information you need to complete your fishing license application.

SELECT A SERVICE

☒ New Fishing License

☐ Renew Fishing License

☐ Replace Fishing License

☐ Lifetime Fishing License

Select your state

Pennsylvania

First Name *
First Name

Last Name *
Last Name


Email Address *
Email Address


Zip *
Zip Code

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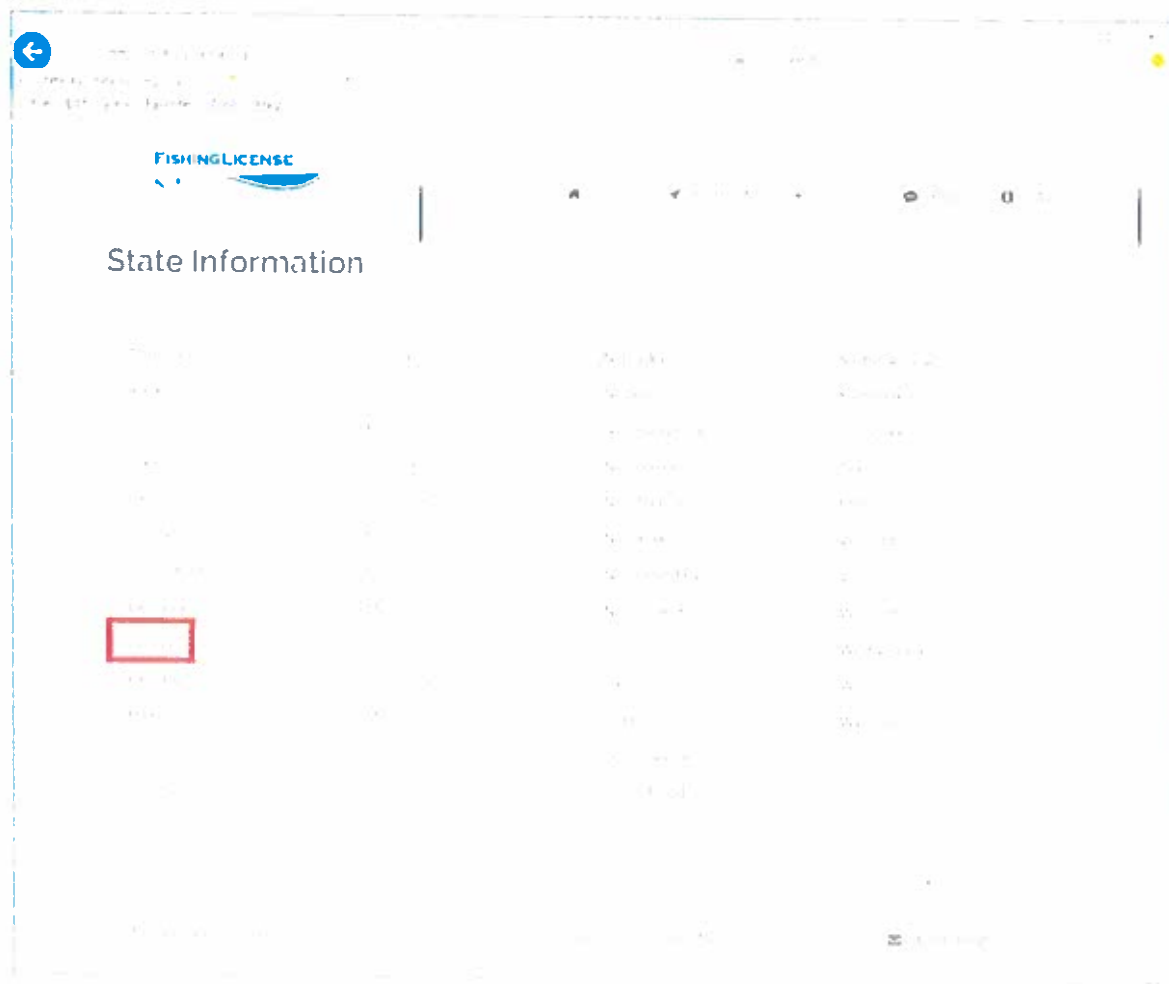
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AR 100	100	AR 100	100
CA 100	100	CA 100	100
CO 100	100	CO 100	100
CT 100	100	CT 100	100
DE 100	100	DE 100	100
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UT 100	100	UT 100	100
VA 100	100	VA 100	100
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WA 100	100	WA 100	100
WI 100	100	WI 100	100
WY 100	100	WY 100	100

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https://fishinglicense.org/state-info.html

Search...

State-by-State Fishing License Information

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State Information

Alabama

Alaska

Arizona

Arkansas

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Connecticut

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Kentucky

Louisiana

Maine

Maryland

Massachusetts

Michigan

Minnesota

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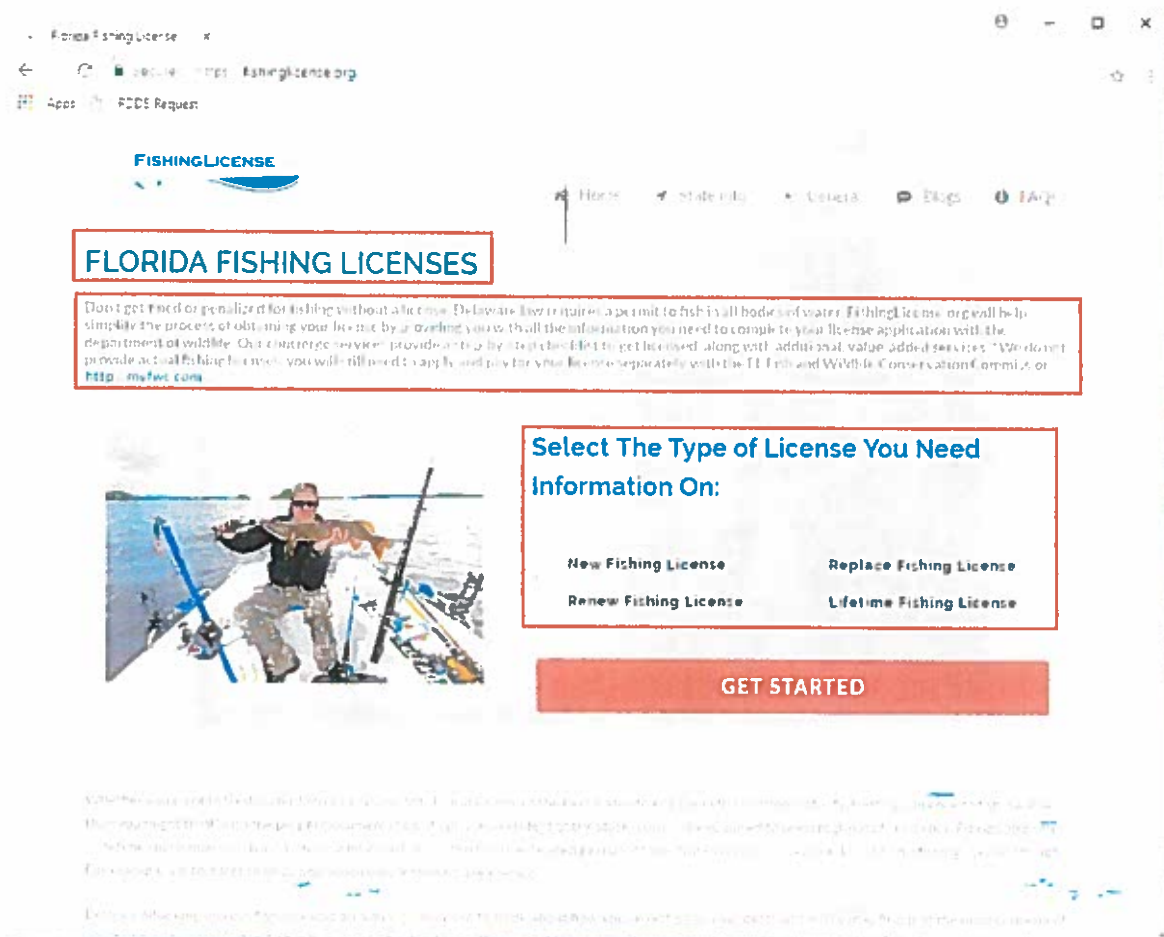
Wisconsin

Wyoming

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- c) As shown in the screenshots above, once users arrive at the webpage for the state they wish to purchase a fishing license from, the webpage further suggests the user is purchasing a state fishing license, stating:

Don't get fined or penalized for fishing without a license. [State] law requires a permit to fish in all bodies of water. FishingLicense.org will help simplify the process of obtaining your license by providing you with all the information you need to complete your license application with the department of wildlife. Our concierge services provide a step-by-step checklist to get licensed, along with additional, value-added services.

(Emphasis added.)

- d) Users on <fishinglicense.org> are required to provide their personal information (address, email address, and phone number (see screenshots below):

Florida Fishing License In x

Secure | https://fishinglicense.org/florida.html

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State Info


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FLORIDA FISHING LICENSES

Don't get fined or penalized for fishing without a license. Delaware law requires a permit to fish in all bodies of water. FishingLicense.org will help simplify the process of obtaining your license by providing you with all the information you need to complete your license application with the department of wildlife. Our concierge services provide a step-by-step checklist to get licensed, along with additional, value-added services. *We do not provide actual fishing licenses; you will still need to apply and pay for your license separately with the FL Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission: <http://myfwc.com/>.



Select The Type of License You Need Information On:

☐ New Fishing License

☐ Replace Fishing License

☐ Renew Fishing License

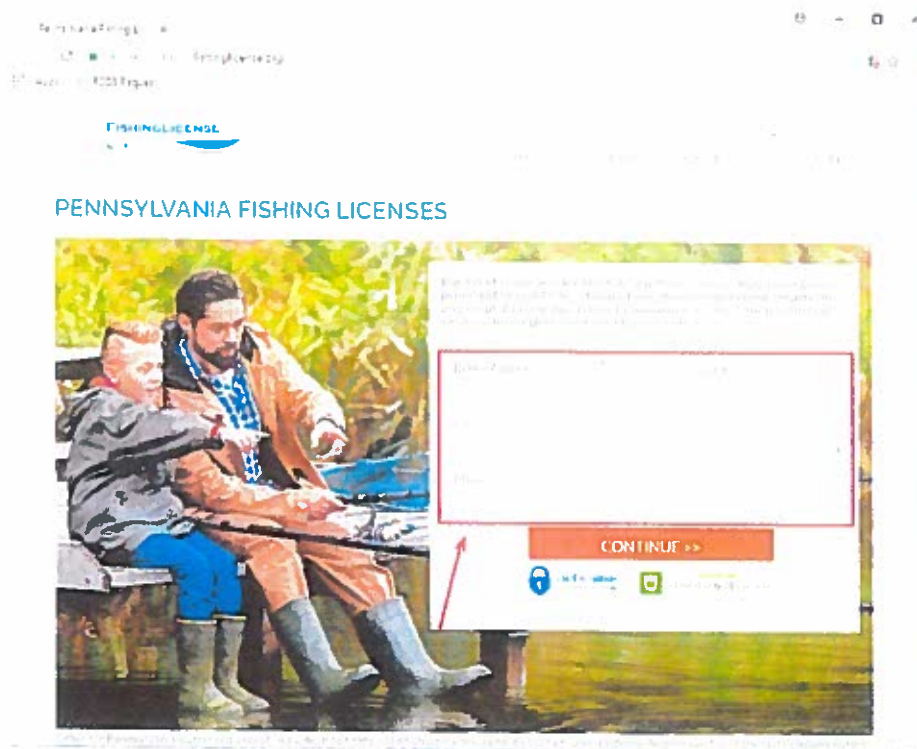
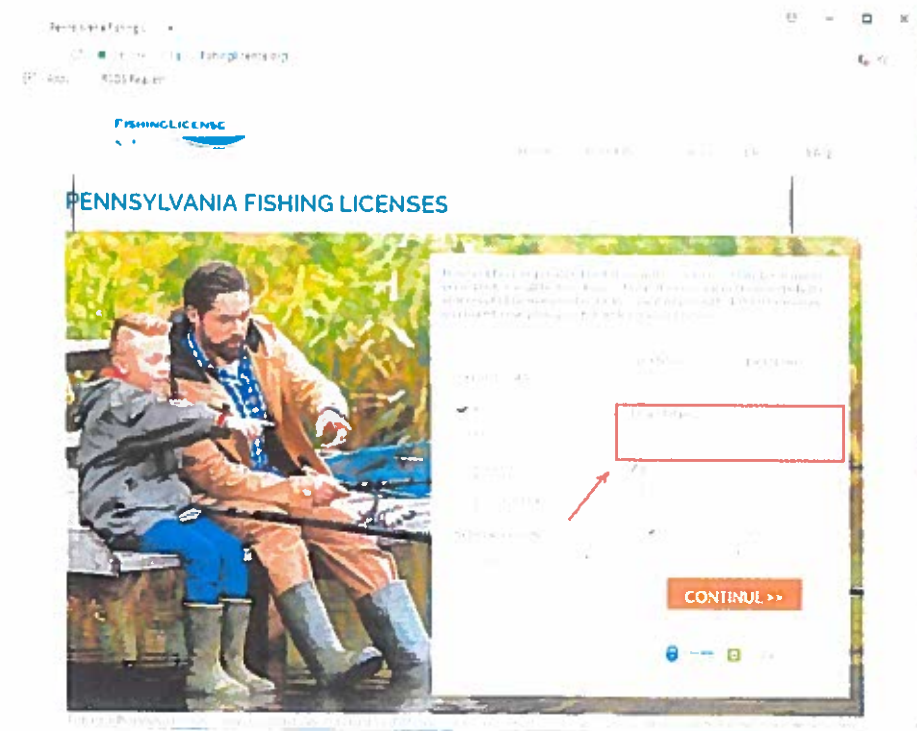
☐ Lifetime Fishing License

GET STARTED

Whether you want to freshwater fish or saltwater fish, Florida is one of the best states to engage in this outdoor activity. Getting a license to fish is easier than you might think with the proper documentation. If you are a resident of the state, you will be required to present proof of residency. Florida also offers a lifetime sportsman's license for those who would like to fish for an extended period of time. Not everybody is required to obtain a fishing license, though. For example, visitors less than 18 and seniors more than 65 are exempt.

Before embarking on your fishing vacation, you will also want to think about how you're getting to your destination. You may find that the most convenient way to travel to your destination is by plane, by boat or by car. If you want to be well-informed about the fishing regulations in Florida, as well as brush up on

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Don't get fined or penalized for fishing without a license. State law requires a permit to fish in all bodies of water. FishingLicense.org will help simplify the process of obtaining your license by providing you with all the information you need to complete your fishing license application.

SELECT A SERVICE

- ☒ New Fishing License
- ☐ Renew Fishing License
- ☐ Replace Fishing License
- ☐ LifeTime Fishing License

Select your state
Pennsylvania

First Name *
First Name

Last Name *
Last Name

Email Address*
Email Address

Zip*
Zip Code

☒ I agree to the [Terms & Conditions](#) and [Privacy Policy](#).

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or cancel and visit your state page

SSL Encryption 100% PROTECTION VERIFIED & SECURED

Fishing in Pennsylvania waters requires all individuals to hold a valid fishing license, regardless of age and residency. Anglers can fish in the state's inland waters

Don't get fined or penalized for fishing without a license. State law requires a permit to fish in all bodies of water. FishingLicense.org will help simplify the process of obtaining your license by providing you with all the information you need to complete your fishing license application.

Billing Address *

Street Address

Apt #/ Suite
Apt #

City*
City

State*
PA

Phone*
Phone Number

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- e) Finally, users are required to provide their credit card information on a page that states: "Our products simplify the process of getting a fishing license from your states' department of wildlife. For \$23.98 our Complete Fisherman Licensing Guide and accompanying Audiobook will assist you in filing a fishing license application with your state's department of wildlife. *We have compiled all of the information you need to complete your fishing license application.*" (Emphasis added.)

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL fishinglicense.org. The page has a blue header with the site name. A red box highlights a message: "Please Complete The Form Below to Continue". Below this is a "Billing Summary" section with a large empty text box. A dark grey bar indicates "Enter your billing information - SECURE". The main form area is titled "Billing Summary" and contains fields for "Credit Card", "Name", "Address", "City", "State", "Zip", and "Phone". A red box highlights the "Credit Card" field. To the right of the form is a "BENEFITS INCLUDE" section with a list of items. At the bottom of the form is a red "SUBMIT" button. A green checkmark icon is visible next to the "SUBMIT" button.

At the end of this process, users can download an informational fishing guide, but not a fishing license. See Ex. 5.

B. The fishandgamelicense.org Website

The fishandgamelicense.org website follows a similar pattern as the fishinglicense.org website described above. Though AFWA and RBFF only represent the fish and wildlife industries, we note that this website also purports to sell hunting licenses using what appear to be similar procedures, which may also warrant investigation.

- a) Upon arriving at this website, users are greeted with the heading: "LEARN HOW TO APPLY FOR A FISHING LICENSE TODAY." The page goes on to state: "*Fishing*

Billing For Fishing License X

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Home State Info General Blogs FAQs

Please Complete The Form Below to Continue

Billing Summary

Our products simplify the process of getting a fishing license from your states' department of wildlife. For \$23.98 our Complete Fisherman Licensing Guide and accompanying Audiobook will assist you in filing a fishing license application with your state's department of wildlife. We have compiled all of the information you need to complete your fishing license application.

Enter your billing information -- SECURE

First Name: First Name

Last Name: Last Name

Credit Card Number: Credit Card Number

Expiration Date: --month --year

CVV Security Code: CVV

Billing Zip: Billing Zip Code

Norton Secured powered by VeriSign

SUBMIT

BENEFITS INCLUDE:

\$500 in Coupon Savings

Fishing Gear Essentials Guide

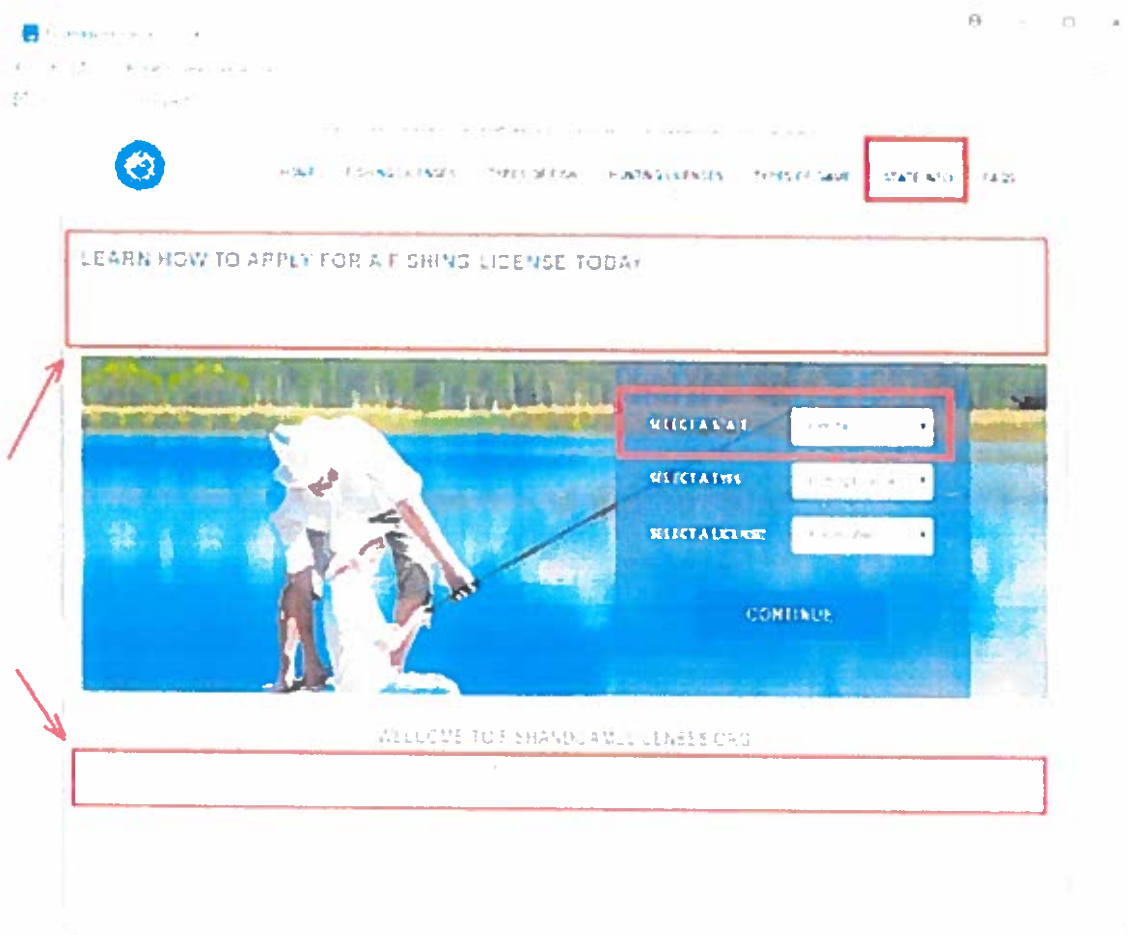
\$100 Shopping Reward

\$2,000 Grocery Reward

Fresh Catch Cookbook

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without a license can carry a significant fine. Our comprehensive guide will inform you about the entire licensing process, help you get licensed in your state and educate you on other rules and regulations pertaining to your catch. These include seasons for fishing, haul limits and residency restrictions. For more information, download our detailed guide today.” (Emphasis added.) It goes on to state: “Discover all the information you need to obtain a fishing and hunting license. *FishandGameLicenses.org* is the comprehensive source to assist you with both licensing processes.” (Emphasis added.)



- b) As with the <fishinglicense.org> website, even though this website only provides the same guidebook regardless of a user's choices, it also has a "State Info" tab and a "Select A State" option (see above). Both give users the impression they can purchase fishing licenses from any state in the country on this website, and the "State Info" tab even redirects to a new webpage allowing users to select their state (see below).

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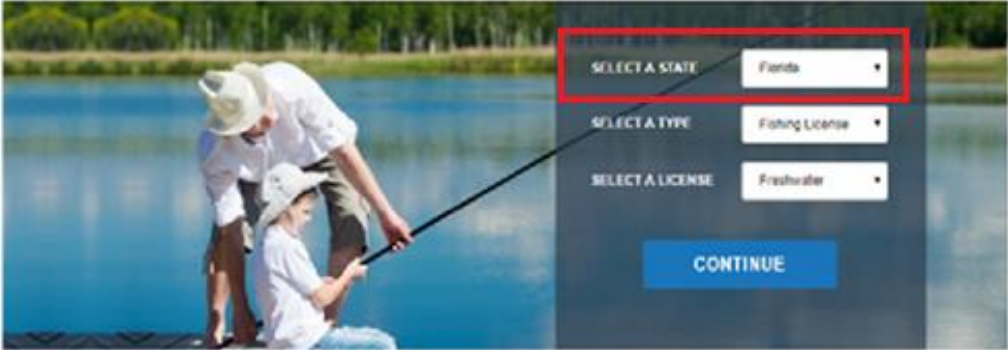
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LEARN HOW TO APPLY FOR A FISHING LICENSE TODAY

Fishing without a license can carry a significant fine. Our comprehensive guide will inform you about the entire licensing process, help you get licensed in your state and educate you on other rules and regulations pertaining to your catch. These include seasons for fishing, haul limits and residency restrictions. For more information, download our detailed guide today.



SELECT A STATE: Florida

SELECT A TYPE: Fishing License

SELECT A LICENSE: Freshwater

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WELCOME TO FISHANDGAMELICENSES.ORG

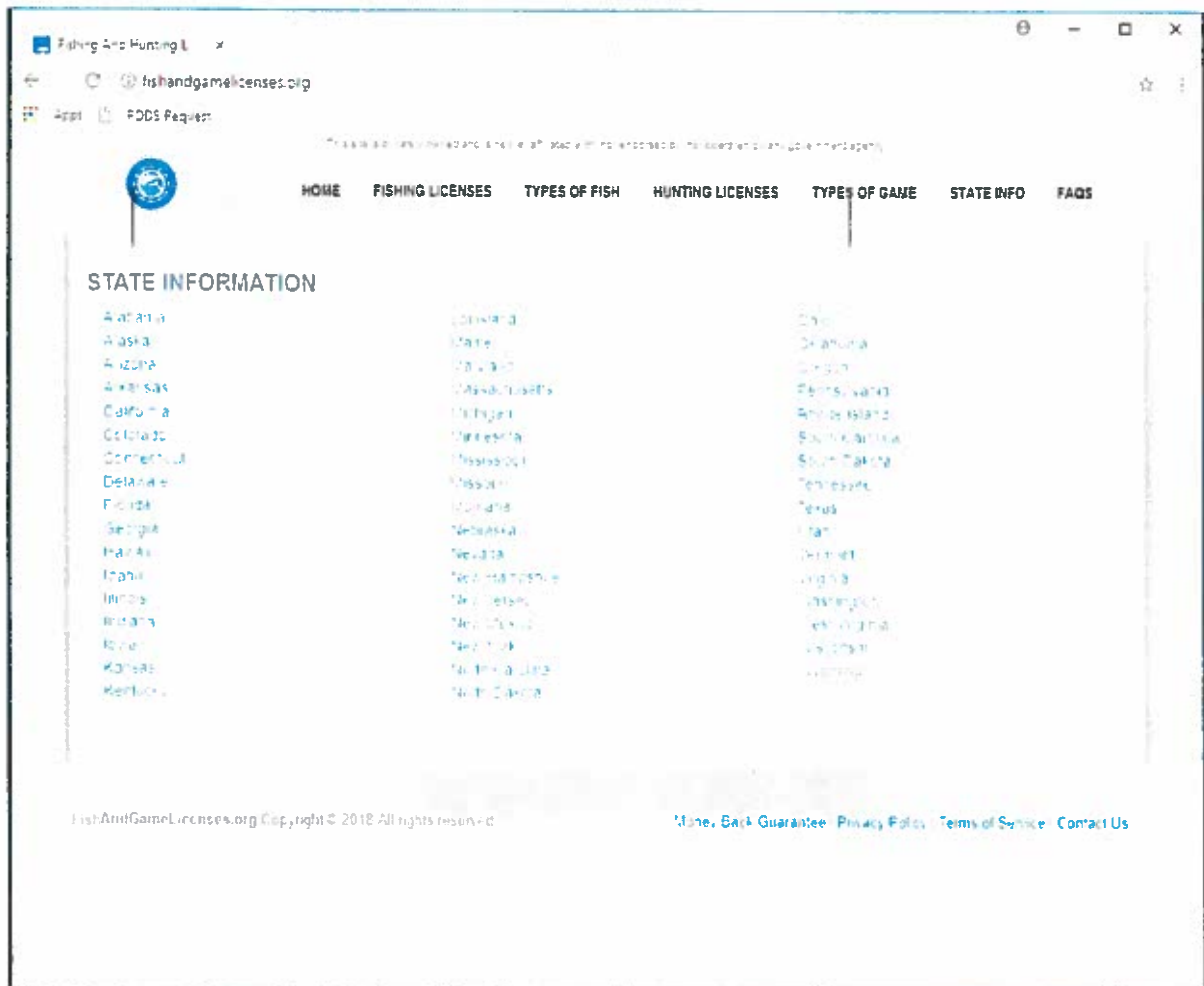
Discover all the information you need to obtain a fishing and hunting license. FishandGameLicenses.org is the comprehensive source to assist you with both licensing processes. Find out what licenses are required in which states and how to obtain each one in order to become the expert outdoorsman.

Fishing and hunting licenses vary by state. Also, there are several types of fishing licenses available, and you must obtain the correct fishing permit to legally fish in the United States. A license to fish in all large bodies of water is required for both residents and visitors in all states. Additional endorsements and species stamps may also be needed depending on the state you plan to fish in. For more information, review our site for state-specific fishing seasons, regulations, and the different fishing licenses available, such as daily, annual or lifetime licenses.

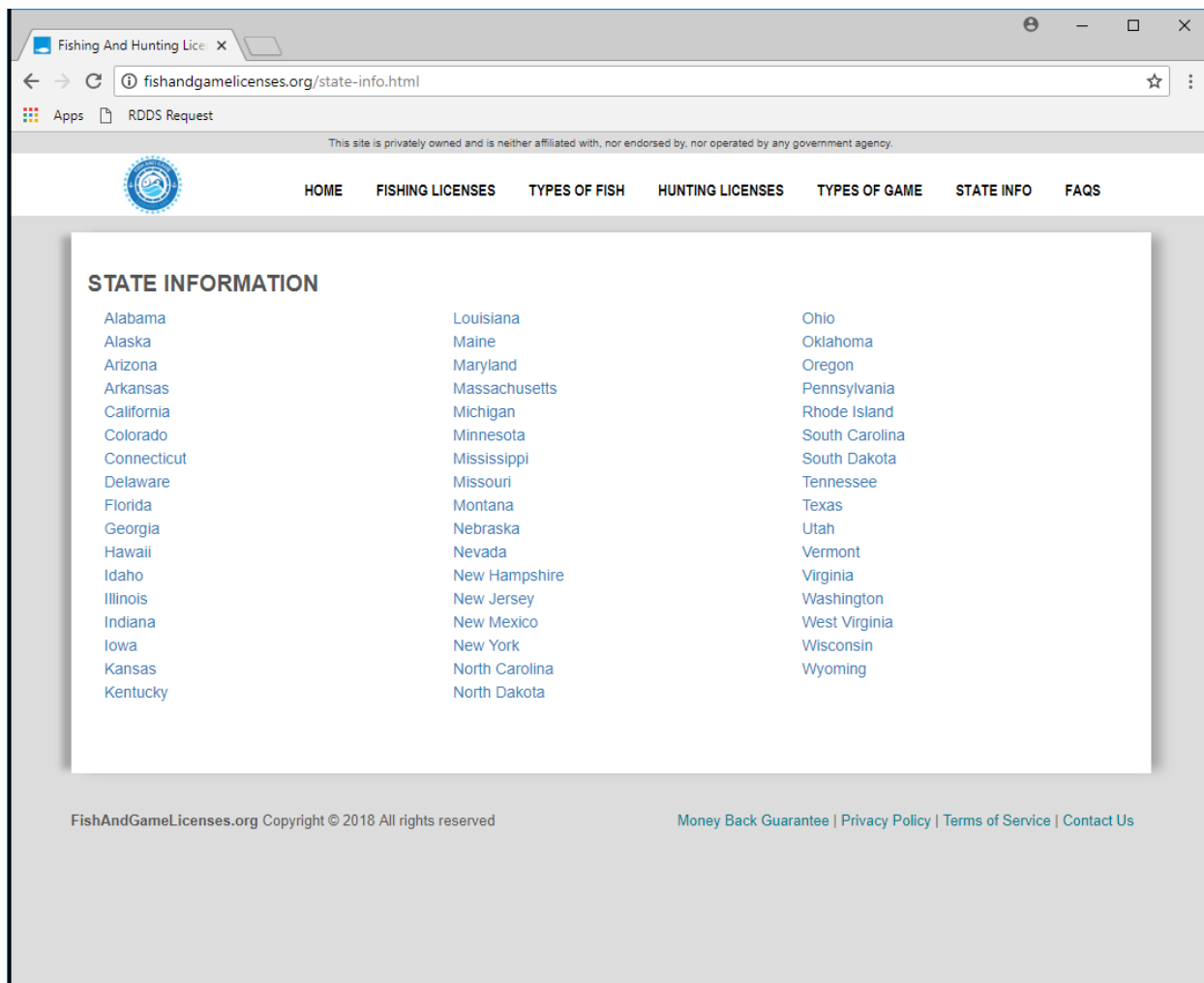
In every case, it is important to consider the type of water you will be fishing in. Some states only offer one type of fishing license, while other states

Link to actual website, <https://fishandgamelicenses.org/index.html>

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- c) When users select their state and the type of fishing license they want, they are taken to a page that solicits their personal information. Along the top of these pages are displayed the steps of the process, which themselves suggest the end result will be the ability to download and print a state-specific fishing license: “(1) Select Service (2) Select State (3) Complete Form (4) Purchase, Download & Print” (see screenshot below). It further states: “We have created a comprehensive guide to assist you with every step along your journey to becoming an expert outdoorsman. *Our team has compiled all of the information you need to complete your fish and game license application and plan your outdoor excursions.* Including a host of value added products and services such as fishing and hunting tips, checklists and recipes. As well as gift rewards and coupons valuing up to \$500 in savings. You'll be an Expert Outdoorsman in no time!” (Emphasis added.)



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https://fishandgame.org

Secure https://fishandgame.org

App: RDS Request

HOME FISHING LICENSES TYPES OF FISH HUNTING LICENSES TYPES OF GAME STATE INFO FAQS

Select Service Select State **3 Complete Form** Purchase, Download & Print

We will ask you to provide personal contact information. This information will be used to create your account and to send you important information. You will be asked to provide your contact information in the following steps:

First Name Last Name
Phone Email
Address Age
City State
Zip

CONTINUE

Terms and Conditions Privacy Policy

- c) Once users provide their personal contact information, including email address and phone number, they are taken to a page that requires their credit card information, and further suggests users are purchasing a fishing license, stating:

“Don't get fined or penalized for fishing and gaming without a license. [State] law requires a permit to fish in all bodies of water. FishAndGameLicenses.org will help simplify the process of obtaining your license by providing you with all the information you need to complete your license application with the department of wildlife. Our concierge services provide a step-by-step checklist to get licensed, along with additional, value-added services.”


(Emphasis added.)

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Apps RDDS Request

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HOMEFISHING LICENSESTYPES OF FISHHUNTING LICENSESTYPES OF GAMESTATE INFOFAQS

1 Select Service

2 Select State

3 Complete Form

4 Purchase, Download & Print

We have created a comprehensive guide to assist you with every step along your journey to becoming an expert outdoorsman. Our team has compiled all of the information you need to complete your fish and game license application and plan your outdoor excursions. Including a host of value added products and services such as fishing and hunting tips, checklists and recipes. As well as gift rewards and coupons valuing up to \$500 in savings. You'll be an Expert Outdoorsman in no time!

First Name:

Last Name:

Phone:

Email:

Address:


Apt# / Suite:

City:

State:

Zip:

CONTINUE



By submitting the information above, I agree to the [Terms and Conditions](#) and [Privacy Policy](#).

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Fishing Licenses for Ohio

fishandgame.licenses.ohio.gov

Pay Later with Payment Plan

HOME FISHING LICENSES TYPES OF FISH HUNTING LICENSES TYPES OF GAME STATE INFO FAQS

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW TO PROCESS YOUR PAYMENT.

First Name

Last Name

Credit Card Number

Expiration Date

Security Code

Billing Zip Code

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At the end of this process, users can download an informational guide, but not a fishing license. *See* Ex. 6.

III. Harm To Consumers And The Industry


The acts and practices described above are material and are likely to cause reasonably foreseeable injury in the United States. 15 U.S.C. § 45(a)(4)(A). State agencies as well as the fishing industry as a whole have a strong interest in clear communication with the public regarding proper licensing procedures. The confusion created by the Problem Websites threatens natural resources and fish populations, which fishing licenses and laws are intended to protect and conserve. Consumers have been and will be injured because they have wasted money inadvertently purchasing an unwanted guide instead of the fishing license that they sought. Further, consumers operating under the mistaken belief that the guide they purchased is actually a state fishing license could be subject to serious state fines and other penalties for fishing

Fishing Licenses for Out-

Secure | https://fishandgamelicenses.org/billing.html

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HOMEFISHING LICENSESTYPES OF FISHHUNTING LICENSESTYPES OF GAMESTATE INFOFAQS

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW TO PROCESS YOUR PAYMENT.

Don't get fined or penalized for fishing and gaming without a license. Massachusetts law requires a permit to fish in all bodies of water. FishAndGameLicenses.org will help simplify the process of obtaining your license by providing you with all the information you need to complete your license application with the department of wildlife. Our concierge services provide a step-by-step checklist to get licensed, along with additional, value-added services.

Billing information -- SECURE

First Name




First Name on Credit Card

Last Name

Last Name on Credit Card

Credit Card Number:

Credit Card Number




Expiration Date:

--month--

--year--

Security Code: ?



Billing Zip Code:

Billing Zip Code

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without a license. Given the deceptive nature of the Problem Websites, and as shown by extensive actual consumer confusion, it is reasonable for consumers to believe that the websites sell genuine state fishing licenses, so it will be difficult for consumers to avoid these injuries themselves. 15 U.S.C. § 45(n). The consumer confusion resulting from the Problem Websites not only harms individual fishermen, but is detrimental to the recreational fishing industry as a whole since it could harm the reputation of true state agencies and discourage consumers from being involved in fishing altogether.

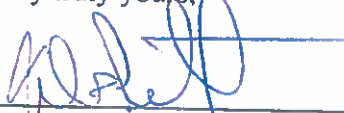
IV. Conclusion

In light of the above, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §§ 45(b), 57b(a) & (b), AFWA, RBFF, and the State Agencies request that the FTC commence an investigation of the Problem Websites and take prompt enforcement action against the owner(s)/operator(s) of the Problem Websites to protect consumers from the deceptive sales practices delineated above, including:

1. Issue a complaint to the owner(s)/operator(s) of the Problem Websites charging them with deceptive acts and practices;
2. Order the owner(s)/operator(s) of the Problem Websites to cease and desist their deceptive acts and practices;
3. Following the issuance of a final FTC order, commence a civil action in a United States District Court against the owner(s)/operator(s) of the Problem Websites to redress the injury caused to consumers, AFWA, RBFF, and the State Agencies, seeking relief including, but not limited to;
 - a. Disabling the Problem Websites and seizing the domain names;
 - b. Payment of damages to AFWA, RBFF, and the State Agencies to compensate for, among other things, the time spent addressing the confusion caused by the Problem Websites;
 - c. Offering refunds to any and all consumers that have been defrauded;

Please address all responses to AFWA, RBFF, and outside legal counsel at the addresses shown on the carbon copies below:


Ron Regan, Executive Director
Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies

Very truly yours,

Frank Peterson, Jr., President & CEO
Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation

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Exhibit 1

Available at: <https://www.bbb.org/snakeriver/business-reviews/ebooks/fishinglicense-org-in-coeur-d-alene-id-1000030042/reviews-and-complaints?section=reviews>

6/16/2018

Advertising/Sales Issues

Complaint Details Unavailable

6/11/2018

Delivery Issues

Complaint Details Unavailable

6/4/2018

Advertising/Sales Issues

Complaint Details Unavailable

5/30/2018

Review

Similar experience to others. Very deceiving website. Attempting to renew a fishing license, but the site sells an ebook about "how to buy a fishing license". They claim they are clear about their services, but obviously this is not true based on the number of complaints here and other sites.

5/25/2018

Review

This is a terrible company that misleads what they are selling. They should be shut down for having a shady business model! Also they do not help with fishing licensees so ignore the name

5/25/2018

Review

I "searched" WI Fishing License for non-resident and was routed to FishingLicense.Org, chose the option to PURCHASE License for Non-Resident and was billed. Didn't realize until it was too late that this wasn't a purchase of a license but a membership. UGH!! I contacted the company right away & they cancelled my membership, but still have all of my cc info, etc. NOT HAPPY AT ALL.

4/25/2018

Problems with Product/Service

Complaint Details Unavailable

4/18/2018

Problems with Product/Service

Complaint Details Unavailable

4/13/2018

Review

I google to buy fishing license, and have same mistake as other people. it looks like you are buying my fishing licenses. They ask me credit card and say submit to continuous and did not say how much. I should not enter my credit car, address and my name. They charged me \$3.99 today. I called my credit card company to block this site and hope they won't charge me again. This website absolutely is scam.

4/4/2018

Problems with Product/Service

Complaint Details Unavailable

1/29/2018

Advertising/Sales Issues

Complaint Details Unavailable

9/19/2017

Problems with Product/Service

Complaint

This website is very misleading. It pretends to provide fishing licenses but in fact it is giving you a guide for a fishing license. When you do a websearch to get a michigan fishing license this site pops up first. It has a link called "new fishing license" which then asks for credit card... information. At the end of the transaction you then find out you bought a fishing license guide . I believe this is an intentionally misleading site. Additionally, instead of just one charge you are billed \$3.99 for the original transaction and then 3 days later they hit your card with a \$19.99 charge . Please warn everyone about this site.

Desired Resolution I want a 100% refund of both charges \$3.99 and \$19.99. I have already called my credit card company to dispute the charges and I am also calling the company to get a full refund. I will also be contacting the Attorney General for both Michigan and Idaho to see how else I can prevent others from... falling for this.

Consumer Business DialogBusiness

Thank you for contacting us. We understand that our service has not met your expectations so we have processed a refund of \$19.99 and \$3.99. Please note, depending on your bank it may take up to 7 business days for the funds to return to your account. Be assured that you... will not receive any further charges from us. We apologize for any inconvenience. Your satisfaction is our goal. Please take a moment to reply if you have any further questions or feedback. Otherwise, have a great day! Sincerely, The Customer Support Team

9/11/2017

Problems with Product/Service

Complaint

I was directed to this website as I attempted to purchase a fishing license for my state of residence. The website implies that you are purchasing a fishing license; however, after entering contact and purchase information, you receive confirmation that you purchased a fishing guide, not a fishing... license. I wanted a license, and the site should make it clear that I am not purchasing a license.

Desired Resolution

I would like a full refund on my purchase. I also would like to see the website make it abundantly clear that anyone who makes a purchase through this site is not actually purchasing a fishing license.

Consumer Business DialogBusiness

Thank you for contacting us. We understand our service did not meet your expectations, so we have cancelled your transaction of \$3.99 and \$19.99. The charge will be removed from your account, but depending on your bank it may appear as a pending transaction for as many as 7 days before being... removed. Be assured that you will not receive any further charges from us. We apologize for any inconvenience. Your satisfaction is our goal. Please take a moment to reply to this email if you have any further questions or feedback. Otherwise, have a great day! Sincerely, Customer Support Team.

Consumer

Better Business Bureau: I have reviewed the response made by the business in reference to complaint ID *****, and find that this resolution is only one part of my request. While I cannot force them to do so, the site should make it abundantly clear that they do NOT sell fishing licenses. If they don't do that, more consumers will fall prey to this scam. Sincerely,

8/29/2017

Billing/Collection Issues

Complaint

This site offers information concerning fishing licenses, including costs. When asked to input billing information, this site does not state that the fee is for an ebook. In fact, during the out-processing, it did not even list a cost other than the initial notification of a Missouri licensing fee.... I want the \$20 back. I don't need an ebook and would not have purchased one if it had been remotely clear that such a transaction was being made. My son purchased the same book on the same site within minutes of me. He, obviously was under the same notion I was and was as frustrated as I was when a license was not purchased.

Desired Resolution

Please reimburse both my account and the account of my son.

Consumer Business DialogBusiness

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have a great day! Sincerely, The Customer Support Team

7/29/2017

Review

I was on the internet looking to buy a fishing license for my state and a state bordering me. I was using yahoo. This site fishinglicense.org poses to be the state site for fishing licenses. I should not have entered my credit card info. They tricked me for \$3.99 then \$20.00 2 days later for no services at all. I called them. I am working on a refund. They offer. PDF file on how to buy a license. But they mislead you in the ad. Sad!

7/27/2017

Advertising/Sales Issues

Complaint

I was trying to purchase a fishing license for Florida. Upon entering the website you are asked what type of license you want to purchase. You enter your information and are sent to several different pages. Then they say "Thank you for your order". Then you need to select a "book" to download. I was... not looking for a book, I was looking for a license. After this "purchase" I called the help number and told them to cancel my order because I thought i was getting a fishing license. They cancelled the order but I was still billed \$3.99 on my credit card. The website is very deceiving as you navigate through it. I did not want a book to tell me how to become a fisherman. I wanted to purchase a license. The website is deceptive and once you start you don't realize that you are ordering a book. If they get \$3.99 from every person they mislead that adds up to a lot of money. They need to be clearer in their sales of the product. They need to state up front that you are not ordering a license from their website but you are ordering a book.

Desired Resolution

Refund the \$3.99 you scammed me out of.

Consumer Business DialogBusiness

Dear ****Thank you for contacting us. We understand our service did not meet your expectations, so we have cancelled your transaction of \$3.99 and \$19.99. The charge will be removed from your account, but depending on your bank it may appear as a pending transaction for as many as 7 days before being... removed. Be assured that you will not receive any further charges from us. We apologize for any inconvenience. Your satisfaction is our goal. Please take a moment to reply to this email if you have any further questions or feedback. Otherwise, have a great day! Sincerely, Customer Support Team.

Consumer

Better Business Bureau: I have reviewed the response made by the business in reference to complaint ID *****, and find that this resolution is satisfactory to me. I will review my account at the end of the month. If the \$3.99 is credited to my account I will consider my complaint resolved satisfactorily. If not, I will be back in touch. Thanks! Sincerely, **** *

7/15/2017

Advertising/Sales Issues

Complaint

I went online today to renew my son's fishing license. I searched under how to renew my fishing license and www.fishinglicense.org came up in one of the top search sites. The site clearly shows links on getting or renewing a fishing license and makes NO mention of any informational books on how to... fish or secure licenses until after it asks for your credit card number! Once I submitted my transaction, I tried to print my license but realized that this was not what was advertised! I immediately contacted their customer service line and explained that the advertising and website were very misleading and that I wanted my transaction cancelled! The agent cancelled my transaction and then told me that I would be charged a processing fee! The confirmation code on the transaction is *****. This is clearly how this company is making money by a very misleading website!

Desired Resolution

Refund and no service charge. Also, I think that the BBB should look into how the site is presented it is extremely misleading!

Consumer Business DialogBusiness

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7/14/2017

Advertising/Sales Issues

Complaint

At the beach in NC for the week and needed to buy a fishing license. I typed in North Carolina fishing license and this was the first site that popped up. The website said in big blue letters "Select the type of license you need" and then you continued to purchase. Then takes you to a screen that... reads "We have created a comprehensive guide to assist you with every step along your journey to becoming an expert fisherman. Our team has compiled all of the information you need to complete your fishing license application and plan your fishing excursions. Including a host of value added products and services such as fishing tips, checklists and recipes. As well as gift rewards and coupons valuing up to \$500 in savings, a \$100 Shopping Reward as well as a \$2,000 Grocery Reward. You'll be The Complete Fisherman in no time!" On that page, you fill in your name and email address etc. Then the very next page reads "Our products simplify the process of getting a fishing license from your states' department of wildlife. For \$23.98 our Complete Fisherman Licensing Guide and accompanying Audiobook will assist you in filing a fishing license application with your state's department of wildlife. . . . The total cost of our Fishing products is a one-time processing fee charge of \$3.99 and \$19.99 for the comprehensive guide. FishingLicense.org is privately owned and is neither affiliated, nor endorsed by any government agency. We provide helpful, time-saving information and downloads as a private value-add to recreational licensing services." At this point, they are still claiming they assist in filing for a license. I put in my credit card info. I then received an email with several links which

I did not open. I responded to the email and told them that I was canceling my order and would inform my credit card company it was unauthorized. They responded saying it was canceled. **This is absolutely fraudulent.**

Desired Resolution **I will likely just cancel my credit card because it is now obvious to me that this is a scam.** For 24\$ (actual license 15) you get a spam email. I would like to be notified if you find out the owner of the business. **I think yall should put out an APB that this company is fraud.** I would also like to... forward you the first email that they sent to me so that you can investigate the links therein. This is the text of the second email: "We understand our service did not meet your expectations, so we have cancelled your transaction . The charge will be removed from your account, but depending on your bank it may appear as a pending transaction for as many as 7 days before being removed. Be assured that you will not receive any further charges from us. We apologize for any inconvenience. Your satisfaction is our goal. Please take a moment to reply to this email if you have any further questions or feedback. Otherwise, have a great day! Sincerely, Customer Support Team

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Consumer

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7/14/2017

Review

I also was scammed by this site. it looks like you are buying your state fishing licenses. Although on the last page it does state their product simply the process of getting a fishing licenses from your state department of wildlife. I believe the BBB needs to require them to bold letters on the first page **THEY ARE NOT THE SOURCE FOR YOUR LICENSES**, only information to getting them. total scam and the USA should not allow this to happen.

6/14/2017

Advertising/Sales Issues

Complaint

This web-based company has established a website that is intentionally deceptive about what products and services they offer and the costs of those services. The site leads the consumer to believe that they are applying for a state-issued fishing license. When you enter your personal information and... credit card details, however, you are directed to a site that thanks you for your purchase. At no point was it clear that I was agreeing to purchase anything. **It was certainly not**

clear that I was agreeing to purchase anything other than a state-issued fishing license.

Furthermore, at no point did I see a price for the products/services I was apparently purchasing and there was no confirmation page. I'm a relatively educated, savvy consumer and if the fine print escaped my attention, I suspect it not only escapes the attention of many others but is, in fact, designed to do just that. The site is deliberately misleading.

Desired Resolution

I think this company should be required to modify the content of their site so that a reasonable person could be expected to know what it was they were and were not purchasing and how much it costs.

Consumer Business DialogBusiness

Good afternoon, This customer was already refunded since June 1st, please have customer check with his bank. Regards

Consumer

Complaint: ***** I am rejecting this response because: While the company promptly refunded my money and offered good customer service, I should not have... needed to contact them in the first place. The problem could have been avoided if their website communicated clearly and honestly. The fact that my problem was resolved swiftly is irrelevant. The company should be required to alter the content of their website to prevent problems like mine from arising. They probably know that promptly addressing customer complaints is one way they can protect themselves from having to change their predatory and deceptive model. Sincerely,

6/8/2017

Review

I did a search for Vermont Fishing license. I've done this before for my wife. I thought I was on the Vermont website and filled out all the info and paid. I see that I was charged 19.99 and 3.99 later on different dates. I didn't see this at the time I filled out the license info. The site is misleading and I suspect that they do this on purpose. They seem to have a headquarters in Idaho but the money ends up in Florida. I called and the lady answered. She was polite and accommodating. She was willing to refund the \$19.00 but not the \$3.99 and my response was I will call the Florida Attorney General and lodge a complaint if I don't get it all back. She relented. I checked and the funds have been returned. I'll give 2 stars because they returned the money.

5/22/2017

Billing/Collection Issues

Complaint Details Unavailable

5/15/2017

Billing/Collection Issues

Complaint

Fishing License.org advertises on line for interested parties to purchase a fishing license on line. I was misled into thinking that i could purchase a Kentucky fishing license from them. They

asked what state and type of license I wanted. They NEVER said that they sold information only. When I was... suckered into buying a 20 dollar fishing info book I emailed them immediately and asked to cancel the order. They replied that they would cancel the order, but would debit my credit card for a handling charge of \$3.99. Why do they call themselves Fishing License, and how do they get a ".org" email address. Looks to me that they are a for profit business. The .org is what gets people like me to think that I am buying from a DNR or government agency.

Desired Resolution

I want the handling charge of \$3.99 refunded. I asked them for a fishing license not information about fishing.

5/2/2017

Problems with Product/Service

Complaint

Went to renew Ohio fishing license thru Ohio State site. This company must have hacked a link and then leads you through a series of questions, prompting the next and appearing that you will receive a renewal fishing license in Ohio. It soon asks you for your banking information. I then thought I... would get a renewed license to print out but only got a huge charge on my credit card and a page with a bunch of links to junk ads and promotional stuff.

Desired Resolution

Immediate Full refund of all charges and fees and my time. Charges + \$25.00

4/25/2017

Advertising/Sales Issues

Complaint

This website I believe is misleading. I thought I was purchasing a Michigan fishing license and when I had completed the process and entered my credit card information what I received was a guide on "The Complete Fisherman Guide". I found this website when I typed "Michigan Fishing License" into... google and this website was the first on the list and with a website name of "fishinglicense.org" I assumed that michigan had begun to use a third party vendor for online sales of licenses. Throughout the process on my mobile device it stated things that indicated to me that I was purchasing a fishing license such as "Our products simplify the process of getting a fishing license from your states' department of wildlife." at the heading of the second page, and my interpretation of this was that they were an easier way to purchase a license online.

Desired Resolution

I believe they should rename their website and/or place more information, in a clearly stated fashion, about what product they are actually selling.

Consumer Business DialogBusiness

Dear *****, We understand that our service has not met your expectations so we have cancelled your transaction of \$19.99 and refund the \$3.99. Please note, depending on your bank it may take up to 7 business days for the funds to return to your account. Be assured that you will not... receive any further charges from us. We apologize for any inconvenience. Your

satisfaction is our goal. Please take a moment to reply if you have any further questions or feedback. Otherwise, have a great day! Sincerely, Customer Support Team.

Consumer

Better Business Bureau: I have reviewed the response made by the business in reference to complaint ID *****, and find that this resolution is MOSTLY satisfactory to me. SEE BELOW I am rejecting this response because: only want it noted that they say they had another charge of \$19, not once in the process did they mention prices let alone being charged twice I do accept the refund of my money, but I would encourage someone to look into this business as I do not think it is a business as much as a scam because if they charged me for this long and I never received any product (so they are misleading and charging people for some mysterious product that they will never receive). Sincerely, ***** Sincerely, *****

4/17/2017

Review

FishingLicense.org is a sham. They are placing ads on other websites with links leading to their site in which customers are being made to assume they are buying a fishing license. In reality, this website is only selling information on how to obtain a license and other fishing materials. They use ads and tactics to trick people that are not internet savvy, and the DNR websites need to be posting warnings about this company.

1/5/2017

Advertising/Sales Issues

Complaint

This site is very simple and leads you through a series of questions, prompting the next and appearing that you will receive a temporary fishing license in Florida. Soon as you ask the multiple question of temporary or permanent license, it quickly asks for your banking information. Assuming I would... receive a fishing license instead I receive a package of digital coupons, and no official license. This site is very misleading, very deceptive, I feel robbed, and feel bad for anyone who uses this site thinking they will receive a license but gets duped. I'm very upset by the way this company snagged my banking information and then didn't even give me what I needed, left me hanging.

Desired Resolution

Full refund, \$25.00

Consumer Business DialogConsumer

My issue is resolved but the technique, is that resolved. Will they still use this fishing scam? Pun intended. Best, ****

Exhibit 2



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April 16, 2018

Thomas B. Pahl, Acting Director
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Acting Director Pahl:

The Alabama Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division has recently become aware of four highly misleading websites, all seemingly connected that give consumers the impression that these sites are selling fishing licenses for our state, when in fact consumers are not actually purchasing or receiving a valid fishing license.

The misleading websites are apparently based out of Florida and are as follows:

- www.fishinglicense.org
- www.fishandgamelicense.org
- www.recreationallicenses.org
- www.licenses.org

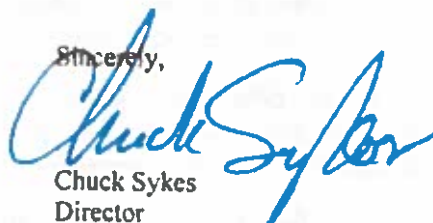
Over the past few years, we have received numerous complaints from the public about these websites. After visiting one of these websites in which they reasonably believed that they were purchasing an "Alabama" fishing license, they call our agency trying to get a copy of their fishing license. We explain that they do not have a valid fishing license and must go to our official website to get their license. We advise them to contact their bank about the initial 'fraudulent' transaction.

The domain names themselves suggest that they are a resource for purchasing fishing licenses, and the websites are laid out in such a way that if users do not read this smaller print, they could easily believe they are purchasing a fishing license. To be clear, selling a fishing or hunting guide online is not objectionable, however, it should not be presented in a way that misleads consumers into believing the online site is selling an actual state license.

We believe these websites do not serve the angling public in any meaningful way, and the web sites' practice of making consumers believe that they can purchase fishing licenses through the website possibly violates state and federal unfair competition/consumer protection laws.

Accordingly, we provide you this information and respectfully request the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection investigate and take whatever action you may deem appropriate to protect our consumers from this deceptive, misleading, and potentially fraudulent activity. Please let us know if we may provide you any additional information or if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,


Chuck Sykes
Director

CFS/wm

cc: Ron Regan, AFWA

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April 24, 2018

Thomas B. Pahl, Acting Director
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Federal Trade Commission
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Washington, DC 20580

Dear Acting Director Pahl:

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game has recently become aware of four highly misleading websites, all seemingly connected that give consumers the impression that these sites are selling fishing licenses for our state, when in fact consumers are not actually purchasing or receiving a valid fishing license.

The misleading websites are apparently based out of Florida and are as follows:

<fishinglicense.org>
<recreationallicenses.org>

<fishandgamelicense.org>
<licenses.org>

In 2017, we received an estimated 10-15 complaints from the public about these websites. The complainants reasonably believed that they were purchasing an Alaska sport fishing license, when in fact, for money tendered, they only received fishing information. In response, the Better Business Bureau serving the Northwest issued a press release (attached) on August 29, 2017 to warn consumers that the FishingLicense.org website was deceptive. We have already received an estimated 5-10 complaints in 2018 and anticipate more as we enter our more popular spring and summer fishing seasons when license sales historically peak.

The domain names themselves suggest that they are a resource for purchasing fishing licenses, and the websites are laid out in such a way that if users do not read this smaller print, they could easily believe they are purchasing a fishing license. To be clear, selling a fishing or hunting guide online is not objectionable, however, it should not be presented in a way that misleads consumers into believing the online site is selling an actual state license.

We believe these websites do not serve the angling public in any meaningful way, and the websites' practice of making consumers believe that they can purchase fishing licenses through the website possibly violates state and federal unfair competition/consumer protection laws.

Accordingly, we provide you this information and respectfully request the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection investigate and take whatever action you may deem appropriate to protect

Thomas B. Pahl, Acting Director

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April 24, 2018

our consumers from this deceptive, misleading, and potentially fraudulent activity. Please let us know if we may provide you any additional information or if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,



Sam Cotten
Commissioner

Attachment: Better Business Bureau Press Release

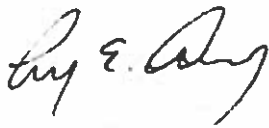
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Accordingly, we provide you this information and respectfully request the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection investigate and take whatever action you may deem appropriate to protect our consumers from this deceptive, misleading, and potentially fraudulent activity. Please let us know if we may provide you any additional information or if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ty E. Gray". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being more prominent than the middle initial.

Ty E. Gray
Director

Caroline Cone
Chief of Staff and Deputy Director



Chris Colclasure
Assistant Deputy Director

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Pat Fitts
Director

March 8, 2018
Thomas B. Pahl, Acting Director,
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Acting Director Pahl:

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission has recently become aware of four highly misleading websites, all seemingly connected that give consumers the impression that these sites are selling fishing licenses for our state, when in fact consumers are not actually purchasing or receiving a valid fishing license.

The misleading websites are apparently based out of Florida and are as follows:

<fishinglicense.org> <fishandgamelicense.org>
<recreationallicenses.org> <licenses.org>

We have received several complaints from the public about these websites (see attached). The complainants reasonably believed that they were purchasing an Arkansas fishing license, when in fact, for money tendered, they only received fishing information.

The domain names themselves suggest that they are a resource for purchasing fishing licenses, and the websites are laid out in such a way that if users do not read this smaller print, they could easily believe they are purchasing a fishing license. To be clear, selling a fishing or hunting guide online is not objectionable. However, it should not be presented in a way that misleads consumers into believing the online site is selling an actual state license.

We believe this website does not serve the angling public in any meaningful way, and the web sites' practice of making consumers believe that they can purchase fishing licenses through the website possibly violates state and federal unfair competition/consumer protection laws.

Accordingly, we provide you this information and respectfully request the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection investigate and take whatever action you may deem appropriate to protect our consumers from this deceptive, misleading, and potentially fraudulent activity. Please let us know if we may provide you any additional information or if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Pat Fitts

Pat Fitts, Director
Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

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The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's mission is to conserve and enhance Arkansas's fish and wildlife and their habitats while promoting sustainable use, public understanding and support

COMPLAINT CALL:

A few weeks ago we had a gentleman from out of state call and state that he never received his fishing license. After researching the matter, he stated that he went to Google, typed in "Arkansas Fishing License" and clicked on the top result. This was the recreationallicenses.org site and it charged him 19.99 for what he thought was a fishing license. We apologized to him for the issue and let him know that this was a company paying Google to have their ad be the top result on those searches. We then walked him through the correct process and sent him an AGFC calendar, but he was still out \$19.99 and wasted a lot of his time and our staff time researching the issue.

COMPLAINT EMAIL:

From: Stinson, Jeff

Sent: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 2:32 PM

To: Williamson, Kimberly <Kimberly.Williamson@agfc.ar.gov>; Halter, Franci

<Mary.Halter@agfc.ar.gov>; Aaron, Ron <Ronald.Aaron@agfc.ar.gov>

Cc: Cowan, Jeff <Jeffrey.Cowan@agfc.ar.gov>

Subject: Possible License Sale Scam?

Had a fellar come in this morning who had purchased his license online but didn't get it. My first red flag was that he said his bank was charged \$19.99 and \$3.99. I knew we didn't have anything that had that kind of price on it. Cowan was here and we looked all over for ANYTHING we might sell on our website or otherwise with that price tag but couldn't find anything. We had the guy call his bank and they tracked the transaction down to Idaho.

The transaction was listed on his bank account as "Purchase SPL*OGM Fishing License." So we asked the guy how get got to our website. He said he typed in "Arkansas fishing license" on google search. I recreated his method and came up with the following:



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Parks and Wildlife

Department of Natural Resources

Director's Office
1313 Sherman Street Room 618
Denver, CO 80203

05/16/2018

Thomas B. Pahl, Acting Director,
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Acting Director Pahl:

Colorado Parks & Wildlife has recently become aware of four highly misleading websites, all seemingly connected that give consumers the impression that these sites are selling fishing licenses for our state, when in fact consumers are not actually purchasing or receiving a valid fishing license.

The misleading websites are apparently based out of Florida and are as follows:

<fishinglicense.org>

<fishandgamelicensees.org>

<recreationallicenses.org>

<licenses.org>

We have heard of several complaints from other state and want to express our concern as we do not want this to be an issue for our customers.

The domain names themselves suggest that they are a resource for purchasing fishing licenses, and the websites are laid out in such a way that if users do not read this smaller print, they could easily believe they are purchasing a fishing license. To be clear, selling a fishing or hunting guide online is not objectionable, however, it should not be presented in a way that misleads consumers into believing the online site is selling an actual state license.

We believe this website does not serve the angling public in any meaningful way, and the web sites' practice of making consumers believe that they can purchase fishing licenses through the website possibly violates state and federal unfair competition/consumer protection laws.

Accordingly, we provide you this information and respectfully request the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection investigate and take whatever action you may deem appropriate to protect our consumers from this deceptive, misleading, and potentially fraudulent activity. Please let us know if we may provide you any additional information or if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Broscheid". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Bob Broscheid, Director
Colorado Parks & Wildlife



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April 27, 2018

Thomas B. Pahl, Acting Director,
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Federal Trade Commission
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Washington, DC 20580

Dear Acting Director Pahl:

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection is aware of four highly misleading websites that give consumers the false impression they are selling Connecticut fishing licenses.

The misleading websites are apparently based out of Florida and are as follows:

<fishinglicense.org>

<recreationallicenses.org>

<fishandgamelicense.org>

<licenses.org>

We have received several complaints from the public about these websites (see attached example). The complainants reasonably believed that they were purchasing a Connecticut fishing license, when in fact, for money tendered, they only received fishing information.

The domain names themselves suggest that they are a resource for purchasing fishing licenses, and the websites are laid out in such a way that if users do not read the smaller print, they could easily believe they are purchasing a fishing license. To be clear, selling a fishing or hunting guide online is not objectionable, however, it should not be presented in a way that misleads consumers into believing the online site is selling an actual state license.

We believe these websites do not serve the public in any meaningful way, and their practice of misleading consumers possibly violates federal unfair competition/consumer protection laws.

Accordingly, we provide you this information and respectfully request the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection investigate and take whatever action you may deem appropriate to protect our consumers from this deceptive, misleading, and potentially fraudulent activity. Please let us know if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

William Hyatt, Chief
Bureau of Natural Resources



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March 8, 2018

Thomas B. Pahl, Acting Director,
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Acting Director Pahl:

The Delaware Division of Fish & Wildlife has recently become aware of four highly misleading websites, all seemingly connected that give consumers the impression that these sites are selling fishing licenses for our state, when in fact consumers are not actually purchasing or receiving a valid fishing license.

The misleading websites are apparently based out of Florida and are as follows:

<fishinglicense.org>

<fishandgamelicense.org>

<recreationallicenses.org>

<licenses.org>

We have received several inquiries and complaints from anglers about these websites. The complainants reasonably believed that they were purchasing a Delaware fishing license, when in fact, for money tendered, they only received fishing information.

The domain names themselves suggest that they are a resource for purchasing fishing licenses, and the websites are laid out in such a way that if users do not read this smaller print, they could easily believe they are purchasing a fishing license. To be clear, selling a fishing or hunting guide online is not objectionable, however, it should not be presented in a way that misleads consumers into believing the online site is selling an actual state license.

We believe these websites do not appropriately serve the angling public, and the web sites' practice of misleading consumers in believing that they can purchase fishing licenses through the website possibly violates state and federal unfair competition/consumer protection laws.

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Accordingly, we provide you this information and respectfully request the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection investigate and take whatever action you may deem appropriate to protect our consumers from this deceptive, misleading, and potentially fraudulent activity. Please let us know if you need any additional information or if we can be of any further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D. E. Saveikis', written over a light blue circular stamp.

David E. Saveikis
Director



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April 16, 2018

Mr. Thomas B. Pahl
Acting Director
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Acting Director Pahl:

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) recently became aware of four highly misleading websites, all seemingly connected that give consumers the impression that these sites are selling fishing licenses for our state, when in fact they are not.

The misleading websites are apparently based out of Florida and are as follows:

<fishinglicense.org>

<recreationallicenses.org>

<fishandgamelicense.org>

<licenses.org>

We have received countless complaints from consumers who believed they were purchasing fishing licenses (for different states), when in fact, for money tendered, they only received fishing guides or information. Attached are excerpts from some of the complaints we have received. Unfortunately, many of these consumers are under the impression that our agency is affiliated with these misleading websites and later come to us asking for help resolving their situation. These websites are misleading consumers and negatively impacting our FWC brand and mission.

The domain names themselves suggest that they are a resource for purchasing fishing licenses, and the websites are laid out in such a way that if users do not read this smaller print, they could easily believe they are purchasing a fishing license. To be clear, selling a fishing or hunting guide online is not objectionable, however, it should not be presented in a way that misleads consumers into believing the online site is selling an actual state license.

We believe these websites do not serve the angling public in any meaningful way, and the websites' practice of making consumers believe that they can purchase fishing licenses through the website possibly violates state and federal unfair competition/consumer protection laws.

Accordingly, we are providing you this information and respectfully request the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection investigate and take whatever action you may deem appropriate to protect our consumers from this

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deceptive, misleading, and potentially fraudulent activity. Please let us know if we may provide you any additional information or if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Sutton", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eric Sutton
Executive Director

Enclosure

Sample Complaints Received via AskFWC:

"I was led to your website in my pursuit of purchasing a fishing license online via Google. I selected the appropriate information, i.e. purchasing a saltwater fishing license, then entered my credit card information. I had the understanding I was purchasing a fishing license however I was purchasing a membership and downloadable guides for fishing spots. I would like a refund as I have no need for fishing guides. If you check you logs I have not downloaded any guides or used this in any way. Please get back to ASAP with confirmation of refund. I was charged a total of \$19.99."

"I have been trying for over an hour to renew my FL Saltwater Fishing License. Somehow, your links led me to ordering a Florida Fishing Guide for \$19.99 which I do NOT want. I then went back and tried again to order/renew my FL saltwater fishing license and still was unsuccessful. I am going fishing with my husband tomorrow and want this email to demonstrate my desire to renew my license, as a matter of record. Please advise. I have been renewing my license on-line for many years and something seems wrong with your website for acquiring my license. Mary Ann Shideler, Florida Resident"

"I purchased a saltwater fishing license on line on Feb 7 and was charged for it and also a 3.99 fee which I assume is on line charge. When I checked my credit card today I was also charged an additional 19.99 on February 9th. What is this charge for??? I did not approve it. my Florida license is 1-C1NO16o8183. order # 30574417. agent 930001. Thanks for your anticipated prompt reply. Terri Parson "

"I HAVE BEEN CHARGED \$19.99 & \$3.99 AND I'M NOT SURE FOR WHAT."

"I attempted to get a FL fishing license on line. I used my credit card and was charged \$3.99 Not sure what the charge is for. License would be more, correct? Could not find any license to print out."

"Hello, I mistakenly requested a fishing license from Florida. I tried to renew my husband's Maine license using my phone on Jan 1st. Big mistake. When I clicked what I thought was the correct Maine site, it actually for some reason brought me to a Florida site and I didn't realize it until after I noticed my MasterCard was charged fees. I'm not sure if there's a way to credit my credit card for these charges I made in error. There is a \$3.99 fee for not sure what? A brochure? And \$19.99 which I assume is for the out of state fresh water license for Florida, which we never plan to use since we live in Maine. If you can't. I understand. It was my mistake, but I thought I would at least ask."

"I had a couple of charges on my account from Florida fishing license. I did not request any licenses from Florida so not sure why my credit union was being charged. I did try to purchase a Massachusetts license for my son in law James Goodreau but we don't come to Florida. Please investigate and reimburse my account for the 3.99 and 19.99 charges. Sincerely Kathy Beckwith"

"I purchased a saltwater license on line. I got a charge for 3.99 on my credit card. I wanted to make sure my license was processed or if I didn't apply properly since the charge was only 3.99. Thank you Rex Notestine"

"Hey there, I was trying to buy my husband a fishing license for Massachusetts and somehow I got one for Florida. I got charged \$3.99 and then \$19.99 I'm not even sure how it happened I just noticed on my bank statement. Can I be reemberced? We have no plans to travel anytime soon and getting the money back would be very helpful and necessary as things are right right now. I went thru my emails to see if I got a receipt or anything but I have not, I wouldn't have even known if it wasn't for my bank statement. Please and thank you! Nancy Knight"

"On 9/11/17, my credit card was charged \$19.99 for a fishing license. I believe this charge is in error. I am not a resident of Florida and am not planning a trip there in the near future. Could you please credit my Visa ending -****? Please e-mail me with questions or other information. Thank you. Kathy Alvarez"

"I am hoping someone can help. Both my sons recently filled out a Salt water fishing license using their cell phones on our way out to fish in MA. Both of them did not realize they were applying to Florida. My recent credit card bill had 4 charges on it, 2 for 19.95 and 2 for 3.95. (7/12). We have not been in Florida during the last year nor do we have any plans to do so. My sons names are Christopher Barthe 10/24/94 and Jonathan Barthe 3/21/99. Any help would be greatly appreciated."

"On August 19, 2016, I filled out an application online for a fishing license and was billed 5 time for 19.99 each on my credit card statement. I have not gotten the license. I need to get this corrected and get the license. Thank you for your help. Charles Ross"

"On 7/3/16 I went online before a fishing trip to update my license. I was just doing our bills and see a charge for 35.11 and another fl fishing license for 19.99. Can someone help me understand why there are two charges?"



GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WILDLIFE RESOURCES DIVISION

MARK WILLIAMS
COMMISSIONER

RUSTY GARRISON
DIRECTOR

April 9, 2018

Thomas B. Pahl, Acting Director,
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Acting Director Pahl:

The Georgia Wildlife Resources Division has recently become aware of several highly misleading websites, all seemingly connected that give consumers the impression that these sites are selling fishing licenses for our state, when in fact consumers are not actually purchasing or receiving a valid fishing license. The misleading websites are apparently based out of Florida and are as follows:

<fishinglicense.org>

<recreationallicenses.org>

<fishandgamelicenses.org>

<licenses.org>

Indeed, the domain names themselves suggest that they are a resource for purchasing fishing licenses, and the websites are laid out in such a way that if users do not read this smaller print, they could easily believe they are purchasing a fishing license. To be clear, selling a fishing or hunting guide online is not objectionable, however, it should not be presented in a way that misleads consumers into believing the online site is selling an actual state license.

We believe this website does not serve the angling public in any meaningful way, and the web sites' practice of making consumers believe that they can purchase fishing licenses through the website possibly violates state and federal unfair competition/consumer protection laws.

We respectfully request the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection investigate and take whatever action you may deem appropriate to protect our consumers from this deceptive, misleading, and potentially fraudulent activity. Please let us know if we may provide you any additional information or if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Rusty Garrison



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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C.L. "Butch" Otter / Governor
Virgil Moore / Director

April 9, 2018

Thomas B. Pahl, Acting Director,
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Acting Director Pahl:

Idaho Department of Fish and Game has recently become aware of four highly misleading websites, all seemingly connected that give consumers the impression that these sites are selling fishing licenses for our state, when in fact consumers are not actually purchasing or receiving a valid fishing license.

The misleading websites are apparently based out of Florida and are as follows:

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The domain names themselves suggest that they are a resource for purchasing fishing licenses, and the websites are laid out in such a way that if users do not read this smaller print, they could easily believe they are purchasing a fishing license. To be clear, selling a fishing or hunting guide online is not objectionable, however, it should not be presented in a way that misleads consumers into believing the online site is selling an actual state license. This diminishes customer confidence in our official online vendor for license sales.

We believe these websites do not serve the angling public in any meaningful way. Further, making consumers believe that they can purchase fishing licenses through these websites possibly violates state and federal unfair competition/consumer protection laws.

Pursuant to this information, we respectfully request the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection investigate and take whatever action you may deem appropriate to protect our consumers from this deceptive, misleading, and potentially fraudulent activity. Please let us know if we may provide you any additional information or if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Sharon W. Kiefer
Deputy Director

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Indiana Department
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Eric Holcomb, Governor
Cameron F. Clark, Director

April 6, 2018

Thomas B. Pahl, Acting Director,
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Acting Director Pahl:

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fish and Wildlife has recently become aware of four highly misleading websites, all seemingly connected that give consumers the impression that these sites are selling fishing licenses for our state, when in fact consumers are not actually purchasing or receiving a valid fishing license.

The misleading websites are apparently based out of Florida and are as follows:

<fishinglicense.org>

<recreationallicenses.org>

<fishandgamelicense.org>

<licenses.org>

We have received several complaints from the public about these websites (see attached). The complainants reasonably believed that they were purchasing Indiana fishing license, when in fact, for money tendered, they only received fishing information.

The domain names themselves suggest that they are a resource for purchasing fishing licenses, and the websites are laid out in such a way that if users do not read this smaller print, they could easily believe they are purchasing a fishing license. To be clear, selling a fishing or hunting guide online is not objectionable, however, it should not be presented in a way that misleads consumers into believing the online site is selling an actual state license.

We believe this website does not serve the angling public in any meaningful way, and the web sites' practice of making consumers believe that they can purchase fishing licenses through the website possibly violates state and federal unfair competition/consumer protection laws.

Accordingly, we provide you this information and respectfully request the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection investigate and take whatever action you may deem appropriate to protect our consumers from this deceptive, misleading, and potentially fraudulent activity. Please let us know if we may provide you any additional information or if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Mark Reiter
Division Director
Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Division of Fish and Wildlife

March 2, 2018

Thomas B. Pahl, Acting Director,
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Acting Director Pahl:

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources has recently become aware of four highly misleading websites, all seemingly connected that give consumers the impression that these sites are selling fishing licenses for our state, when in fact consumers are not actually purchasing or receiving a valid fishing license.

The misleading websites are apparently based out of Florida and are as follows:

<fishinglicense.org>

<fishandgamelicense.org>

<recreationallicenses.org>

<licenses.org>

We have received several complaints from the public about these websites (see attached). The complainants reasonably believed that they were purchasing an Iowa fishing license, when in fact, for money tendered, they only received fishing information.

The domain names themselves suggest that they are a resource for purchasing fishing licenses, and the websites are laid out in such a way that if users do not read this smaller print, they could easily believe they are purchasing a fishing license. To be clear, selling a fishing or hunting guide online is not objectionable, however, it should not be presented in a way that misleads consumers into believing the online site is selling an actual state license.

We believe this website does not serve the angling public in any meaningful way, and the websites' practice of making consumers believe that they can purchase fishing licenses through the website possibly violates state and federal unfair competition/consumer protection laws.

Accordingly, we provide you this information and respectfully request the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection investigate and take whatever action you may deem appropriate to protect our consumers from this deceptive, misleading, and potentially fraudulent activity. Please let us know if we may provide you any additional information or if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,



Alex Cross
Licensing and Customer Support Supervisor
Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Examples of fishing license complaints

On Tue, Jun 14, 2016 at 11:46 AM,
Webmaster [DNR] <Webmaster@dnr.iowa.gov> wrote:

Thank you Carol. We do have an attorney looking at the website. She also suggested that you may want to consider contacting Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General's Office:

<https://www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov/for-consumers/file-a-consumer-complaint/>

I am sorry you were misled and do appreciate your purchase. Do you know how this site was advertised to you?

From: Hi! [mailto:pinkteaset@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 6:36 PM
To: Webmaster [DNR]
Subject: Re: Inquiry submitted by Carol Walker

I did purchase 1 yesterday at Sopko in Jefferson , Iowa. Because the one I purchased online gave no confirmation of any kind. I was scammed out of \$19.99, Can you please chech into this site & hopefully shut them down before they do it to many others? The site is nishinglicence.org They claim that are selling them for all of the states. Please get back to me on this. Thanks!

From: pinkteaset@gmail.com [mailto:pinkteaset@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2016 1:46 AM
To: Webmaster [DNR]
Subject: Inquiry submitted by Carol Walker

You have received a new inquiry from Carol Walker.

Name	Carol Walker
Address	box 91
City	Burnside
State	IA
County	IA
Zip	50521
Phone	515-359-2906
Email Address	pinkteaset@gmail.com
DNR Customer #(if known)	

Your Question

I just purchased an Iowa fishing license online for \$19.99 and after I clicked submit, it said 'Thank You' and that was it. No confirmation number, other info, or anything. Can you please get back to me asap to let me know if I can go fishing later today? Thanks!

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Webmaster, DNR <webmaster@dnr.iowa.gov>

Date: Fri, Jul 21, 2017 at 9:14 AM

Subject: Re: Inquiry submitted by Jody Cox

To: coxjl10@mchsi.com

Jody,

Fishinglicense.org is not the Iowa DNR. We do not have a fishing license on your record. After looking at the site, it looks like you purchased 'information on licenses in Iowa.'

To purchase an Iowa fishing license online, you can go to the following link: https://ic.activeoutdoorsolutions.com/ia_customer/app/home.do The license is not mailed to you, but printable if purchased online.

I would suggest you go back to fishinglicense.org and contact the company for a refund due to false advertising. Thank you.

On Thu, Jul 20, 2017 at 6:34 PM, <webmaster@dnr.iowa.gov> wrote:

Webmaster,

Jody Cox has submitted a request via the online "contact us" form:

Name	Content
Name	Jody Cox
Address	7112 Sunrise Blvd. , 10
City	Windsor Heights
State	IA Iowa
Zipcode	50324
County	Polk
Phone	515-577-7112
Email	coxjl10@mchsi.com
DNR Customer #	

Your Question

A couple months back I ordered and paid for a fishing license. I didn't receive anything in the mail. I receive an email that is titled FishingLicense.org. All it gives is information on how to redeem rewards that I guess came along with the license. I haven't gone fishing yet but am planning something soon. How can I get a copy of my license that I paid for. Thank you

----- Forwarded message -----

From: McIntosh, Tamara [DNR] <Tamara.McIntosh@dnr.iowa.gov>

Date: Wed, Jun 1, 2016 at 4:15 PM

Subject: RE: Inquiry submitted by Greg Klauer

To: "Webmaster [DNR]" <Webmaster@dnr.iowa.gov>, "Scholten, George [DNR]" <George.Scholten@dnr.iowa.gov>

We can look into this a bit on our end, but he may want to consider contacting the Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General's Office:

<https://www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov/for-consumers/file-a-consumer-complaint/>

Thank you.

TM

From: Webmaster [DNR]

Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 3:50 PM

To: McIntosh, Tamara [DNR]; Scholten, George [DNR]

Subject: FW: Inquiry submitted by Greg Klauer

Tamara,

Please see below. I know George knows about the link and perhaps has already asked someone to look into it. Alex made it sound like another state was looking into the website as well at the legal level.

Thank you.

-Alicia -

From: gklauer@mchsi.com [<mailto:gklauer@mchsi.com>]

Sent: Sunday, May 29, 2016 10:10 AM

To: Webmaster [DNR]

Subject: Inquiry submitted by Greg Klauer

You have received a new inquiry from Greg Klauer.

Name Greg Klauer

Address [2400 E 59th street](#)

City Davenport

State IA

County scott

Zip 52807

Phone 563-370-4952

Email Address gklauer@mchsi.com

DNR Customer #(if known)

Your Question

If you follow this link, below, you will find a site that implies it is selling an Iowa fishing license (unless you read the small print) You click on "renew fishing license" and it asks you to pay the \$19.00 fee but you only get a "fishing license guide" Total rip off, I should have read closer, but bet I'm not the only one who fell for this, and I bet the site counts on this. Who do we complain to? <http://fishnglicense.org/iowa.html#>



PAUL R. LEPAGE
GOVERNOR

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DEPARTMENT OF
INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE
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CHANDLER E. WOODCOCK
COMMISSIONER

May 29, 2018

Thomas B. Pahl, Acting Director,
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Acting Director Pahl:

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has recently become aware of four highly misleading websites, all seemingly connected that give consumers the impression that these sites are selling fishing and hunting licenses for our state, when in fact consumers are not actually purchasing or receiving a valid fishing or hunting license.

The misleading websites are apparently based out of Florida and are as follows:

<fishinglicense.org>

<recreationallicenses.org>

<fishandgamelicense.org>

<licenses.org>

The Commissioner of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife appoints agents to issue licenses. The Commissioner requires the agents to report all license sales and to submit the funds collected on a monthly basis. None of the organizations listed above are agents of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife (nor have they ever been).

The domain names themselves suggest that they are a resource for purchasing fishing and hunting licenses, and the websites are laid out in such a way that if users do not read this smaller print, they could easily believe they are purchasing a fishing or hunting license. To be clear, selling a fishing or hunting guide online is not objectionable, however, it should not be presented in a way that misleads consumers into believing the online site is a vendor for the State of Maine and selling a valid Maine license. The site should clearly say they can't provide a valid Maine license.

We believe this website does not serve the hunting or angling public in any meaningful way, and the web sites' practice of making consumers believe that they can purchase fishing or hunting licenses through the website possibly violates state and federal unfair competition/consumer protection laws.

Accordingly, we provide you this information and respectfully request the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection investigate and take whatever action you may deem appropriate to protect our consumers from this deceptive, misleading, and potentially fraudulent activity. Please let us know if we may provide you any additional information or if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,


Chandler E. Woodcock
Commissioner

PHONE: (207) 287-5202

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MASSWILDLIFE

DIVISION OF FISHERIES & WILDLIFE

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MASS.GOV/MASSWILDLIFE

Jack Buckley, Director

March 14, 2018

Thomas B. Pahl, Acting Director,
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Acting Director Pahl:

The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife) has recently become aware of four highly misleading websites, all seemingly connected that give consumers the impression that these sites are selling fishing and hunting licenses for our state, when in fact consumers are not actually purchasing or receiving a valid Fishing or Hunting license.

The misleading websites are apparently based out of Florida and are as follows:

<fishinglicense.org>	<fishandgamelicense.org>
<recreationallicenses.org>	<licenses.org>
<hunting-license.org>	

MassWildlife has received several complaints from the public about these websites. The complainants reasonably believed that they were purchasing a Massachusetts license, when in fact, for money tendered, they only received an electronic fishing or hunting guide.

The domain names themselves suggest that they are a resource for purchasing fishing and hunting licenses, and the websites are laid out in such a way that if the user does not read the fine print, they could easily believe they were purchasing a valid fishing and/or hunting license. To be clear, selling a fishing or hunting guide online is not objectionable, however, it should not be presented in a way that misleads consumers into believing the online site is selling an actual state license.

We believe this website does not serve the fishing and hunting public in any meaningful way, and the web sites' practice of making consumers believe that they can purchase official state licenses through their website possibly violates state and federal unfair competition/consumer protection laws.

Accordingly, we provide you this information and respectfully request the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection investigate and take whatever action you may deem appropriate to protect our consumers from this deceptive, misleading, and potentially fraudulent activity. Please let us know if we may provide you any additional information or if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Jack Buckley
Director

MASSWILDLIFE



RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
LANSING



KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

April 20, 2018

VIA EMAIL

Mr. Thomas B. Pahl, Acting Director
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Acting Director Pahl:

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has recently become aware of four highly misleading websites, all seemingly connected, that give consumers the impression that these sites are selling fishing licenses for our state. In fact consumers are not actually purchasing or receiving a valid Michigan fishing license.

The misleading websites are apparently based in Florida and are as follows:

<fishinglicense.org>
<recreationallicenses.org>

<fishandgamelicense.org>
<licenses.org>

The domain names themselves suggest that they are a resource for purchasing fishing licenses, and the websites are laid out in such a way that if users do not read this smaller print, they could easily believe they are purchasing a fishing license. To be clear, selling fishing or hunting guides online is not objectionable, however, it should not be presented in a way that misleads consumers into believing the online site is selling an actual state license.

We believe this website does not serve the angling public in any meaningful way and the websites' practice of making consumers believe that they can purchase fishing licenses through the website possibly violates state and federal unfair competition/consumer protection laws.

Accordingly, we provide you this information and respectfully request the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection investigate and take whatever action you may deem appropriate to protect our consumers from this deceptive, misleading, and potentially fraudulent activity.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Tom Weston, Chief Technology Officer, Marketing and Outreach Division, at 517-284-6173, or you may contact me.

Sincerely,

Keith Creagh
Director
517-284-6367

cc: Mr. William O'Neill, Natural Resources Deputy, DNR
Mr. Mark Hoffman, Chief Administrative Officer, DNR
Mr. Jim Dexter, DNR
Ms. Kristin Phillips, DNR
Mr. Tom Weston, DNR



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SARA PARKER PAULEY, Director

April 12, 2018

Thomas B. Pahl, Acting Director,
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Acting Director Pahl:

The Missouri Department of Conservation has recently become aware of four highly misleading websites, all seemingly connected that give consumers the impression that these sites are selling fishing licenses for our state, when in fact consumers are not actually purchasing or receiving a valid fishing license.

The misleading websites are apparently based out of Florida and are as follows:

<fishinglicense.org>

<recreationallicenses.org>

<fishandgamelicense.org>

<licenses.org>

Over the past 24 months, we have received over twenty complaints from the public about these websites. The complainants reasonably believed that they were purchasing a Missouri fishing license, when in fact, for money tendered, they only received fishing information.

The domain names themselves suggest that they are a resource for purchasing fishing licenses, and the websites are laid out in such a way that if users do not read this smaller print, they could easily believe they are purchasing a fishing license. To be clear, selling fishing or hunting guides online is not objectionable, however, it should not be presented in a way that misleads consumers into believing the online site is selling an actual state license. We believe the websites' practice of making consumers believe that they can purchase fishing licenses through the website possibly violates state and federal unfair competition/consumer protection laws.

Accordingly, we provide you this information and respectfully request the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection investigate and take whatever action you may deem appropriate to protect our consumers from this deceptive, misleading, and potentially fraudulent activity. Please let us know if we may provide you any additional information or if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,


SARA PARKER PAULEY
DIRECTOR

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March 6, 2018

Thomas B. Pahl, Acting Director,
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Acting Director Pahl:

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission has recently become aware of four highly misleading websites, all seemingly connected, that give consumers the impression that these sites are selling fishing licenses for our state, when in fact consumers are not actually purchasing or receiving a valid fishing license.

The misleading websites are apparently based in Florida and include:

<fishinglicense.org>

<fishandgamelicenses.org>

<recreationallicenses.org>

<licenses.org>

We have received complaints from the public about these websites. The complainants reasonably believed that they were purchasing Nebraska fishing licenses, when in fact, for money tendered, they received only fishing information. Online paid advertising with the headline "Nebraska Fishing Licenses" places the misleading site(s) above the state's organic result.

The domain names themselves suggest that they are a resource for purchasing fishing licenses, and the websites are laid out in such a way that if users do not read this smaller print, they could easily believe they are purchasing a fishing license. To be clear, selling a fishing or hunting guide online is not objectionable, however, it should not be presented in a way that misleads consumers into believing the online site is selling an actual state license.

We believe this website does not serve the angling public in any meaningful way, and the sites' practice of leading consumers to believe that they can purchase fishing licenses possibly violates state and federal unfair competition/consumer protection laws.

Accordingly, we provide you this information and respectfully request the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection investigate and take whatever action you may deem appropriate to protect our consumers from this deceptive, misleading, and potentially fraudulent activity. Please let us know if we may provide you any additional information or if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James N. Douglas".

James N. Douglas, Director
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

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Nebraska: G&P Advises Caution on Websites Selling Permit Information

| March 9, 2018

LINCOLN, Neb. – The Nebraska Game and Park Commission advises customers that Nebraska hunting, fishing and park permits may be purchased online only at OutdoorNebraska.gov.

Several websites sell information about Nebraska permits and guides. These sites include fishinglicense.org; fishandgamelicense.org; recreationallicenses.org; licenses.org; and hunting-license.org. Nebraska Game and Parks has no affiliation with these sites. Customers have reported completing transactions on these sites believing they were buying a permit, when, in fact, they purchased an informational guide.

Nebraska Game and Parks offers hunting and fishing guides at no cost in both printed and digital formats. Visit OutdoorNebraska.gov/guides to view digital guides. Request printed copies or pick one up wherever permits are sold.

To buy any fishing or hunting permit, visit the Commission's website at OutdoorNebraska.org and click "buy a permit" in the upper right-hand corner of the page. You will be redirected to a secure sales site, <https://ngpc-home.ne.gov/>. Additionally, permits may be purchased in person at any Game and Parks office or at any official vendor location. View a complete list of official vendors on our website at outdoornebraska.gov/permitvendors.

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Deputy Director

May 8, 2018

Acting Director Thomas B. Pahl
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Federal Trade Commission (FTC)
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Acting Director Pahl:

The Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) has recently become aware of four highly misleading websites, all seemingly connected that give consumers the impression that these sites are selling fishing licenses for our state, when in fact consumers are not actually purchasing or receiving a valid fishing license.

The misleading websites are apparently based out of Florida and are as follows:

<fishinglicense.org>
<recreationallicenses.org>

<fishandgamelicense.org>
<licenses.org>

State wildlife agencies have received several complaints from the public about these websites. The complainants reasonably believed that they were purchasing a state fishing license, when in fact, for money tendered, they only received fishing information. The domain names themselves suggest that they are a resource for purchasing fishing licenses, and the websites are laid out in such a way that if users do not read this smaller print, they could easily believe they are purchasing a fishing license. To be clear, selling a fishing license or hunting guide online is not objectionable; however, it should not be presented in a way that misleads consumers into believing the online site is selling an actual state license.

This website does not serve the angling public in any meaningful way, and the websites' practice of making consumers believe that they can purchase fishing licenses through the website possibly violates state and federal unfair competition/consumer protection laws. Accordingly, we provide you this information and respectfully request the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection investigate and take whatever action you may deem appropriate to protect our consumers from this deceptive, misleading, and potentially fraudulent activity.

Please let us know if we may provide you any additional information or if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Tony Wasley
Director



New Hampshire Fish and Game Department

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Glenn Normandeau
Executive Director

April 9, 2018

Thomas B. Pahl, Acting Director,
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Acting Director Pahl:

The NH Fish & Game Department has recently become aware of four highly misleading websites, all seemingly connected that give consumers the impression that these sites are selling fishing licenses for our state, when in fact consumers are not actually purchasing or receiving a valid fishing license.

The misleading websites are apparently based out of Florida and are as follows:

<fishinglicense.org> <fishandgamelicense.org>
<recreationallicenses.org> <licenses.org>

We have received numerous complaints from the public about these websites. The complainants reasonably believed that they were purchasing a New Hampshire fishing license, when in fact, for money tendered, they only received fishing information.

The domain names themselves suggest that they are a resource for purchasing fishing licenses, and the websites are laid out in such a way that if users do not read this smaller print, they could easily believe they are purchasing a fishing license. To be clear, selling a fishing or hunting guide online is not objectionable, however, it should not be presented in a way that misleads consumers into believing the online site is selling an actual state license.

We believe this website does not serve the angling public in any meaningful way, and the web sites' practice of making consumers believe that they can purchase fishing licenses through the website possibly violates state and federal unfair competition/consumer protection laws.

Accordingly, we provide you this information and respectfully request the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection investigate and take whatever action you may deem appropriate to protect our consumers from this deceptive, misleading, and potentially fraudulent activity. Please let us know if we may provide you any additional information or if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Glenn Normandeau
Executive Director



State of New Jersey

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Thomas B. Pahl, Acting Director,
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

March 8, 2018

Dear Acting Director Pahl:

The New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife has become aware of three highly misleading websites, all seemingly connected that give consumers the impression that these sites are selling fishing licenses for the State of New Jersey, when in fact consumers are not actually purchasing or receiving a valid fishing license.

The misleading websites seem to be Florida based and are as follows: fishinglicense.org, recreationallicenses.org, and fishandgamelicenses.org.

Since 2016 staff has received complaints from the public about these websites. The complainants reasonably believed that they were purchasing a New Jersey fishing license, when in fact, for money tendered, they only received fishing information. Unfortunately, my staff did not retain records of the customers who called, however, I do have email records of at least two additional complaints. Please see the attached documents.

The domain names themselves suggest that they are a resource for purchasing fishing licenses, and the websites are laid out in such a way that if users do not read the smaller print, they could easily believe they are purchasing a fishing license. To be clear, selling a fishing or hunting guide online is not objectionable, however, it should not be presented in a way that misleads consumers into believing the online site is selling an actual state license.

I believe this website does not serve the angling public in any meaningful way, and the websites' practice of making consumers believe that they can purchase fishing licenses through the website possibly violates state and federal unfair competition/consumer protection laws.

Accordingly, I am providing you this information and respectfully request the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection investigate and take whatever action you may deem appropriate to protect consumers from this deceptive, misleading, and potentially fraudulent activity. Please let me know if I may provide you any additional information or if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,


Larry Herrighty, Director
New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife

New Jersey – email from the Dunn family re: misleading fishing license website

Mrs Dunn permitted her 17 year old son to buy his own fishing license this year. Unfortunately, he fell for the fishinglicense dot org website. I think they've changed their methodology – but I can't be certain. She has two charges on her card and when I followed through on the website it explains that the 19.99 is for the 'guide' and a separate charge of 3.99 for a 'one time processing fee charge'. My guess is that they itemized them out so that they can refund the 19.99 and keep the 3.99 from each customer who calls and complains. Sounds like a bunch of shysters run that page. Ingenious, but horrible.

From: Dunn Family [<mailto:tom.dunn@verizon.net>]
Sent: Monday April 16 2018 2:16 PM
To: Stoff, Barbara <Barbara.Stoff@dep.nj.gov>
Subject: Re: Fishing license dot org charges

My contact info is:
Colette Dunn
19 Standish Road
Hillsdale, NJ 07642
201-664-6843

On Apr 16, 2018, at 1:50 PM, Stoff, Barbara <Barbara.Stoff@dep.nj.gov> wrote:

Ms. Dunn,

Below are some screenshots of the misleading website we spoke about. The website is simply fishinglicense.org and disguises itself very well as a legitimate site to buy a license. When you read the details it explains that it's not selling licenses, but guides. Please see if you can contact them and/or your credit card company to see about a refund or at least to refute the charges. Hopefully you'll be able to get your money back. Many states are looking into this, as it's a problem website that preys on people who may not be familiar with the license process in different states.

At the very least, it's a good teachable moment for you to sit with your son and look at the website together. Unfortunately for us they do a good job of misleading people.

If you don't mind providing contact information, I'd really appreciate it. States involved are compiling lists of complaints for the FTC to look into this.
Good luck!

Barbara Stoff
Project Manager – Electronic License System
NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife
609-292-9173



North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

March 6, 2018

Thomas B. Pahl, Acting Director
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Acting Director Pahl:

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) has recently become aware of four highly misleading websites, all seemingly connected that give consumers the impression that these sites are selling fishing licenses for our state, when in fact consumers are not actually purchasing or receiving a valid fishing license.

The misleading websites are apparently based out of Florida and are as follows:

<fishinglicense.org>

<fishandgamelicense.org>

<recreationallicense.org>

<licenses.org>

We have received several complaints from the public about these websites (see attached). The complainants reasonably believed that they were purchasing a North Carolina fishing license, when in fact, for money tendered, they only received fishing information.

The domain names themselves suggest that they are a resource for purchasing fishing licenses, and the websites are laid out in such a way that if users do not read this smaller print, they could easily believe they are purchasing a fishing license. To be clear, selling a fishing or hunting guide online is not objectionable, however, it should not be presented in a way that misleads consumers into believing the online site is selling an actual state license.

We believe this website does not serve the angling public in any meaningful way, and the web sites' practice of making consumers believe that they can purchase fishing licenses through the website possibly violates state and federal unfair competition consumer protection laws.

Accordingly, we provide you this information and respectfully request the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection investigate and take whatever action you may deem appropriate to protect our consumers from this deceptive, misleading, and potentially fraudulent activity. Please let us know if we may provide you any additional information or if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gordon S. Myers".

Gordon S. Myers,
Executive Director

Attachment

NORTH DAKOTA GAME & FISH DEPARTMENT

"Variety in Hunting and Fishing"

GOVERNOR, Doug Burgum

DIRECTOR, Terry Steinwand
DEPUTY, Scott A. Peterson

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April 16, 2018

Thomas B. Pahl, Acting Director
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Acting Director Pahl:

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department has become aware of four highly misleading websites, all seemingly connected, that give consumers the impression these sites are selling fishing licenses for our state, when in fact consumers are not actually purchasing or receiving a valid fishing license.

The misleading websites are apparently based out of Florida and are as follows:

<fishinglicense.org>
<recreationallicenses.org>

<fishandgamelicense.org>
<licenses.org>

We have received complaints from the public about these websites. The complainants reasonably believed they were purchasing a North Dakota fishing license, when in fact, for money tendered, they only received fishing information.

The domain names themselves suggest they are a resource for purchasing fishing licenses, and the websites are laid out in such a way that if users do not read this smaller print, they could easily believe they are purchasing a valid fishing license. To be clear, selling a fishing or hunting guide online is not objectionable, however, it should not be presented in a way that misleads consumers into believing the online site is selling an actual state license.

We believe these websites do not serve the angling public in any meaningful way, and the practice of making consumers believe they can purchase fishing licenses through these websites possibly violates state and federal unfair competition/consumer protection laws.

Accordingly, we provide you this information, and respectfully request the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection investigate and take whatever action you may deem appropriate to protect our consumers from this deceptive, misleading, and potentially fraudulent activity. Please let us know if we may provide you any additional information, or if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry Steinwand". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Terry Steinwand
Director

cc: Joseph Bialke, ND Attorney General's Office
Stephanie Hussey, Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation



Ohio Department of Natural Resources

JOHN R. KASSEL, GOVERNOR

JAMES ZEHRINGER, DIRECTOR

Ohio Division of Wildlife
Michael R. Miller, Chief
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Columbus, OH 43229-6693
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May 4, 2018

Thomas B. Pahl, Acting Director,
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Acting Director Pahl:

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife (ODNRDOW) has been made aware of four highly misleading and seemingly connected websites, all of which give consumers the impression that they are selling multiple state fishing licenses when, in fact, consumers can not actually purchase or receive a valid Ohio fishing license through these sites.

It appears the misleading websites are based out of Florida and are as follows:

<fishinglicense.org>	<fishandgamelicense.org>
<recreationallicenses.org>	<licenses.org>

ODNRDOW has received a number of complaints from the public about these websites, examples of which are attached for convenient reference. These consumers reasonably believed that they were purchasing an Ohio fishing license. In fact, the only thing consumers receive for the purchase price, \$19.99 plus a \$3.99 processing fee, is an electronic informational guide.

While selling fishing or hunting guides online is not objectionable, it should not be presented in a way that misleads consumers into believing the online site is selling an actual state license. The domain names themselves suggest that they are a resource for purchasing fishing licenses. ODNRDOW believes these websites do not serve the angling public in any meaningful way and could possibly violate state and federal unfair competition/consumer protection laws.

Accordingly, ODNRDOW respectfully requests that the Federal Trade Commission Bureau of Consumer Protection investigate and take appropriate action to protect our consumers from deceptive, misleading, and potentially fraudulent practices. Please let us know if we may provide you any additional information or if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Miller
Chief

CGR



MIKE DEWINE
• OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL •

Consumer Protection Section
30 East Broad Street, 14th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215
www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov

July 18, 2017

Take Me Fishing/Fishinglicense.org
500 Montgomery Street, Suite 300
Alexandria, VA 22314

Re: Randall Vaughn
Complaint #: 889753

Dear Sir/Madam:

We are following up on previous correspondence that our office sent to your company regarding the above-referenced complaint.

We wanted to give you the opportunity to resolve the consumer's complaint through our dispute resolution program. To date, you have not responded to our previous correspondence seeking your cooperation. While we are aware of the consumer's position in this matter, by failing to respond, your position is unknown.

Our office is charged with enforcing the Ohio Consumer Sales Practices Act, O.R.C. 1345.01 *et seq.*, which contains various types of enforcement powers. Should you fail to respond and we decide this matter warrants further review, it may be forwarded on to our investigative or legal staff.

We would appreciate your written response to the complaint within 10 days. Please contact us should you have any questions.

Very respectfully yours,

MIKE DEWINE
Ohio Attorney General

Michael Joseph

Michael Joseph
Consumer Complaint Specialist
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Michael.Joseph@ohioattorneygeneral.gov

* Please note that your response and all related documents are public records under Ohio's public records law.



MIKE DEWINE

★ OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL ★

Complaint Detail

Complaint No. 889753

Consumer:

Randall Vaughn

4013 North 1st St
Trenton, OH 45067-

(513)988-9679 ext. daytime

Date Entered: 5/8/2017

Supplier:

Take Me Fishing/Fishinglicense.org

121 W IRONWOOD DR STE D PMB 500
COEUR D ALENE, ID 83814-1401

(888)867-4816 ext. daytime

Email:

Shopping, Food or Beverages/Publications I.E. Books,
Magazine, Newspaper

Solicited Via: Website/Pop Up Ad

Purchase Information:

Problem Area: Misrepresentation

Purchase Date: 4/26/2017

Total Price: \$23.98

Disputed Amount: \$23.88

Amount Paid So Far: \$23.98

Description:

The consumer stated he was trying to get his fishing license online so he did a search and it came back with a website with fishinglicense.org, the consumer entered the information. The consumer stated once he realized this was not the right site, he tried to cancel. The consumer stated today he received an email thanking him for subscribing to their magazine. The consumer stated this subscription was \$18.99 plus an additional \$3.99 charge, for a total of \$23.98.

No atty.

Satisfactory Solution:

The consumer would like to get his money refunded because he did not want this subscription.

Complaint No. 889753

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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MARY FALLIN, GOVERNOR
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wildlifedepartment.com

March 2, 2018

Thomas B. Pahl, Acting Director,
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Acting Director Pahl:

The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation has recently become aware of four highly misleading websites, all seemingly connected that give consumers the impression that these sites are selling hunting and fishing licenses for our state, when in fact consumers are not actually purchasing or receiving a valid license.

The misleading websites are apparently based out of Florida and are as follows:

<fishinglicense.org>
<recreationallicenses.org>

<fishandgamelicense.org>
<licenses.org>

The domain names themselves suggest that they are a resource for purchasing hunting and fishing licenses, and the websites are laid out in such a way that if users do not read this smaller print, they could easily believe they are purchasing a license. To be clear, selling a fishing or hunting guide online is not objectionable, however, it should not be presented in a way that misleads consumers into believing the online site is selling an actual state license.

We believe this website does not serve the hunting and angling public in any meaningful way, and the web sites' practice of making consumers believe that they can purchase licenses through the website possibly violates state and federal unfair competition/consumer protection laws.

Accordingly, we provide you this information and respectfully request the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection investigate and take whatever action you may deem appropriate to protect our consumers from this deceptive, misleading, and potentially fraudulent activity. Please let us know if we may provide you any additional information or if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

J.D. Strong
Director



Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor

Department of Fish and Wildlife

Office of the Director

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Salem, OR 97302

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FAX (503) 947-6042

odfw.com

March 2, 2018

Thomas B. Pahl, Acting Director,
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580



Dear Acting Director Pahl:

In August of 2017, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) learned that an Oregon woman had been defrauded when she thought she was purchasing a fishing license from the department website. The woman did an internet search for a fishing license and clicked on the first choice that appeared. Only after clicking on the link did she realize she was not being directed to the ODFW website. Instead, she was taken to a third party site and was charged for fishing information, not a fishing license. In fact, her credit card was charged twice even though she contacted the site and directed not to charge her credit card. She contacted the Better Business Bureau, which followed up with ODFW. Our two organizations partnered on a news release to make Oregonians aware of this scam.

Unfortunately, this incident is not unique to Oregon. The Better Business Bureau and the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) have received numerous, similar complaints from consumers who have been deceived when attempting to purchase a fishing license from what appears to be a valid website.

The misleading websites are apparently based out of Florida and are as follows:

<fishinglicense.org>

<fishandgamelicense.org>

<recreationallicenses.org>

<licenses.org>

The domain names and the layout strongly suggest they are legitimate when, in fact, they are intended to mislead customers. This is of great concern to fish and wildlife agencies that rely heavily on license sales to fund important conservation work. More importantly, we are protective of our relationship with hunters and anglers. We strive to provide great customer service and to build and maintain the trust of our customers. These deceptive practices undermine those efforts.

We believe these misleading websites possibly violate state and federal unfair competition/consumer protection laws. We encourage the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection to investigate these sites and act to protect hunters and anglers from these fraudulent activities.

Sincerely,

Curtis E. Melcher, Director

From: Public Relations <publicrelations@thebbb.org>

Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 9:59 AM

Subject: BBB News Release: Northwest Businesses Scamming Consumers Nationwide

PRESS RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Stephen Mayer, Oregon Marketplace Manager | 971-201-8528 | stephen.mayer@thebbb.org

Veronica Craker, Content & Communications Director | 206-676-4105 | veronica.craker@thebbb.org

**Beware of Deceptive Licensing Websites
BBB Warns of a Nationwide Consumer Alert**

Portland, Oregon — August 29, 2017 An Oregon victim reported to Better Business Bureau Serving the Northwest that she was scammed when she purchased a fishing license from what she thought was the official Oregon Fishing and Wildlife website. BBB has seen a rise in complaints nationwide regarding websites that appear to be selling fishing and driver's license, but are in fact selling downloadable informational guides. BBB is partnering with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to warn consumers about these deceptive licensing websites.

"While we urge consumers to always do their due diligence before making a purchase, it is equally important for a business to be clear and transparent in what they are selling," said Tyler Andrew, BBB Serving the Northwest CEO. "In fact, one of BBB's eight Standards for Trust is to advertise honestly. This is an important element for creating a marketplace of trust."

The Portland woman reported to [BBB Scam Tracker](#) that she did an internet search for a fishing license and clicked on the first choice that popped up. After placing her order, she realized the page was a third-party site, not the Oregon Fishing and Wildlife website. The woman claims she emailed the website asking them to not charge her credit card, but days later her card was charged twice. The company alleges she ordered books and coupons. There have been multiple similar complaints like this one reported to BBB.

"We're very sorry to hear a person was tricked when trying to buy an Oregon license," said Linda Lytle, ODFW License Sales Manager. "Though this does not appear to be a widespread problem, please remember to go through ODFW's website at www.odfw.com to get your license online."

A similar scam is making its rounds nationwide. Consumers claim when they complete an online search for "fishing license" or "driver's license" the search engine leads them to a page on [FishingLicense Org](#) in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho and [Drivers Services](#) in Meridian, Idaho. The pages tell the user they can purchase, renew or replace their license. But after a purchase is made, the consumer discovers they ordered an informational guide.

Since more than 140 million Americans are involved in outdoor activities, BBB suggests consumers follow this advice before purchasing a license online:

- **Read the fine print.** Consumers should make themselves aware of everything written on the website they are purchasing from. This includes specific terms, conditions, limitations and other descriptions that are often easy to miss.
- **Contact government agencies.** To make sure consumers are getting exactly what they pay for, they should contact the state's department of fish & wildlife or department of licensing before purchasing a license. It's also wise to research the type of license and costs on these secure, official websites.
- **Specify the online search.** Consumers are easily drawn to click on these two websites since they have high rankings on online searches. BBB advises to use keywords such as the consumer's state and a specific license type instead of vague license searches.

- **Start with trust.** Before purchasing online, consumers should also check business profiles at bbb.org/northwest to see if a business is accredited, in good standing, and read consumer reviews and alerts.

Anyone who believes they may be a victim of a scam can report it to BBB. For more trustworthy tips on online purchases, visit bbb.org/shoppingonline/.

ABOUT BBB: For more than 100 years, Better Business Bureau has been helping people find businesses, brands and charities they can trust. In 2016, people turned to BBB more than 167 million times for BBB Business Profiles on more than 5.2 million businesses and Charity Reports on 11,000 charities, all available for free at bbb.org. There are local, independent BBBs across the United States, Canada and Mexico, including BBB serving the Northwest which serves more than 14 million consumers in Alaska, Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana and Western Wyoming.



Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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E-MAIL: JARWAY@PA.GOV

May 2, 2018

Thomas B. Pahl, Acting Director
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Acting Director Pahl:

The Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission has recently become aware of four highly misleading websites, all seemingly connected that give consumers the impression that these sites are selling fishing licenses for our state, when in fact consumers are not actually purchasing or receiving a valid fishing license. The misleading websites are apparently based out of Florida and are as follows:

- fishinglicense.org
- fishandgamelicenses.org
- recreationallicenses.org
- licenses.org

We continue to receive telephone complaints from the public about these websites. The complainants reasonably believed that they are purchasing official Pennsylvania fishing licenses and permits, when in fact, for money tendered, they only received fishing information.

The domain names themselves suggest that they are a resource for purchasing fishing licenses, and the websites are laid out in such a way that if users do not read this smaller print, they could easily believe they are purchasing a fishing license. To be clear, selling a fishing guide online is not objectionable; however, it should not be presented in a way that misleads consumers into believing the online site is selling an actual state authorized and issued fishing license.

We believe these websites do not serve the angling public in any meaningful way, and the websites' practice of misleading consumers to make them believe that they can purchase fishing licenses through the website possibly violates state and federal unfair competition or consumer protection laws.

Accordingly, we provide you this information and respectfully request the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection investigate and take whatever action you may deem appropriate to protect our consumers from this deceptive, misleading and potentially fraudulent activity. Please let us know if we may provide you with any additional information or if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,


John A. Arway
Executive Director

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**Rhode Island
Department of Environmental Management**

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401 222-4700
Ext 2301

May 17, 2018

Thomas B. Pahl, Acting Director,
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Acting Director Pahl:

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Division of Fish and Wildlife has recently become aware of four highly misleading websites, all seemingly connected that give consumers the impression that these sites are selling fishing licenses for our state, when in fact consumers are not actually purchasing or receiving a valid fishing license.

The misleading websites are apparently based out of Florida and are as follows:

<fishinglicense.org>
<recreationallicenses.org>

<fishandgamelicense.org>
<licenses.org>

We have received several complaints from the public about these websites (see attached). The complainants reasonably believed that they were purchasing a Rhode Island fishing license, when in fact, for money tendered, they only received fishing information. There have been several dozen complaints in addition to the one included in the attachment – my husband being one of them!

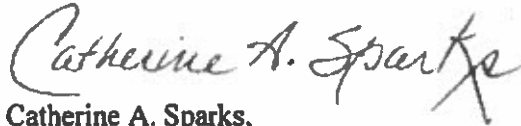
The domain names themselves suggest that they are a resource for purchasing fishing licenses, and the websites are laid out in such a way that if users do not read this smaller print, they could easily believe they are purchasing a fishing license. To be clear, selling a fishing or hunting guide online is not objectionable, however, it should not be presented in a way that misleads consumers into believing the online site is selling an actual state license.

We believe this website does not serve the angling public in any meaningful way, and the web sites' practice of making consumers believe that they can purchase fishing licenses through the website possibly violates state and federal unfair competition/consumer protection laws.

Accordingly, we provide you this information and respectfully request the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection investigate and take whatever action you may deem appropriate to protect our consumers

from this deceptive, misleading, and potentially fraudulent activity. Please let us know if we may provide you any additional information or if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Catherine A. Sparks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and a stylized "S" at the end.

Catherine A. Sparks,
Assistant Director for Natural Resources
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management

South Carolina Department of Natural Resources



DNR

Alvin A. Taylor
Director

May 16, 2018

Thomas B. Pahl, Acting Director,
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Acting Director Pahl:

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources has recently become aware of four highly misleading websites, all seemingly connected that give consumers the impression that these sites are selling fishing licenses for our state, when in fact consumers are not actually purchasing or receiving a valid fishing license.

The misleading websites are apparently based out of Florida and are as follows:

<fishinglicense.org>

<fishandgamelicense.org>

<recreationallicenses.org>


<licenses.org>

The domain names themselves suggest that they are a resource for purchasing fishing licenses, and the websites are laid out in such a way that if users do not read this smaller print, they could easily believe they are purchasing a fishing license. To be clear, selling a fishing or hunting guide online is not objectionable, however, it should not be presented in a way that misleads consumers into believing the online site is selling an actual state license.

We believe this website does not serve the angling public in any meaningful way, and the websites' practice of making consumers believe that they can purchase fishing licenses through the website possibly violates state and federal unfair competition/consumer protection laws.

Accordingly, we provide you this information and respectfully request the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection investigate and take whatever action you may deem appropriate to protect our consumers from this deceptive, misleading, and potentially fraudulent activity. Please let us know if we may provide you any additional information or if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,



Alvin A. Taylor
Director



SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS

523 EAST CAPITOL AVENUE | PIERRE, SD 57501

May 2, 2018

Thomas B. Pahl, Acting Director,
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Acting Director Pahl:

The South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks has recently become aware of four highly misleading websites, all seemingly connected that give consumers the impression that these sites are selling fishing licenses for our state, when in fact consumers are not actually purchasing or receiving a valid fishing license.

The misleading websites are apparently based out of Florida and are as follows:

<fishinglicense.org>

<fishandgamelicense.org>

<recreationallicenses.org>

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The domain names themselves suggest that they are a resource for purchasing fishing licenses, and the websites are laid out in such a way that if users do not read this smaller print, they could easily believe they are purchasing a fishing license. To be clear, selling a fishing or hunting guide online is not objectionable, however, it should not be presented in a way that misleads consumers into believing the online site is selling an actual state license.

We believe this website does not serve the angling public in any meaningful way, and the websites' practice of making consumers believe that they can purchase fishing licenses through the website possibly violates state and federal unfair competition/consumer protection laws.

Accordingly, we provide you this information and respectfully request the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection investigate and take whatever action you may deem appropriate to protect our consumers from this deceptive, misleading, and potentially fraudulent activity. Please let us know if we may provide you any additional information or if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Kelly Hepler, Department Secretary
South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks



TENNESSEE WILDLIFE RESOURCES AGENCY

ELLINGTON AGRICULTURAL CENTER
P. O. BOX 40747
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37204

April 30, 2018

Thomas B. Pahl, Acting Director
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Acting Director Pahl:

The TWRA has recently become aware of four highly misleading websites, all seemingly connected, that give consumers the impression that these sites are selling fishing licenses for our state, when in fact consumers are not actually purchasing or receiving a valid fishing license.

The misleading websites are apparently based out of Florida and are as follows:

<fishinglicense.org>
<recreationallicenses.org>

<fishandgamelicense.org>
<licenses.org>

We have received several complaints from the public about these websites (see attached). The complainants reasonably believed that they were purchasing Tennessee fishing license, when in fact, for money tendered, they only received fishing information.

The domain names themselves suggest that they are a resource for purchasing fishing licenses, and the websites are laid out in such a way that if users do not read this smaller print, they could easily believe they are purchasing a fishing license. To be clear, selling a fishing or hunting guide online is not objectionable; however, it should not be presented in a way that misleads consumers into believing the online site is selling an actual state license.

We believe this website does not serve the angling public in any meaningful way, and the web site's practice of making consumers believe that they can purchase fishing licenses through the website possibly violates state and federal unfair competition/consumer protection laws.

Accordingly, we provide you this information and respectfully request the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection investigate and take whatever action you may deem appropriate to protect our consumers from this deceptive, misleading, and potentially fraudulent activity. Please let us know if we may provide you any additional information or if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Ed Carter, Executive Director
Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency

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Carter P. Smith
Executive Director

April 9, 2018

Mr. Thomas B. Pahl, Acting Director
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Mr. Pahl:

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) has received numerous complaints from the public over the course of the past year regarding four confusing and seemingly misleading websites that have given TPWD's fishing license customers the impression they are purchasing a valid TPWD fishing license through these websites when in fact these websites are not hosted by an authorized license vender for TPWD and no fishing license is actually being purchased.

These websites appear to be connected and based out of Florida and can be access through the follow domain names:

<fishinglicense.org>

<fishandgamelicense.org>

<recreationallicenses.org>

<licenses.org>

TPWD license staff have fielded complaint calls on a nearly weekly basis from people who have paid a fee and attempted to purchase a TPWD fishing license through these websites inquiring why their fishing license has not been mailed or why they received an instructional pamphlet and not the fishing license they were expecting. TPWD staff estimates we have received 40 to 50 of these calls in the past year which often end with an angry customer wanting to know why TPWD cannot refund their money.

It is apparent that these websites are actually selling a hunting and fishing guide or pamphlet, which in and of itself is not objectionable. However, the website domain names and layouts have in many cases confused TPWD licenses customers that have not paid close enough attention to the fine print to believe what they were purchasing was actual fishing license from TPWD when in fact it was not.

TPWD believes the confusion caused by these websites does not serve the angling public in any meaningful way and may possibly violate state and federal unfair competition/consumer protection laws. Accordingly, TPWD provides you this information and respectfully request the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection investigate and take whatever action you may deem appropriate to protect TPWD's

Mr. Thomas B. Pahl, Acting Director

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license consumers from this seemingly deceptive, misleading, and potentially fraudulent activity. Please let us know if we may provide you any additional information or if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,



Carter Smith
Executive Director

CS:dh

cc: Mr. Todd George



GARY R. HERBERT
Governor

SPENCER J. COX
Lieutenant Governor

State of Utah

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

MICHAEL R. STYLER
Executive Director

Division of Wildlife Resources

MICHAEL D. FOWLKS
Division Director

May 16, 2018

Thomas B. Pahl, Acting Director,
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Acting Director Pahl:

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources ("UDWR") is the state agency responsible for administering the sale of hunting and fishing licenses in Utah. We are largely dependent upon license sales to fund our agency's staff and activities, and as such it is imperative that our customers can easily access online resources to purchase licenses. UDWR has recently become aware of four highly misleading websites, all seemingly connected, that give consumers the impression that these sites are selling licenses for our state, when in fact consumers are not actually purchasing or receiving a valid Utah hunting, fishing, or combination license. We are very concerned about the potential impacts this may have on our agency and the public.

The misleading websites are apparently based out of Florida and are as follows:

fishinglicense.org
recreationallicenses.org

fishandgamelicense.org
licenses.org

The domain names themselves suggest that they are a resource for purchasing licenses, and the websites are laid out in such a way that if users do not read this smaller print, they could easily believe they are purchasing a license. To be clear, selling a fishing or hunting guide online is not objectionable; however, content should not be presented in a way that misleads consumers into believing the online site is selling an actual state license. The information provided is deceptively portrayed and could easily confuse a member of the public.

Accordingly, we respectfully request the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection investigate and take whatever action you may deem appropriate to protect our consumers from this deceptive, misleading, and potentially fraudulent activity.



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Please let us know if we may provide you any additional information or if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,



Michal Fowlks
Director



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May 22, 2018

Thomas B. Pahl, Acting Director,
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Acting Director Pahl:

The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department is aware of four highly misleading websites, all seemingly connected, that give consumers the impression that these sites are selling fishing licenses for our state, when in fact consumers are not actually purchasing or receiving a valid fishing license.

The misleading websites are apparently based out of Florida and are as follows:

< fishinglicense.org > < fishandgamelicenses.org >
< recreationallicenses.org > < licenses.org >

We have received several complaints from the public about these websites, attached is one example. The complainants reasonably believed that they were purchasing a Vermont fishing license, when in fact, for money tendered, they only received fishing information.

The domain names themselves suggest that they are a resource for purchasing fishing licenses, and the websites are laid out in such a way that if users do not read this smaller print, they could easily believe they are purchasing a fishing license. To be clear, selling a fishing or hunting guide online is not objectionable, however, it should not be presented in a way that misleads consumers into believing the online site is selling an actual state license.

We believe this website does not serve the angling public in any meaningful way, and the web sites' practice of making consumers believe that they can purchase fishing licenses through the website possibly violates state and federal unfair competition/consumer protection laws.

Accordingly, we provide you this information and respectfully request the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection investigate and take whatever action you may deem appropriate to protect our consumers from this deceptive, misleading, and potentially fraudulent activity. Please let us know if we may provide you any additional information or if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,


Louis Porter
Commissioner
Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department



-----Original Message-----

From: RBFF Admin (mailto:[REDACTED])

Sent: Monday, May 14, 2018 5:13 PM

To: David Rodgers <[REDACTED]>

Subject: New TMF Website Inquiry

Submitter: [REDACTED]

State: VT

Email: [REDACTED]

Description:

Hello,

Last week I went on this site to buy my Vermont 2018 fishing license and come to find out I had order the fishing guide for 4.99 by mistake. Now today I have another charge on my debit card for 19.99 from the fish and game license. I would like a refund for the 19.99 and to stop having withdrawals taken from my account please. If you can please email me or give me a call at [REDACTED] this would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Matthew J. Strickler
Secretary of Natural Resources

Department of Game and Inland Fisheries

Robert W. Duncan
Executive Director

April 27, 2018

Thomas B. Pahl, Acting Director
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Acting Director Pahl:

The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries has recently become aware of four highly misleading websites, all seemingly connected that give consumers the impression that these sites are selling fishing licenses for our state, when in fact consumers are not actually purchasing or receiving a valid fishing license.

The misleading websites are apparently based out of Florida and are as follows:

<fishinglicense.org>
<recreationallicenses.org>

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The domain names themselves suggest that they are a resource for purchasing fishing licenses, and the websites are laid out in such a way that if users do not read this smaller print, they could easily believe they are purchasing a fishing license. To be clear, selling a fishing or hunting guide online is not objectionable, however, it should not be presented in a way that misleads consumers into believing the online site is selling an actual state license.

We believe this website does not serve the angling public in any meaningful way, and the web sites' practice of making consumers believe that they can purchase fishing licenses through the website possibly violates state and federal unfair competition/consumer protection laws.

Accordingly, we respectfully request the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection investigate and take whatever action you may deem appropriate to protect our consumers from this deceptive, misleading, and potentially fraudulent activity. Please let us know if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert W. Duncan".

Robert W. Duncan
Executive Director

RWD/ag



State of Washington
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Main Office Location: Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street SE, Olympia, WA

April 30, 2018

Thomas B. Pahl
Acting Director,
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Acting Director Pahl:

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has recently become aware of four highly misleading websites, all seemingly connected, that give consumers the impression that these sites are selling fishing licenses for our state, when in fact consumers are not actually purchasing or receiving a valid fishing license.

The misleading websites are apparently based out of Florida and are as follows:

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<recreationallicenses.org>

<licenses.org>

The domain names themselves suggest that they are a resource for purchasing fishing licenses, and the websites are laid out in such a way that if users do not read this smaller print, they could easily believe they are purchasing a fishing license. To be clear, selling a fishing or hunting guide online is not objectionable, however it should not be presented in a way that misleads consumers into believing the online site is selling an actual state license.

We believe this website does not serve the angling public in any meaningful way, and the websites' practice of making consumers believe that they can purchase fishing licenses through the website possibly violates state and federal unfair competition/consumer protection laws.

Accordingly, we provide you this information and respectfully request the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection investigate and take whatever action you may deem appropriate to protect consumers from this deceptive, misleading, and potentially fraudulent activity. Please let us know if we may provide you any additional information or if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Stohr", is written over a horizontal line.

Joe Stohr
Director



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Stephen S. McDaniel
Director
April 10, 2018

Thomas B. Pahl, Acting Director,
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Acting Director Pahl:

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources has recently become aware of four highly misleading websites, all seemingly connected that give consumers the impression that these sites are selling fishing licenses for our state, when in fact consumers are not actually purchasing or receiving a valid fishing license.

The misleading websites are apparently based out of Florida and are as follows:

<fishinglicense.org>
<recreationallicenses.org>

<fishandgamelicense.org>
<licenses.org>

We have received several complaints from the public about these websites and have even issued a press release to warn our customers. (see attached). The complainants reasonably believed that they were purchasing a West Virginia fishing license, when in fact, for money tendered, they only received fishing information.

The domain names themselves suggest that they are a resource for purchasing fishing licenses, and the websites are laid out in such a way that if users do not read this smaller print, they could easily believe they are purchasing a fishing license. To be clear, selling a fishing or hunting guide online is not objectionable, however, it should not be presented in a way that misleads consumers into believing the online site is selling an actual state license.

We believe this website does not serve the angling public in any meaningful way, and the websites' practice of making consumers believe that they can purchase fishing licenses through the website possibly violates state and federal unfair competition/consumer protection laws.

Thomas B. Pahl
April 10, 2018
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Accordingly, we provide you this information and respectfully request the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection investigate and take whatever action you may deem appropriate to protect our consumers from this deceptive, misleading, and potentially fraudulent activity. Please let us know if we may provide you any additional information or if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SSM", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Stephen S. McDaniel,
Director

SSM/PJ/cek

Enclosure

WV DNR News Release

**Stephen S. McDaniel,
Director**

**News Release: July 19,
2017**

**Related social media hashtags: #wvstateparks
#wvfish #wvhunt**

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Media Contact: Samantha Smith 304-957-9364 Samantha.Smith@wv.gov

Contact: Charles Kennedy, Director of Customer Relations 304-558-3315 Charles.E.Kennedy@wv.gov

WVDNR warns consumers about fraudulent websites

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources reminds the public to exercise caution when searching the internet for information about hunting and fishing licenses.

"Several customers recently have reported websites that sell information about hunting and fishing in the Mountain State that is available to the public for free," said Charles Kennedy, director of customer relations for the WVDNR. "These websites can be confusing, and some customers thought they were purchasing a license when they were not."

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources' official website is www.wvdnr.gov. This site provides links to hunting and fishing regulations and other valuable information about hunting and fishing. The DNR's online license system can be accessed at either www.wvhunt.com or www.wvfish.com. This is the only website where licenses can be purchased online.

There are websites that offer information and links to official DNR websites, but Kennedy says caution should be exercised whenever a site other than the WVDNR's official site is asking for credit card information.

Consumers with questions or complaints can contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 1-800-368-8808, the Eastern Panhandle Consumer Protection Office in Martinsburg at 304-267-0239 or visit the office online at www.wvago.gov.

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Exhibit 3

Uffelman, Jonathan

From: statesdirectmail-listserv@googlegroups.com on behalf of Quarles, Chip (FW)
<Chip.Quarles@ky.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 2:01 PM
To: statesdirectmail-listserv@googlegroups.com
Cc: Bruce, David (FW)
Subject: [statesdirectmail-listserv] RE: What is fishinglicense.org?

A link to this site shows up as an ad on recreationallicenses.org (<http://recreationallicenses.org/c/fishing/sc/general-information/kentucky.html>). The ad looks like a navigation section on the page and users are presented with a large orange button labeled 'Get your Fishing License' that takes you to the fishinglicense.org site.

This is very misleading and we have had some customers purchase the \$19.99 guide thinking it was a license.

Thanks.

However, the state of Kentucky offers two main types of fishing licenses:

- New fishing licenses
- Commercial fishing licenses

Licenses to fish in Kentucky can be obtained online, in person or by phone. For online purchase, you will be further instructed about the application and payment process. If you want to visit a vendor location in the state. Finally, if you are unable to buy a fishing permit online or in person, you can visit a vendor location. If you would like to learn how to submit a fishing license application in KY, as well as read the sections below.

Fishing Related Topics

[Get Your Fishing License](#)

[Buy Fishing Gear & Tackle](#)

[Shop For Outdoor Apparel](#)

New Fishing Licenses

From: statesdirectmail-listserv@googlegroups.com [mailto:statesdirectmail-listserv@googlegroups.com] **On Behalf Of** Joanne Martonik
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 1:37 PM
To: statesdirectmail-listserv@googlegroups.com
Cc: Rivers, Pat (DNR)
Subject: [statesdirectmail-listserv] RE: What is fishinglicense.org?

Hi Everyone,

We at RBFF have not heard of this site and are not affiliated with it. It does seem that they are selling information on how to buy a license and not the license itself. Before you hit submit to buy the product, it lists the product as a "Complete Fisherman Licensing Guide*" However, it is very misleading. The site does state it is not affiliated with any government agency. We are looking into it a bit more.

Thanks,

Joanne Martonik

Marketing Program Manager | Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation
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From: statesdirectmail-listserv@googlegroups.com [mailto:statesdirectmail-listserv@googlegroups.com] **On Behalf Of** Wical, Jenifer M (DNR)
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 1:33 PM
To: statesdirectmail-listserv@googlegroups.com
Cc: Rivers, Pat (DNR) <Pat.Rivers@state.mn.us>
Subject: [statesdirectmail-listserv] RE: What is fishinglicense.org?

Sorry, I jump ahead.

I found their web site map and found their contact information and called them.

They claim they are selling a "fishing guide" not a license.

I expressed concern that this seems misleading because everything about the site talks about a license (including the name).

There ABOUT page does bring the guide to light.

Nothing seems to link back to the state pages but they have a lot of information their compiling. I'd be concern with updates...

ABOUT

Welcome to FishingLicense.org. Whether you're a novice fisherman preparing to cast your first rod, or a seasoned angler taking on remote waters, there's much to know about the sport. Our expert team of fishing enthusiasts joined forces to bring you a **comprehensive guide to angling**, covering everything from licensing to greening initiatives.

Before you set foot inside a boat, your first step is acquiring a license to fish, which is why we've broken down your available options by state. Whether you want to cast your rod into the vast salt waters of the ocean, or a quaint freshwater stream, here you'll find the proper instructions on how to go about applying for the fishing license you need.

In addition, you'll also find everything from your home state's most important fishing organizations to fishing education, and charter recommendations to choice destinations.

Prior to your fishing trip, utilize our content as a checklist to ensure you are fully prepared. Read about bait and tackle, rods and reels, apparel, equipment and boat supplies in our Gear section, so you can gather everything you need. On our Tools page, you can find helpful information about weather and tides, fishing charts, fishing knots and smartphone apps to make the most out of your excursion.

Visit our Environment section to find out about the health benefits associated with fishing, along with tips on how to go green on the water. If you're in need of advice on how to improve your skillset, our How To page can guide you through instructions on fishing, cleaning your catch, luring and more.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to Contact Us at any time.

CONTACT

You can contact fishinglicense.org by filling out the form below, by email at info@fishinglicense.org, by phone at 888-867-4816, or by mail at:

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Coeur D'Alene, ID 83814

From: statesdirectmail-listserv@googlegroups.com [<mailto:statesdirectmail-listserv@googlegroups.com>] On Behalf Of Vernie, Peter J (DFW)
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 12:14 PM
To: statesdirectmail-listserv@googlegroups.com
Subject: [statesdirectmail-listserv] RE: What is fishinglicense.org?

If you follow the instructions, you can click on any state, input your personal information, and credit card information to purchase a license for \$19.99. Even if it's not the price of your state's license fee.

From: statesdirectmail-listserv@googlegroups.com [<mailto:statesdirectmail-listserv@googlegroups.com>] On Behalf Of Wical, Jenifer M (DNR)
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 10:04 AM
To: statesdirectmail-listserv@googlegroups.com
Subject: [statesdirectmail-listserv] RE: What is fishinglicense.org?

Looks like an RBFF site that links back to state pages.

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FISHINGLICENSE.ORG



Start becoming The Complete Fisherman now

1 Select a License

What type of license are you looking for?

Commercial Fishing License

Freshwater Fishing License

Saltwater Fishing License

Sport Fishing License

2 Select a Service

What type of service are you looking for?

New Fishing License

Renew Fishing License

Replace Fishing License

Lifetime Fishing License

3 Select a State

What state do you live in?

Select...

CONTINUE



Welcome to FishingLicense.org!

There's much to learn about the sport of fishing before baiting your hook and casting your rod. We've compiled state-specific information about fishing licenses and regulations, along with helpful tips on how to improve your experience as an angler. Our experts are here to guide you, so you are well-prepared for any fishing excursion across the USA, from the tropical Atlantic waters to vast Great Lakes!

From: statesdirectmail-listserv@googlegroups.com [mailto:statesdirectmail-listserv@googlegroups.com] On Behalf Of Sallis, Gregory R (DFW)

Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 12:00 PM

To: statesdirectmail-listserv@googlegroups.com

Subject: [statesdirectmail-listserv] What is fishinglicense.org?

It was pointed out to us that a person can purchase a fishing license from any state through the website, fishinglicense.org. Is anyone familiar with the website and if it's truly selling fishing licenses?



GREG SALLIS

Sales & Marketing Manager
Licensing Division
Department of Fish & Wildlife
360.902.2563

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Uffelman, Jonathan

From: Bihrlle, Craig A. <cbihrlle@nd.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2016 12:45 PM
To: Joanne Martonik
Subject: RE: FishingLicense.org

Sounds good ... see screen shot below. What's maybe driving this is that recreational licenses is buying an ad on Google so their site shows up above ours in a Google search for "ND fishing licenses." It's the same if you put SD in there instead of ND.



ND fishing license

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Types: Recreational, Commercial, Sport, Freshwater, Saltwater

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[gf.nd.gov/fishing/north-dakota-fishing-licenses ▾](#) [North Dakota ▾](#)

Information on fishing license info including [North Dakota Fishing Licenses](#)

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New fishing, hunting and furbearer licenses are required April 1. The 2016-17 licenses are effective April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017. Hunting and fishing [North Dakota Game and Fish](#)

[Nonresident Licenses](#) [Resident Licenses](#) [Hunting](#) [License Availability](#)

From: Joanne Martonik [mailto:jmartonik@rbff.org]
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2016 11:37 AM
To: Bihrlle, Craig A.
Subject: RE: FishingLicense.org

Thanks again for this info, Craig. I've shared it with some coworkers so we are going to look into the take-me-fishing.org site some more. So, for the time being, I'm not going to share this information quite yet until we learn more.

Thanks,

Joanne Martonik

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From: Bihrlle, Craig A. [<mailto:cbihrlle@nd.gov>]

Sent: Monday, July 25, 2016 10:30 AM

To: Joanne Martonik <jmartonik@rbff.org>

Subject: FW: FishingLicense.org

Joanne,

Below is part of an email that I sent to Terry Steinwand last week. If you think it's valuable you could certainly share with the list serve. ...

Craig Bihrlle
Communications Supervisor
North Dakota Game and Fish Department
100 N. Bismarck Expressway
Bismarck, ND 58501
(701) 328-6317
cbihrlle@nd.gov

I did some more looking and I found at least 4 different websites that seem to be run by the same company, all under the umbrella of something called www.licenses.org. They also "sell," (and pretty much have a link for every state) hunting licenses, marriage licenses, nursing licenses and even have one dedicated to state departments of motor vehicles.

The ones I found in my brief search that relate to fishing licenses are:

www.Fishinglicense.org

www.Take-Me-Fishing.org

www.Fishandgamelicense.org

www.recreationallicenses.org

These are all managed by the www.orangebluemediagroup.com.

North Dakota page on recreationallicenses.org <http://recreationallicenses.org/c/fishing/sc/general-information/north-dakota.html>



North Dakota Fishing Licenses

[Home](#) [Fishing](#) [North Dakota](#)



[North Dakota Fishing License](#)

[www.FishingLicense.org/North-Dakota](#)

Get All the Info You Need on North Dakota Fishing Licenses. Get Started For Fishing License Info

[Fishing Regulations](#)

[Commercial License Info](#)

[Fishing Seasons](#)

[Fishing License Information](#)

[www.FishAndGameLicenses.org/North-Dakota](#)

North Dakota Fishing Info, Licensing, Seasons, Species & More

[Fishing & Hunting License Info](#)

[www.FishAndGameLicenses.org/North-Dakota](#)

Find Info on Combo Fishing & Hunting License in North Dakota

[Fishing Gear and Tackle](#)

[www.BassPro.com](#)

Best Selection of Saltwater and Freshwater Fishing Gear

North Dakota fishing licenses are required of those looking to fish in the state's inland waters. As a landlocked state, resident and visiting anglers only freshwater types of fishing in North Dakota. The institution responsible for issuing ND fishing licenses is the Game and Fish Department. Recreationists buy a fishing license online, over the phone or by mail. Commercial fishing applicants, on the other hand, must contact the GFD directly to apply for a type of licensure. Applicants must be 16 years of age or older to get a fishing license in North Dakota. Anglers who do not meet the minimum age are free to fish without the need for licensure. Licenses to fish are valid for a period of one year beginning April 1 and ending on March 31. The GFD issues licenses free of charge to resident military members that are on duty out of state. Similarly, non-resident students at universities or colleges located in qualify for a resident fishing license. In any instance, licensees must have their fishing permits on their person when fishing. Resident fishing permits many forms such as the following: individual licenses, couple licenses (husband and wife), senior citizen licenses, disabled veteran licenses (must be 50 percent or more) and disabled resident licenses. Visitors can apply for a non-resident fishing license for individuals or couples (husband-wife licenses), day or ten-day fishing permit. See below for additional guidance on the main types of fishing licenses available in North Dakota.

- New fishing licenses
- Commercial fishing licenses

WHO WE WORK WITH

DMV.com was looking for a way to expand on its online sales so we explored the prospect of Affiliate Marketing. We needed the right publishers to promote all available offers on their website. We researched several Affiliate Networks to see which would be our best option and we came across Orange & Blue Media Group. The staff was extremely helpful with answering all of our questions and even helped us recruit top publisher partners to help generate sales. We're thankful we chose Orange & Blue and would recommend their network to any business looking to increase on their online sales.

DMV.com



We started using Affiliate Marketing when it wasn't a big marketing avenue as it is today. Political.com had experience with the major Affiliate Networks in the industry today. Our issue were the fees charged not commanding a worthwhile ROI. Working with a boutique Affiliate Network like Orange & Blue Media Group was the way to go. While big Affiliate Networks take long to respond to inquiries, Orange & Blue are quick to address any questions. We've seen gains in traffic and sales which is exactly what we were looking for. Political.com is very happy with Orange & Blue and we're sure everyone else using their services are too.

Political.com



Licenses.org wasn't clear on how Affiliate Marketing worked, but we saw a growing trend of online businesses using it as a primary channel of marketing. Publishers get paid they refer sales, so it's really an ideal situation for businesses looking for more sales. We wanted to grow Licenses.org so we decided to find an Affiliate Network that would help us accomplish that. We found Orange & Blue Media Group and inquired about their services. We asked their team many questions and they patiently answered them all. We've been working with Orange & Blue for a while now and are happy with what they yield Licenses.org.

Licenses.org



From: statesdirectmail-listserv@googlegroups.com [<mailto:statesdirectmail-listserv@googlegroups.com>] **On Behalf Of** Joanne Martonik
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2016 9:26 AM
To: statesdirectmail-listserv@googlegroups.com
Subject: [statesdirectmail-listserv] FishingLicense.org

Hi Everyone,

We've had several email streams through the listserv in the past about the website FishingLicense.org. They state they are selling a guide with "state-specific information about fishing licenses and regulations, along with helpful tips on how to improve your experience as an angler." They are selling this guide for \$19.99. However, as most of us have seen, this website is misleading and many consumers have purchased the guide thinking they were buying a fishing license.

RBFF has received complaints from consumers thinking they bought the guide at TakeMeFishing.org. We also know that many states have received complaints as well. To learn more about the website, I went through the process of buying the guide and asking for a reimbursement. I've attached the guide that I purchased for your reference.

I used the "contact us" page on their website to ask for a reimbursement stating that I thought I was purchasing a license. After not hearing back for 2 days, I replied to the automated 'Thank You' email I had received after purchasing the guide. Very quickly I received a message that they would reimburse me my money. They did, in fact, reimburse me my money and I've never received an email from them again. So, luckily, my complaints worked and I received my money back.

We wanted to do our due diligence to see if there was an obvious reason why consumers were thinking they bought the guide at TakeMeFishing.org. We didn't see any brand infringement so there is not much that RBFF can do.

If you are interested, I can give you more information on the process I went through. Just let me know if you have any other questions.

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Exhibit 4



Consumer Response Center

United States of America
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20580

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Director's Office

April 12, 2018

Curtis E. Melcher, Director
Department of Fish and Wildlife
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE
Salem, Oregon 97302

Ref No. 94080362

Dear Mr. Melcher:

Thank you for contacting the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) regarding fraudulent websites offering hunting and fishing licenses.

The FTC has been directed by Congress to act in the interest of all consumers to prevent fraudulent, deceptive, and unfair business practices in the marketplace. Contacts from consumers and businesses are very important to our work as they are often the first indication of a problem in the marketplace, and may provide the initial evidence to begin an investigation.

While the FTC is not able to intervene in individual disputes, the information you have provided has been recorded in our secure online database which is used by thousands of civil and criminal law enforcement authorities worldwide. This database enables law enforcement agencies to identify questionable business practices that may lead to investigations and prosecutions. In addition, our attorneys and investigators regularly review the complaint database to look for law enforcement targets, evaluate the need for consumer education, and make policy recommendations. Your letter has been added to our database for that purpose.

As a consumer, you have additional alternatives for corrective action. This includes directly contacting the company in dispute; filing a complaint with your State Attorney General's Office Consumer Protection Division, and obtaining legal assistance.

Thank you for providing information that may be used to develop or support the FTC's enforcement initiatives. You can find free educational materials on a variety of consumer topics, press releases, and other important information on our website at www.ftc.gov.

Sincerely,

Consumer Response Center

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Washington, D.C. 20580

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Department of Fish and Wildlife
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE
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Sincerely,

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Exhibit 5

Guide to Become an **EXPERT FISHERMAN**



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Types of Licenses and Services:

• Senior Fishing License, • Military Fishing License, • Lifetime Fishing License



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INTRODUCTION



Learning how to fish is part of the process to become a fisherman. However, in order to become a complete fisherman, you must not only acquire a significant amount of practice, but you must also know where to go and which tips to keep in mind. Most importantly, you must be licensed by the state department and get the proper fishing tag, if it applies to you. Fortunately, all of the information you need to tackle these important tasks is presented in the detailed sections below.



Different Fishing
Licenses



Different Fishing Licenses



One of the most important notes that a prospective fisherman must make is the great variety of fishing licenses available, regardless of your state of residence. Therefore, when you are getting ready to purchase a fishing permit in a state, whether as a resident or a non-resident, it is crucial that you are sure about the fact said fishing credential is right for you.

- **Saltwater fishing license:** In order to take any saltwater organism, including saltwater fish or plants, you must purchase a saltwater fishing license from your state's fishing department. The typical length of validity for a saltwater fishing permit is a full year.
- **Freshwater fishing license:** If you plan on catching and/or taking freshwater fish (native or non-native) within a state, then you must apply for that locale's freshwater fishing license. Depending on the state in which you are fishing, the standard length of validity for these licenses is one year.
- **Sport fishing license:** Certain states, such as California, do not offer separate freshwater and saltwater fishing licenses. Their sport fishing permits allow holders to take fish from both kinds of water.
- **Commercial fishing license:** Catching fish for commercial purposes in the United States requires proper licensure. If you are planning on engaging in this type of commercial activity, you will have to purchase a commercial fishing permit and learn all of the state's specific catching laws before you go out into the location's waters.



Different Fishing Licenses

- **Lifetime fishing license:** In addition to all of the fishing license options mentioned above, there are also lifetime fishing permits available for purchase in the United States. However, in order to obtain these licenses, which do in fact last for your life, you must be a resident of the state in which you are applying.
- **Senior fishing license:** In numerous states across the country, seniors are given the opportunity to fish for a reduced rate in terms of licensing. Seniors in the state of California, for instance, have the opportunity to purchase reduced-fee fishing licenses. Furthermore, there are certain states like Florida, who allow senior fishermen (age 65 and older) to fish without purchasing any licensure at all.
- **Military fishing license:** Also available for a reduced price are fishing licenses for members of the United States military. In many states, military members will receive fishing permits for reduced rates, and in others, depending on whether or not the applying fishermen are residents of the state or are disabled, they may be able to obtain permits to fish for no charge at all.
- **Special fishing tags/permits:** While saltwater, freshwater and sport fishing licenses do allow you to take fish from state waters, there are certain sea creatures that require additional licensure to catch. For instance, fishermen require specific lobster permits in order to take these crustaceans in Florida. Shellfish can only be caught in Washington with a permit. And red drum can only be taken in Texas with the appropriate fishing tag.



Different Fishing Licenses

In addition to all of the fishing licenses mentioned above, it is important to bear in mind that all states will have residential and non-residential versions of these licenses. Residents, because they are local and choose to fish in local waters, will be able to purchase fishing licenses at a lower rate, while non-residents will have to pay higher prices in order to enjoy out-of-state waters. Also, in the event that something happens to your fishing license, be it a resident or a non-resident fishing credential, it is required by law that you replace it if you plan on fishing in that state again. Luckily, most states allow fishermen to replace their sport documentation online or in person at a local fishing department office.



Note: The only instance in which a fishing license is not required, other than in certain age situations (if you are less than 16 years of age or more than 64 years of age in certain states, you do not require licensing), occurs on what are known as Free Fishing Days. These occur on different days for different states, though typically during the summer, and allow interested fishermen to catch fish without a license.



Eligibility Requirements for a Fishing License



Eligibility Requirements for a Fishing License

Now that you are familiar with the various different licenses that you can apply for throughout the United States, the next factor that you must bear in mind is eligibility. While the fishing eligibility requirements are not overly complex or demanding in any state, there are certain qualifications you must meet in order to get certain fishing permits. These specific eligibility requirements can be divided into three categories:

- Age
- Residency
- Military membership



FISHING AGE REQUIREMENTS

First of all, you must meet the minimum age requirement to obtain a fishing license. The standard age for this practice is 16 years old. However, if you are applying for a senior fishing license at a reduced rate, then you will have to prove that you meet that age requirement. That is because you will have to bring proof of your age to the fishing department office of the state in order to obtain your credentials for a reduced price.



Eligibility Requirements for a Fishing License

FISHING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

The second eligibility requirement that you must take into consideration is residency. Only if you are a resident of a state will you be allowed to purchase a resident fishing license, regardless of whether that license is for saltwater fishing, freshwater fishing or general sport fishing. You will have to provide proof of your residency in the state to get said discount. The same rule applies if you are getting a lifetime fishing license. You will have to provide proof of residency to obtain this credential, because these licenses are only available to those fishermen who meet the state's residency requirements.

FISHING MILITARY QUALIFICATIONS

As you know from reading the sections above, states also offer members of the military and retired military members the chance to get special fishing credentials. However, in order to obtain these privileges for a reduced cost, which is often the case in most states, you must be able to prove your military membership. Military ID cards, for active members, or honorable discharge papers, for retired members, must be shown when you visit a local fishing department office in person in order to apply for your military discount on fishing licenses.





National Fishing License Fees Table

Types of Licenses and Services

- 1 Annual Freshwater Fishing License
- 2 Annual Saltwater Fishing License
- 3 Duplicate Fishing License
- 4 Commercial Fishing License



National Fishing License Fees Table

State	Annual Freshwater Fishing License	Annual Saltwater Fishing License	Duplicate Fishing License	Commercial Fishing License
Alabama	\$13.10 (resident), \$50.25 (nonresident)	\$23 (resident), \$49.20 (nonresident)	\$23 (resident), \$49.20 (nonresident)	\$100 (freshwater), price varies for saltwater and nonresidents
Alaska	\$24 (resident sport fishing), \$145 (nonresident sport fishing)	\$24 (resident sport fishing), \$145 (nonresident sport fishing)	\$5	\$60 (resident), \$250 (nonresident)
Arizona	\$37 (resident), \$55 (nonresident)	N/A	Fee varies.	N/A
Arkansas	\$10.50 (resident), \$50 (nonresident)	N/A	Fee varies.	\$25 (resident)
California	\$47.01 (resident sport fishing), \$126.36 (nonresident sport fishing)	\$47.01 (resident sport fishing), \$126.36 (nonresident sport fishing)	\$10.54	\$136.73 (resident/nonresident)
Colorado	\$26 (resident), \$56 (nonresident) plus required \$10 habitat stamp	N/A	Fee varies.	\$40



National Fishing License Fees Table

State	Annual Freshwater Fishing License	Annual Saltwater Fishing License	Duplicate Fishing License	Commercial Fishing License
Connecticut	\$14-\$28 (resident, depending on age), \$55 (nonresident seasonal)	\$10 (resident marine water), \$15 (nonresident marine water), \$16-\$32 (all waters resident, depending on age), \$65 (all waters nonresident seasonal)	\$0	Fee varies based on method and desired catch.
Delaware	\$8.50 (resident), \$20 (nonresident)	\$8.50 (resident), \$20 (nonresident)	\$0 (first two reprints), \$5 (third reprint)	Fee varies.
District of Columbia	\$10 (resident), \$13 (nonresident)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Florida	\$17 (resident), \$47 (nonresident)	\$17 (resident), \$47 (nonresident)	\$0 (online), \$2 (in-person replacement)	\$50 (resident), \$100 (nonresident)
Georgia	\$0 (resident), \$45 (nonresident)	\$0 (Saltwater Information Program permit)	\$0	\$12 (resident), \$118 (nonresident)
Hawaii	\$6 (resident), \$26 (nonresident)	\$0 (no licensing required)	\$10 (commercial replacement)	\$50 (resident), \$200 (nonresident)



National Fishing License Fees Table

State	Annual Freshwater Fishing License	Annual Saltwater Fishing License	Duplicate Fishing License	Commercial Fishing License
Idaho	\$25.75 (resident), \$98.25 (nonresident)	N/A	Fee varies.	Fee varies.
Illinois	\$15 (resident), \$31.50 (nonresident)	N/A	\$0	\$60 (resident), \$150 (nonresident)
Indiana	\$17 (resident), \$35 (nonresident)	N/A	\$0 (if within five days of purchase), \$3 (if five days or older)	Fee varies.
Iowa	\$19 (resident), \$41 (nonresident)	N/A	\$4.50 (lifetime)	\$202 (resident), \$402 (nonresident)
Kansas	\$27.50 (resident), \$52.50 (nonresident)	N/A	\$12.50	\$22.50 (certified bait dealer)
Kentucky	\$20 (resident), \$50 (nonresident)	N/A	\$0	Fee varies.



National Fishing License Fees Table

State	Annual Freshwater Fishing License	Annual Saltwater Fishing License	Duplicate Fishing License	Commercial Fishing License
Louisiana	\$9.50 (resident), \$60 (nonresident)	\$13 (resident), \$30 (nonresident)	\$7.50	\$55 (resident), \$460 (nonresident)
Maine	\$25 (resident), \$64 (nonresident)	\$1 (saltwater registry), \$5 (resident halibut tags)	\$2	Fee varies.
Maryland	\$20.50 (resident), \$30.50 or the same as the state of residence, whichever is higher (nonresident)	\$15 (resident), \$22.50 (nonresident)	\$5 (consolidated bay sport boat license), \$2 (all others)	Fee varies.
Massachusetts	\$27.50 (resident), \$37.50 (nonresident), \$5 (first-time stamp)	\$10 (resident/nonresident), \$5 (first-time stamp)	\$0	\$65 (resident individual), \$130 (nonresident individual)
Michigan	\$26 (resident), \$68 (nonresident), \$1 DNR sportcard	N/A	Fee varies.	Fee varies.
Minnesota	\$22 (resident), \$45 (nonresident)	N/A	\$2.50 (resident/nonresident)	Fee varies.



National Fishing License Fees Table

State	Annual Freshwater Fishing License	Annual Saltwater Fishing License	Duplicate Fishing License	Commercial Fishing License
Mississippi	\$34.29 (resident sportsman), \$54.29 (nonresident freshwater)	\$12.29 (resident), \$34.29 (nonresident)	\$7.29	\$32.29 (resident), \$204.29 (nonresident)
Missouri	\$12 (resident), \$42 (nonresident)	N/A	\$0 (if within six months of purchase)	Fee varies.
Montana	\$8-\$26 (resident, depending on age), \$70 (nonresident)	N/A	\$5	Fee varies.
Nebraska	\$29.50 (resident), \$61.50 (nonresident)	N/A	\$1.50-\$5	Fee varies.
Nevada	\$29 (resident), \$69 (nonresident)	N/A	\$10	Fee varies.
New Hampshire	\$45 (resident), \$63 (nonresident)	\$11 (resident/nonresident)	Fee varies.	\$50 (resident saltwater), \$500 (nonresident saltwater)



National Fishing License Fees Table

State	Annual Freshwater Fishing License	Annual Saltwater Fishing License	Duplicate Fishing License	Commercial Fishing License
New Jersey	\$22.50 (resident), \$34 (nonresident)	A general saltwater license is not required, but special permits are available.	\$0	\$230 (commercial fishing preserve), \$50 (commercial shellfish)
New Mexico	\$25 (resident), \$56 (nonresident)	N/A	\$0	\$25 (commercial fishing)
New York	\$25 (resident), \$50 (nonresident)	\$0 (Recreational Marine Fishing Registration)	\$5 (freshwater), \$0 (saltwater registration)	Fee varies.
North Carolina	\$20 (resident), \$36 (nonresident)	\$15 (resident), \$30 (nonresident)	\$1 (lifetime licenses), \$7 (all others)	\$400 (resident). Fees varies for nonresidents based on state of residence.
North Dakota	\$16 (resident), \$45 (nonresident seasonal), \$1 (required resident fishing certificate), \$2 (nonresident fishing certificate)	N/A	Fee varies.	Fee varies.
Ohio	\$19 (resident), \$40 (nonresident)	N/A	\$4	\$65 (sale/transportation of fish)



National Fishing License Fees Table

State	Annual Freshwater Fishing License	Annual Saltwater Fishing License	Duplicate Fishing License	Commercial Fishing License
Oklahoma	\$25 (resident), \$55 (nonresident)	N/A	\$10 (lifetime/senior), \$1.50 (annual license), \$5 (five-year license)	Fee varies.
Oregon	\$38 (resident), \$97.50 (nonresident)	Fee varies.	\$25.50	\$102 (resident), \$152 (nonresident)
Pennsylvania	\$22.70 (resident), \$52.70 (nonresident)	\$0 (saltwater fishing registration)	\$6.70	Fee varies.
Rhode Island	\$18 (resident), \$35 (nonresident)	\$7 (resident), \$10 (nonresident)	\$10	\$50 (resident fishing license), \$25 (fishery endorsement), \$150 (nonresident fishing license), \$50 (nonresident fishery endorsement)
South Carolina	\$10 (resident), \$35 (nonresident)	\$10 (resident), \$35 (nonresident)	\$3	\$50 (resident freshwater), \$1,000 (nonresident freshwater)
South Dakota	\$28 (resident), \$67 (nonresident)	N/A	\$0 (online), \$2 (in-person replacement)	Fee varies.



National Fishing License Fees Table

State	Annual Freshwater Fishing License	Annual Saltwater Fishing License	Duplicate Fishing License	Commercial Fishing License
Tennessee	\$11 (county of residence fishing), \$50 (nonresident, no trout), \$99 (nonresident, all species)	N/A	\$7	\$200 (resident), \$1,000 (nonresident)
Texas	\$30 (resident), \$58 (nonresident)	\$35 (resident), \$63 (nonresident)	\$10	\$26 (resident), \$189 (nonresident)
Utah	\$5-\$34 (resident, depending on age), \$5-\$75 (depending on age)	N/A	\$10	Fee varies.
Vermont	\$26 (resident), \$51 (nonresident)	N/A	\$0 (online), \$1.50 (in-person replacement)	Fee varies.
Virginia	\$23 (resident), \$47 (nonresident)	\$39.50 (resident fresh/saltwater), \$71 (nonresident fresh/saltwater), \$17.50 (resident saltwater), \$25 (nonresident saltwater)	Fee varies.	\$190 (commercial registration), \$90 (commercial registration over 70)



National Fishing License Fees Table

State	Annual Freshwater Fishing License	Annual Saltwater Fishing License	Duplicate Fishing License	Commercial Fishing License
Washington	\$29.50 (resident), \$84.50 (nonresident)	\$30.05 (resident), \$59.75 (nonresident)	\$9.70	Fee varies.
West Virginia	\$5 (required conservation stamp), \$19 (resident), \$37 (nonresident)	N/A	\$1 per stamp issued.	Fee varies.
Wisconsin	\$20 (resident), \$50 (nonresident)	N/A	\$10	Fee varies.
Wyoming	\$24 (resident), \$92 (nonresident)	N/A	\$5	\$182 (commercial fish hatchery)



National Fishing License Fees Table

Types of Licenses and Services

- Senior Fishing License
- Military Fishing License
- Lifetime Fishing License



National Fishing License Fees Table

State	Senior Fishing License	Military Fishing License	Lifetime Fishing License
Alabama	\$13.10	\$3.05 (disabled veteran)	\$165.40-\$275.10 (freshwater, depending on age), \$275.10-\$384.70 (saltwater), \$429.55-\$658.80 (freshwater/saltwater)
Alaska	\$0	\$0	N/A
Arizona	N/A	N/A	\$296-\$666 (depending on age)
Arkansas	\$10.50 (lifetime)	*\$1.50 (resident disabled veteran lifetime license)	\$1,000 (resident hunting/fishing)
California	\$6.95 (low-income senior)	\$6.95 (recovering veteran)	\$517-\$844 (depending on age)
Colorado	\$1 (resident), N/A (nonresident)	N/A	\$300.25 (resident/non-resident habitat stamp)



National Fishing License Fees Table

State	Senior Fishing License	Military Fishing License	Lifetime Fishing License
Connecticut	\$0 (resident inland)	\$10 (marine), \$28 (inland), \$38 (inland/small game firearm hunting), \$40 (all waters/small game firearm hunting)	\$0 (seniors)
Delaware	\$0 (exempt)	N/A	N/A
District of Columbia	N/A	N/A	N/A
Florida	\$13.50 (freshwater/hunting)	\$20 (saltwater/freshwater/hunting)	\$126.50-\$301.50 (saltwater or freshwater, depending on age), \$401.50-\$1,001.50 (saltwater/freshwater/hunting, depending on age)
Georgia	\$0 (lifetime)	\$400 (resident veteran lifetime)	\$95-\$500 (depending on age)
Hawaii	\$1	N/A	N/A



National Fishing License Fees Table

State	Senior Fishing License	Military Fishing License	Lifetime Fishing License
Idaho	\$11.75 (hunting/fishing)	\$5 (disabled veteran fishing), \$17.50 (hunting/fishing)	\$276.75-\$1,113.00 (depending on age)
Illinois	\$1.50 (resident super senior fishing), \$2.50 (resident super senior fishing/hunting), \$7.75 (resident senior)	Discount varies based on the amount of years served.	\$435 (lifetime fishing), \$765 (lifetime fishing/hunting)
Indiana	\$3 (annual), \$17 (lifetime)	\$2.75 (hunting/fishing)	\$17 (seniors)
Iowa	\$52.50 (lifetime)	\$7 (hunting/fishing for veterans and POW/s)	\$52.50 (seniors)
Kansas	\$15 (fishing), \$25 (hunting/fishing)	\$0 (disabled veterans)	\$502.50 (fishing), \$962.50 (hunting/fishing), \$42.50 (senior hunting/fishing)
Kentucky	\$5 (senior hunting/fishing)	\$5 (disabled veteran hunting/fishing)	N/A



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State	Senior Fishing License	Military Fishing License	Lifetime Fishing License
Louisiana	\$5 (hunting/fishing)	\$0.50 (freshwater), \$5.50 (saltwater)	\$50-\$3,000 (depending on age and residency)
Maine	\$8 (over 70 years of age)	\$3 (hunting/fishing), \$0 (disabled veteran)	\$150-\$800 (depending on age and sports included)
Maryland	\$5 (freshwater/saltwater)	\$0 (lifetime disabled veteran/POW)	\$0 (lifetime disabled veteran/POW)
Massachusetts	\$16.25 (freshwater, age 65-69), \$0 (freshwater, age 70 or over), \$0 (saltwater resident/nonresident)	\$0 (blind/paraplegic)	N/A
Michigan	\$11	\$0 (active military/disabled veteran)	\$1,025 (comprehensive hunting/fishing)
Minnesota	\$0 (license not required if 90)	\$0 (resident angling)	\$304-\$508 (lifetime fishing license price varies depending on age)



National Fishing License Fees Table

State	Senior Fishing License	Military Fishing License	Lifetime Fishing License
Mississippi	\$0 (senior exempt hunting/freshwater fishing), \$7.29 (lifetime senior saltwater)	\$0 (disabled veterans)	\$500-\$1,500 (depending on age and residency)
Missouri	\$0 (if 65 or older)	\$5 (military member), \$0 (veteran/warrior in transition)	\$35-\$400 (depending on age)
Montana	\$8 (if 62 or older)	\$0 (veterans in VA hospitals), \$26 (active duty), \$0 (five years free if stationed overseas)	\$10 (blind)
Nebraska	N/A	\$5 (veteran)	\$447 (fishing), \$700 (fishing/hunting)
Nevada	\$13 (fishing), \$21 (hunting/fishing)	\$9 (military), \$0 (disabled veteran)	N/A
New Hampshire	\$7 (freshwater/hunting)	\$10 (disabled veteran)	\$7-\$1,246.64 (lifetime fishing license fee depends on age)



National Fishing License Fees Table

State	Senior Fishing License	Military Fishing License	Lifetime Fishing License
New Jersey	\$12.50 (if age 65 to 69)	\$0 (disabled veteran)	N/A
New Mexico	\$8 (if age 65 to 69), \$0 (if 70 years or older)	\$20 (military hunting/fishing), \$10 (disabled veteran hunting/fishing)	\$0 (disabled veteran, 100 percent service-related injury eligibility)
New York	\$5 (annual fishing), \$70 (lifetime freshwater, if age 70 or older), \$65 (lifetime hunting/fishing)	\$0 (resident military members), \$5 (disabled veterans), \$25 (nonresident military members)	\$400 (freshwater), (fishing/hunting), \$350-\$705 (fishing/hunting depending on age)
North Carolina	\$15 (lifetime senior saltwater or freshwater)	\$10 (lifetime disabled veteran saltwater or freshwater)	\$10 (disabled veteran saltwater or freshwater), \$15 (senior saltwater or freshwater), \$250 (recreational saltwater or freshwater)
North Dakota	\$5	\$5 (disabled veteran)	N/A
Ohio	\$0 (if born before December 31, 1937), \$10 (if age 65 or older)	\$0 (disabled veterans and POWs)	N/A



National Fishing License Fees Table

State	Senior Fishing License	Military Fishing License	Lifetime Fishing License
Oklahoma	\$15 (fishing), \$25 (hunting/fishing)	\$10 (disability)	\$225 (fishing), \$625 (hunting), \$775 (fishing/hunting)
Oregon	\$25 (fishing), \$41 (fishing/hunting)	\$0 (disabled veteran), \$38 (nonresident military member)	N/A
Pennsylvania	\$12	\$0 (disabled veteran)	\$51.70 (senior)
Rhode Island	\$0	\$0	N/A
North Carolina	\$9 (lifetime hunting /fishing)	\$10 (military member), \$0 (disabled veteran)	\$0-\$500 (depending on age and sports included)
South Dakota	\$12	\$10 (veterans)	\$325-\$1,050 (depending on age and sport included)



National Fishing License Fees Table

State	Senior Fishing License	Military Fishing License	Lifetime Fishing License
Tennessee	\$5 (annual hunting/fishing/trapping), \$50 (annual sportsman)	\$10 (disabled veteran)	\$200-\$1,976 (depending on age)
Texas	\$12 (freshwater), \$17 (saltwater), \$22 (all-water)	\$0 (veteran/military member for hunting/fishing)	\$1,000 (lifetime fishing or hunting), \$1,800 (lifetime fishing/hunting)
Utah	\$25 (fishing), \$20 (fishing/hunting)	\$12 (disabled veteran)	Fee varies based on sports included
Vermont	\$50 (permanent license)	\$0 (disabled veteran)	\$150-\$806 (fishing license cost depends on age)
Virginia	\$0 (freshwater)	\$12 (disabled veteran)	\$20-\$260 (depending on age and fish included)
Washington	\$7.50 (freshwater), \$8.05 (saltwater)	\$11.35 (resident disabled veteran fishing/shellfish), \$55.35 (non-resident disabled veteran fishing/shellfish)	N/A



National Fishing License Fees Table

State	Senior Fishing License	Military Fishing License	Lifetime Fishing License
Washington	\$7.50 (freshwater), \$8.05 (saltwater)	\$11.35 (resident disabled veteran fishing/shellfish), \$55.35 (nonresident disabled veteran fishing/shellfish)	N/A
West Virginia	\$25 (lifetime hunting/trapping/fishing)	\$0 (disabled veteran)	\$115-\$805 (depending on age and sports included)
Wisconsin	\$7	\$3 (resident disabled veteran), \$0 (resident armed forces member), \$20 (nonresident military)	N/A
Wyoming	N/A	\$0 (disabled veteran)	\$180.50 (conservation stamp), \$302 (fishing)



Fishing
Education



Fishing Education



As you are in the process of becoming a fisherman, one of the ways you can fine-tune your skills and overall training is by signing up for local courses and immersing yourself in hands-on instruction. You should also take note of certain regulations, as well as safety tips, which may largely depend on the body of water you fish in and the climate in your area. Continue reading to learn more about how you can become one step closer to fishing responsibly and with ease.

SAFETY COURSES

Most states offer a large selection of safety courses for you to choose from, which will allow you to put your everyday training to use. For example, it is important that you consider learning about the different types of survival equipment you should bring with you on your fishing excursions, as well as knowing what to do in unexpected change-of-weather situations. You can easily sign up for the class that appeals to you the most by visiting your state fishing website for further information.





Fishing Education



SAFETY GUIDES

If it is your first time catching fish in local waters, it may be a good idea to hire a fishing guide to help you along the way and steer you in the right direction. By signing up for a fishing guide tour, not only will you be able to navigate bodies of water alongside a professional expert, but you will also gather valuable information to apply toward future fishing trips. Guided fishing trips are often available for half a day or a full day, depending on which you prefer and your time of availability. You may choose to embark on an individual trip or get your entire family to join in on the fun.

BOATER SAFETY TIPS

Although there are a number of boater safety tips you should keep in mind, the most important ones will depend on whether you reside in a low-temperature state or a high-temperature state. As a general rule, you should remember to dress appropriately if fishing in cold weather. Keep yourself warm with layers of clothing that may be insulated for added protection. When fishing in sunny, hot weather, it is important to stay hydrated and pack bottles of water. Just as important is applying sunscreen with a high level of SPF (Sun Protection Factor).



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OTHER TIPS TO REMEMBER:

- Carry boat lights, emergency flares and flashlights with you.
- Keep a life jacket or personal flotation device nearby.
- Carefully inspect the boat before leaving the dock.
- Review standard boat operational procedures.
- Check the weather forecast of the day and have a navigation map handy.
- Let a close family member or friend know about your boating plans.
- Pay attention to any potential hazards.

FISHING PROGRAMS

States across the nation offer fun, exciting fishing programs to help you further enhance your aquatic education and experience. For example, MinnAqua is a popular fishing program in Minnesota that offers a wide array of activities, as well as information about a great number of fishing resources. Several of these programs also provide internships for young students or novice fishermen who would like to learn more. To become involved in one of these programs, make sure to contact your state's department of natural resources or wildlife commission.



Limited Fishing
Seasons
Throughout the
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Limited Fishing Seasons Throughout the United States

SPECIES	FISHING SEASON
Bay Scallops	June 27 to September 25
Gray Triggerfish	January 1 to February 7
Greater Amberjack	January 1 through May, August 1 to November 21
Grouper	May to December 31
Gag Grouper	April 1 to December 4
Lake and Rainbow Trout	March to July
Permit	January 1 to April 30; August 1 to December 31
Red Snapper	May 23 to July 13, and on select weekends from September to November
Salmon	April 4 to November 8



Limited Fishing Seasons Throughout the United States

SPECIES	FISHING SEASON
Shrimp	January 1 to March 31; June 1 to December 31
Snook	March 1 to April 30; September 1 to November 30
Spiny Lobster	January 1 to March 31; August 6 to December 31
Stone Crab	October 15 to May 16



How to Clean, Scale and Steak a Fish



How to Clean, Scale and Steak a Fish



There are a number of ways to prepare a fish for consumption. If you have recently returned from a fishing trip and are excited to enjoy your prized catch, the first thing to consider is what way works best for you and the type of fish that you have caught. Typically, fishermen fillet their catches before they eat them. However, there are certain species of fish that are not particularly suited for this kind of preparation. With fish like salmon, especially those of the larger variety, it is much easier to clean, scale and steak the fish. To learn how to approach this process and complete the cycle of fishing, simply take a look at the comprehensive list of steps provided below:

1. Gather the necessary materials:
 - Cutting board at least twice the size of the fish
 - Cutting knife
 - Spoon
2. While laying the fish on the cutting board, hold your spoon against the side of the fish (near the tail) with one hand and place your other hand against the fish's head. Then "rake" the scales away from the tail and in the direction of the head.



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3. Take off the scales on each side of the catch's body.
4. Cut inside the catch's belly near the rear. Slice up through the belly towards the head of the fish. Do not insert the knife too deep in order to avoid lacerating the intestines.
5. Open the cut body of the fish and spread it out on the cutting board. Take out the entrails.
6. Take a moment to find the anus of your catch and remove this with your knife by cutting it in the form of a notch.
7. Locate the kidney of the fish, which may be close to the back bone. Take it out with a utensil, such as a spoon.
8. Rinse the skin of your catch and wash out the insides of the fish. If you find a dark tissue in or near the abdomen of the fish, remove this as well in order to avoid an oily taste.
9. When steaking, cut every steak of your catch to be between one half inch to one inch thick.
10. Wash your cutting table and dispose of the entrails, and the head (if you would like to remove it for cooking).
11. After you have completed all of the steps outlined above, your fish is finally ready for cooking.



The Importance of **Hiring a** Fishing Guide



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Going on a fishing trip can be a great deal of fun, whether you decide to take your friends, your family or simply decide to go by yourself. It can be time for bonding, time for relaxation, but more than that, it can also be a time for you to get closer to nature. Today, when Americans are staying indoors more than ever, the importance of the last possibility cannot be understated. With TVs, smartphones and video games consoles (portable or otherwise) you may be tempted to stay inside and miss out on all the fresh air. But the fish are swimming upstream and the water is calling you. Deep inside, you can feel the urge to burst through the door, jump in the car and make your way to the nearest marina. But what if you did one better and gave yourself and/or your family a real treat by hiring a fishing guide? If you do, you can count on the following perks.



The Importance of Hiring a Fishing Guide

INVALUABLE FISHING TIPS

One of the most important things that you will get when you hire a fishing guide is advice in the form of tips. Fishing is not a sport that is perfect overnight. You have to practice at it, but even more than that, you need to get to know the kind of boat you are fishing on as well as the fish in the area and the body of water in general. Fishing guides know the area that they work in and the fish as well. Taking these two important factors into account, they have come up with certain tips and techniques for catching fish in their locales.

To put it in simple terms, fishing guides understand the water. They know what to expect of it. Thus, they will take you to the right places, where the fish tend to bite, as they have learned this from experience. Beyond that, these guides will also be able to tell you what types of bait to use in order to catch these fish. Fishing guides have and keep their jobs based on successful trips for their customers and positive reviews, so you can count on their advice.



SAFETY TIPS

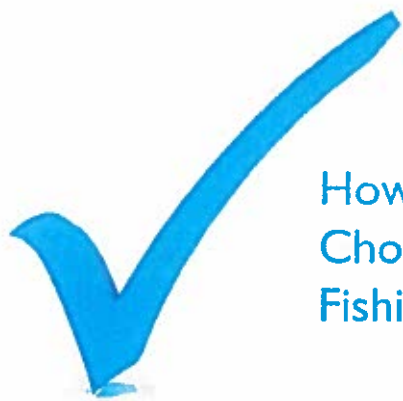
More often than not, fishing guides have all of the insider information you need for a successful and safe fishing trip. And it is crucial that you value the latter as much as you do the former.



The Importance of Hiring a Fishing Guide

While it is a fun activity for you and the whole family, fishing can be a dangerous sport as well, especially if you are fishing out in the open water. So the second big benefit of having a guide is that he or she will be able to tell you everything you need to do in order to stay safe onboard the boat. Furthermore, in most cases, you can also count on them to provide life vests and other important equipment.

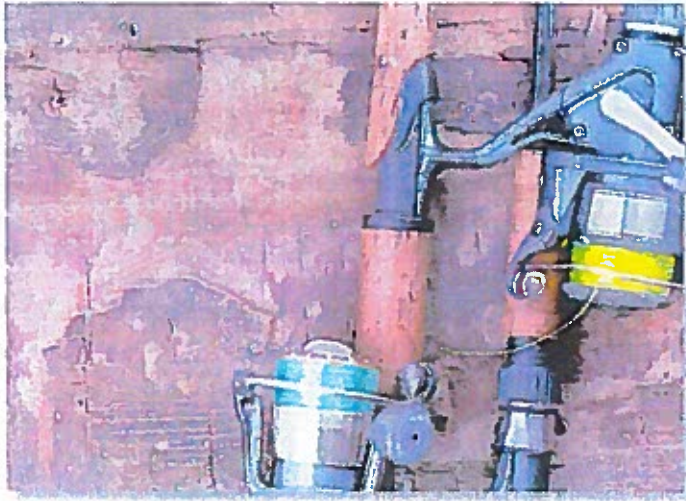




How to Choose a Fishing Rod



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One of the most important parts of a fishing adventure is selecting the proper rod to use. When catching fish, the type of rod you have in your possession is what will make a difference in your fishing experience and help you aim better. Before heading out for your daytime excursion, make sure to write down a few questions, such as these mentioned here:

- What type of fishing rod should I buy?
- What length should my fishing rod be?
- Where should I buy my fishing rod?



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THE TYPE OF FISHING ROD TO BUY

The first factor to look into is the type of fishing rod you would like to get. For example, a number of fishing rods are made from graphite or fiberglass. Most people, however, opt for a graphite rod since it contains anywhere between 30 to 60 million modulus. The

higher the modulus, the **stiffer** and **lighter** you can expect the rod to be. Whichever rod you choose, be sure to see how it fits in the palm of your hand and whether or not it provides a comfortable feel. You should be able to have a firm grip on the handle and hold it at ease.

THE LENGTH OF YOUR FISHING ROD

In order to determine the best size for your fishing rod, you should first consider the kind of bass fishing technique you would like to engage in. The good news is that the majority of your catches can be accomplished with a medium-sized rod, measured at roughly six feet. However, if you intend to do finesse fishing, you will want to get a larger rod that is almost seven feet.





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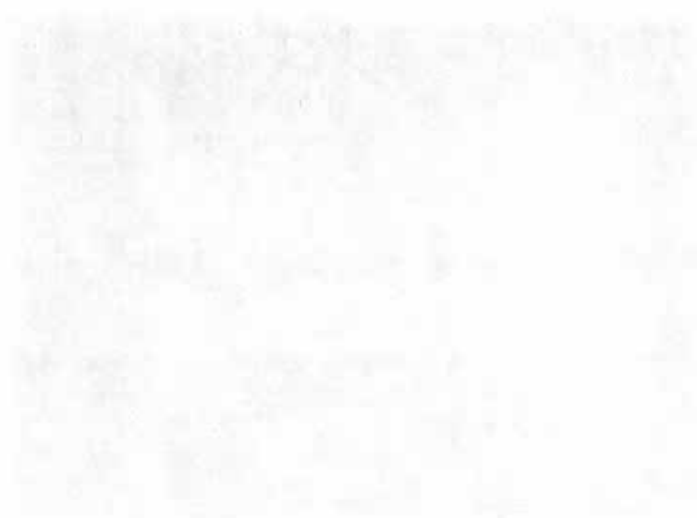


WHERE TO BUY A FISHING ROD

When getting ready to buy all your fishing equipment, make sure to research a couple of tackle shops in your area. Look up the reviews online, or ask a fellow fisherman to refer you to a reputable location. By speaking to a qualified fishing expert, you will feel more secure in your fishing purchases. Be sure to ask about his or her personal recommendations, and be open to any suggestions that are offered to you. To help ensure you come to the right decision, let the store representative know about your fishing experience and where you intend to catch fish.



Ice Fishing





Ice Fishing



Depending on where you live, ice fishing may be the perfect way to enjoy the great outdoors during the winter months. You can easily partner up with a friend who appreciates nature's vast beauty, or you can get together with a fellow fisherman for your daytime activity. But before you step foot outside and walk toward a nearby lake, take the time to ensure that you are well prepared by following these tips:

- Stay warm with the proper clothing.
- Explore popular ice fishing locations.
- Keep general considerations in mind.



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STAY WARM WITH THE PROPER CLOTHING

It is crucial that you bundle up for your ice fishing trip to avoid experiencing hypothermia in very cold climate temperatures. The more layers of clothing you pile on, the better. Make sure to keep yourself completely covered, from head to toe, paying attention to your hands and fingertips, which may also be exposed. For your convenience, some clothing items have been specifically designed for ice anglers, such as ice cleats, heated insoles for your boots and fingered pullovers.



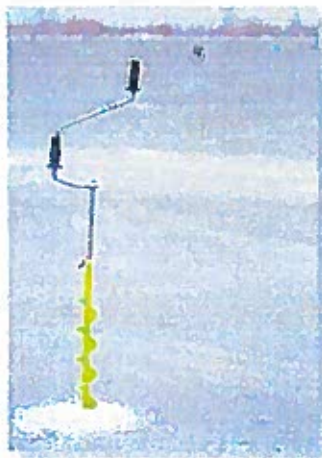
EXPLORE POPULAR ICE FISHING LOCATIONS

If the winter has just started, consider fishing first on small-sized lakes in your area as these will typically freeze before other ice fishing locations. You can then proceed to larger bodies of water for better possibilities for catching fish.

In the event that you are planning a big ice fishing adventure and would like to travel to an angler hotspot, there are several for you to visit all across the country. A couple of popular ice fishing spots are situated in Michigan, such as Lake Michigan and Higgins Lake. Both are not only known for their breathtaking views but also for their deep waters - perfect to take fish.



Ice Fishing



GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS TO KEEP IN MIND

To maximize your ice fishing experience, be sure to visit a lake or larger body of water that has a minimum of four inches of ice thickness. Additionally, for your safety, steer clear of ice fishing during the nighttime hours. You should also have a couple of large nails on hand for ice picks, in case of an emergency situation, such as if you fall through the ice. For more information about ice fishing tips specific to your state, contact your local wildlife commission or department of natural resources.



Most Popular
Fishing
Destinations



Most Popular Fishing Destinations



You may be accustomed to catching fish in your local waters, but what if you planned a fishing trip to a couple of your favorite destinations around the country? Regardless of whether you would like to fish for black crappie or pacific halibut, you will find an assortment of different species across the nation's waters. Next time you set sail for a fishing adventure, mark off these hot fishing spots from your bucket list:

- New Orleans, Louisiana
- Miami, Florida
- Seattle, Washington



Most Popular Fishing Destinations

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

If you are planning a trip to New Orleans, take advantage of the large number of fishing charters and tours available throughout the city. Several of these fishing charters accommodate various groups of people, big or small. Plus, many charters allow you to conveniently make reservations online through their websites. Fish along the Barataria Bay or the Lake Pontchartrain to find a wide selection of species including spotted seatrout, red drum, black drum and flounder.

MIAMI, FLORIDA

Nothing says blue skies and crystal clear waters like Miami. That is why more than six million anglers choose this city to engage in saltwater or freshwater fishing for a good portion of the year. Different types of fishes you will find in these local waters include redfish, speckled trout, striped bass, pompano, snook, tarpon and many more. To make the most of your trip, enjoy fishing on Biscayne Bay or at certain piers, such as those on the island of Key Biscayne.





Most Popular Fishing Destinations

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Whether you would like to get involved in boat fishing or fly fishing, there are more than 2,000 miles of shoreline for you to explore in this third destination. What's more, Seattle is home to eight species of salmon and has a large selection of flounder in its waters. Fish in popular locations like Lake Washington or along the Olympic Peninsula, and sign up for a fishing charter with other like-minded fishing enthusiasts who relish all the great opportunities the city has to offer.





The Benefits of Joining a Fishing Club



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Many fishermen consider nothing better than going out on a boat trip alone. To these fishing enthusiasts, there is nothing more valuable than the peace and quiet of the lake on an early morning. But for many other fishermen, the sport of fishing is about the camaraderie; it is about getting together with fellow fishermen in order to enjoy good company and get immersed in the beauty of nature. If this sounds more like you than the loner fishermen, one thing you should definitely consider is joining a fishing club/organization. There are a number of benefits to being a member, and you can learn all about them in the following sections, which are outlined below:

- Meeting other fishermen (both novices and lifers)
- Rewarding community service
- Community fishing trips



The Benefits of Joining a Fishing Club



MEETING LOCAL FISHERMEN

One nice benefit of joining a local fishing club in your state is that it provides new fishermen with a chance to meet seasoned veterans. If you are a novice, these pros are the perfect people to ask for advice about where, when and how to approach fishing in your area. On the other hand, if you are a seasoned veteran, joining a fishing club gives you the chance to meet with other experienced fishermen to get fresh ideas on where to fish. Also, you will have the opportunity to teach many young fishermen a number of important tips about the trade.

CLUB COMMUNITY SERVICE

Another common feature of fishing clubs in the United States is a community service component. Since the success of fishing itself as a sport and as a way of life is directly related to the well-being of the land and sea, community service efforts are done by fishing clubs and associations across the country regularly. Though you should certainly take a look at the common practices of a fishing club or organization before you join, you can expect plenty of opportunities to help your community if you do decide to become a member of one of your state's local fishing clubs.





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COMMUNITY FISHING OPPORTUNITIES

One more big benefit of joining a fishing club is exactly what you hoped it would be – an enhanced fishing experience. This is achieved by bringing together all of the members of your club on organized fishing trips to local hot spots. These community trips combine the activity you love with other people who adore fishing as much as you do, thus, bringing you all closer together while also connecting you with the beauty and majesty of Mother Nature.



Perfect Recipes
for Complete
Fishermen



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Fishermen work hard to catch their food. One factor that keeps them interested in fishing is the innumerable amount of recipes they can craft out of their catches. Whether they like to catch salmon, snapper or even lobster, there are plenty of recipes out there to try. As a fisherman yourself, you have just as much to look forward to, and there are no better recipes to start with than the essentials below.

TRADITIONAL CÉVICHE

- 1 avocado
- 1 serrano chili, finely chopped
- 1 cup of tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons of cilantro
- 2 fresh, red snapper fillets, parted in small pieces
- Half a red onion
- Lime juice
- Lemon juice
- Hot sauce
- Seasonings of choice (salt, pepper, oregano)



Instructions: In a large casserole dish that is covered with ceramic, add your fresh fish along with these ingredients: chili, salt, pepper, oregano, hot sauce, slices of onion and tomatoes. Over everything, include lime juice and lemon juice. After your ingredients have blended together for more than an hour in the fridge, stir. Then let them sit for a few additional hours. Serve your cold ceviche with cilantro on top and slices of avocado. For a crunchy bite, eat it with tortilla chips.



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SNAPPER WITH ALMONDS

- 4 Florida snapper fillets
- 1 cup of rice flour
- 1/4 cup of butter
- 1/2 cup of almonds, sliced
- Lemon juice
- Parsley
- Seasonings of your choice (salt, pepper)



Instructions: Cover your snapper fillets with salt and pepper, then place it over flour. Once you have cooked the butter over medium high heat, add the fillets to the pan. Let them cook for an estimated three to five minutes before flipping them to the other side. When the fillets are slightly browned and golden, they will be ready to serve. Remove your fillets from the heat and onto a plate. Then add almonds to the pan, along with lemon juice and parsley. Mix all these ingredients together with the butter, then pour them over your cooked fish. Top the dish off with a dash of fresh parsley before serving.



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LEMON TILAPIA

- 4 fresh tilapia fillets
- Seasonings of choice (pepper, salt, oregano)
- 1/2 cup of carrots, shredded or sliced
- 1 tablespoon of butter
- 2 tablespoons of dill
- 2 tablespoons of parsley



Instructions: Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Meanwhile, season the fillets according to your taste. Place fillets on top of parchment paper, and cover them with lemon slices, parsley, butter and carrots. Fold the parchment paper over the fillets, and bake for 25 minutes. The fish will be ready to serve when it starts to flake.



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SALMON BURGER

- Salmon fillets, roughly 2 pounds (make sure skin is removed)
- ½ cup of bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon of mustard
- 2 tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil
- 2 eggs or egg whites
- 4 burger buns
- Fresh dill
- A dash of salt
- A dash of pepper



Instructions: Chop the salmon into very small pieces. Once it is finely chopped, place it inside a resealable bag, and then on top of a flat surface. Use a rolling pin or meat pounder to mash the salmon before moving it to a large sized bowl. Add dill, egg whites, bread crumbs, salt and mustard to the mix. Mix everything together to form salmon patties. Place the salmon patties on a grill or pan. Cook for five minutes evenly on each side, then the salmon will be ready to serve with your burger buns.



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BLUE CATFISH FRY

- 2 eggs
- 1 beer
- 1/2 cup of milk
- 1/2 cup of flour
- Oil to be used when frying
- Slices of lemon
- 1 teaspoon of Cajun seasoning
- 1 cup of yellow cornmeal, ground
- 1 pound of fillets of catfish



Instructions: Crack the eggs and mix them with the beer, then add the Cajun seasoning. Once that is done, mix the flour and cornmeal and put the combination on an empty plate. Coat each fillet in the egg and beer combination and then run them through the flour and cornmeal mix. Then put all of the catfish fillets on a baking sheet and allow them to rest for at least 15 minutes. Using a cast iron pan or a heavy, large skillet, put the oil to heat at 350 degrees (medium-high) while you wait. Then fry a few fillets at a time (placing them on each side for no more than two or three minutes), making sure not to overstuff the pan. Once brown and crispy, remove each fillet and season with salt and the juice from the lemon wedges.



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BROILED FLOUNDER WITH TERIYAKI SAUCE

- 1 tablespoon of brown sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ginger, ground
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of dry sherry
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup of soy sauce, any brand
- 1 clove or minced garlic
- 1 lemon
- 1 pound of cleaned and dried flounder fillets



Instructions: Combine all of the above ingredients; mix them, and then place them in a sealable bag. Place the flounder fillets inside of the bag where the ingredients are held, ensuring that the fish fillets are coated. Leave the bag in the refrigerator for between two to three hours and then drain. Broil the fillets in the oven, leaving them on each side for at least three minutes.



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GRILLED SALMON

- Lemon pepper
- Garlic powder
- Salt
- 1/2 cup of vegetable oil
- 1/3 cup of water
- 1/3 cup of soy sauce, any brand
- 1/3 cup of brown sugar
- 1 1/2 pounds of fillets of salmon



Instructions: Take your fillets of salmon and season them with the salt, lemon pepper and garlic powder. Apply based on your preference. Then take a small bowl and place the brown sugar, water, vegetable oil and soy sauce inside and mix. Place the mixture inside a resealable bag and then add the fillets, making sure that they are coated in the mixture. Then place the bag in the refrigerator and let it rest for a minimum of two hours. Meanwhile, set the grill to medium heat. When it is ready, dab a little vegetable oil on the grill and then place the marinated salmon fillets on top. Allow them to cook (on each side) for six to eight minutes, then remove them with a fork.



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BAKED HALIBUT SITKA

- Salt
- Ground black pepper
- Chopped green onions
- 1 teaspoon of dried dill
- 1/2 cup of sour cream
- 1/2 cup of mayonnaise
- 2 pounds of fillets of halibut, in six pieces



Instructions: Get a 9"x13" baking dish and grease it. Meanwhile, pre-heat your oven to 475 degrees and season your halibut with the salt and pepper. Once the halibut is seasoned, and the baking dish greased, put the fish on the dish. As you are waiting for the oven to heat, mix the mayonnaise, sour cream, dill and green onions in a bowl, and spread the completed mixture on the halibut fillets. Then place the seasoned and coated fish in the oven to bake until it flakes easily when cut with a fork. Finally, take the fillets out of the oven and allow them to rest for five minutes before plating.



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SHRIMP SCAMPI

- Red pepper flakes, crushed
- Black pepper, ground
- 1 1/2 pounds of medium-sized, deveined and peeled shrimp
- 1/4 cup of lemon juice
- 1/4 cup of olive oil
- 1 tablespoon of garlic, minced
- 3 tablespoons of parsley, fresh and chopped



Instructions: Obtain a large bowl and mix the lemon juice and the olive oil with the chopped parsley and minced garlic. Add black ground and red crushed pepper for taste. Place shrimp into the bowl and toss in order to cover the shrimp completely. Allow the shrimp to marinate in the mixture for half hour inside the refrigerator. Turn the grill on to high heat. After the 30 minutes have elapsed, skewer the shrimp with wooden skewers. Add some oil to the grill and grill each shrimp for approximately two to three minutes on both sides. Throw away any remnants of the marinade.



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BROILED LOBSTER TAIL

- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of paprika, ground
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of butter that has been melted
- White pepper, ground
- Salt
- 2 complete lobster tails



Instructions: Set the broiler to preheat. Put the tails of the lobsters on top of a baking sheet. Then cut the top of the tails lengthwise with a knife to open the shell. Gently pull the shell open and add the butter, salt, pepper and paprika to the inside. For approximately five to 10 minutes, broil the lobster tails until they turn light brown.



National Fishing Department Directory



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When fishing in state waters, there is nothing more important than staying informed. There are certain rules and regulations you need to be mindful of, including the fishing license requirement and the process you must go through in order to obtain these credentials. If you should ever need any information on fishing within your state, whether it

involves getting the all-important licenses or simply finding out when you can and cannot fish for certain species or fish, be sure to contact your state's fishing-related department. Fortunately, you can find a link for each state's official fishing website below.

Alabama: outdooralabama.com/fishingalabama

Alaska: adfg.alaska.gov/index

Arizona: azgfdportal.az.gov/Fishing

Arkansas: agfc.com/fishing

California: wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing

Colorado: cpw.state.co.us

Connecticut: ct.gov/deep

Delaware: dnrec.delaware.gov/fw

District of Columbia: dccc.dc.gov/service/fisheriesand-wildlife

Florida: myfwc.com/fishing

Georgia: georgiawildlife.com/fishing

Hawaii: dlnr.hawaii.gov/dar

Idaho: fishandgame.idaho.gov

Illinois: dnr.illinois.gov/fishing

Indiana: in.gov/dnr/fishwild



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Iowa: iowadnr.gov/Fishing
Kansas: ksoutdoors.com/Fishing
Kentucky: fw.ky.gov
Louisiana: wlf.louisiana.gov
Maine: maine.gov/ifw/fishing
Maryland: dnr2.maryland.gov/fisheries
Massachusetts: mass.gov/cca/agencies/dfg
Michigan: michigan.gov/dnr
Minnesota: dnr.state.mn.us/fishing
Mississippi: mdwfp.com
Missouri: huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/fishing
Montana: fwp.mt.gov
Nebraska: outdoornebraska.ne.gov/fishing
Nevada: ndow.org/fish
New Hampshire: wildlife.state.nh.us
New Jersey: nj.gov/dep/few/fishing
New Mexico: wildlife.state.nm.us
New York: dec.ny.gov/outdoor/fishing
North Carolina: ncwildlife.org/Fishing
North Dakota: gf.nd.gov
Ohio: ohiodnr.gov
Oklahoma: wildlifedepartment.com/fishing
Oregon: dfw.state.or.us/resources/fishing
Pennsylvania: fishandboat.com/fishing
Rhode Island: dem.ri.gov/programs/bnaries/fishwild
South Carolina: dnr.sc.gov/fishing
South Dakota: gfp.sd.gov/fishing-boating
Tennessee: tn.gov/twra/section/fishing-in-tennessee
Texas: tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/fish
Utah: wildlife.utah.gov/fishing-in-utah





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Vermont: vtfishandwildlife.com/fish

Virginia: dcif.virginia.gov/fishing

Washington: wdfw.wa.gov/fishing

West Virginia: wvdnr.gov/fishing/fishing

Wisconsin: dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing

Wyoming: wgfd.wyo.gov/fishing-and-boating



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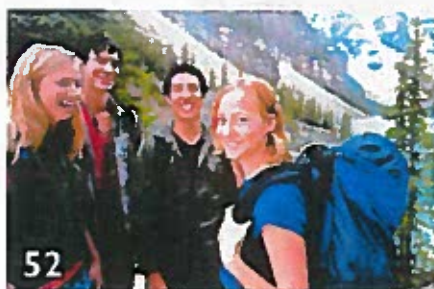
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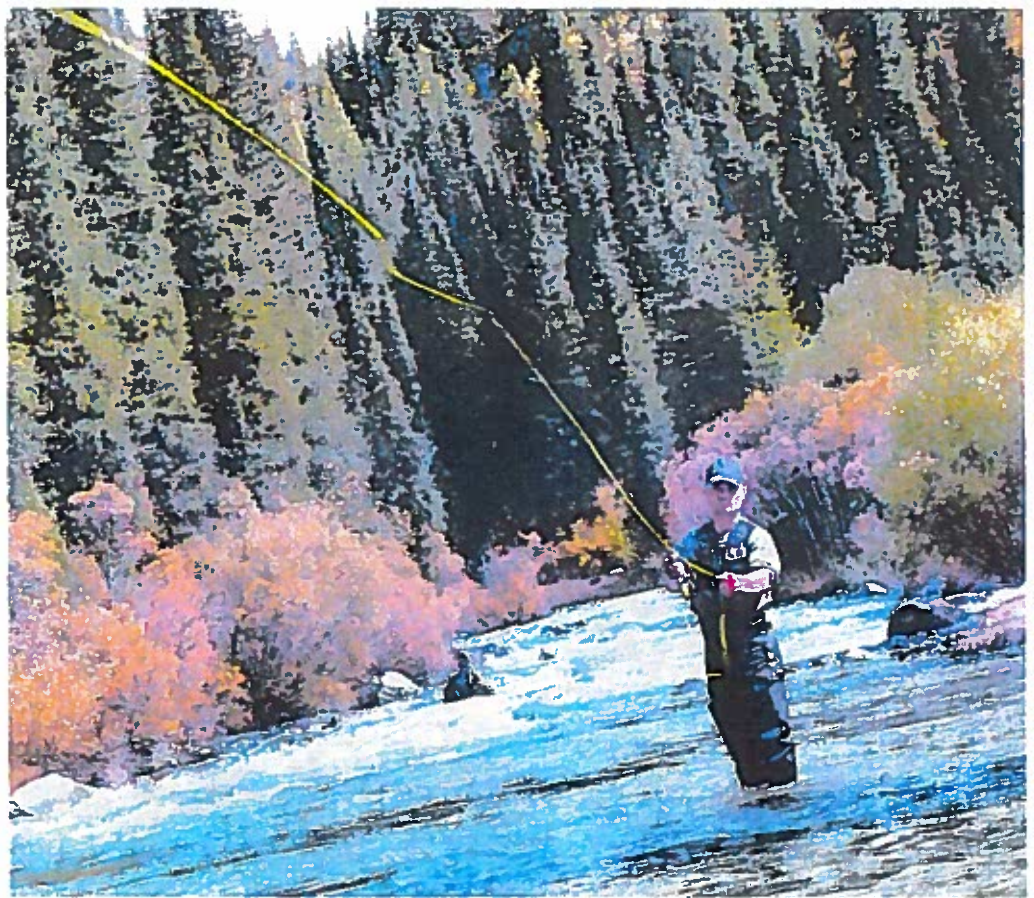


03 Introduction

There are few pastimes as popular in the United States as fishing and hunting. Every year, thousands of citizens visit local bodies of water and wildernesses throughout the country searching for their next catch. Regardless of which state you live in, though, you will need to acquire a valid hunting or fishing license to conduct each activity legally in your area.

Anglers living in coastal states have the option to apply for saltwater fishing licenses to fish offshore and/or freshwater fishing licenses to fish inland. Hunters can apply for various hunting licenses, categorized based on factors such as the type of animal you plan to hunt and which weapon you use (i.e. crossbow, muzzleloader, etc.) For sportsmen and women interested in both fishing and hunting, states also offer combination fishing and hunting licenses.

Fees for fishing licenses vary based on individual demographics, including the applicant's residency status, military status, age, the length of the fishing/hunting license's validity and whether it will be used for commercial or residential purposes. Regardless of the type of recreational fishing or hunting license you desire, you will need to submit an application through your local wildlife service. Read through our in-depth national fishing and hunting guide to learn more about all these various licenses, as well as how you can join national organizations and clubs best suited to your fishing/hunting needs.



A man with a beard and brown hair, wearing a plaid shirt, stands on a rocky bank next to a river. A large, light-colored fish is visible on the bank behind him. The background is a dense forest with green foliage.

Types of Licenses

- ◆ Hunting Licenses
- ◆ Fishing Licenses
- ◆ Combination Fishing and Hunting Licenses

Hunting Licenses



With its bountiful riches of flora and fauna, the United States offers hunting enthusiasts the unique opportunity to explore a large variety of landscapes and hunt diverse game. However, obtaining a hunting license is only one of the steps to becoming a complete hunter. Before applying for a hunting permit, interested applicants are required to pass a hunting education course and submit proof that they have mastered the basics of the sport, the ethics of the hunt and the hunting rules and regulations.

To purchase a hunting license, individuals are encouraged to visit the website of their respective state's department of wildlife, which they can find in the directory section at the end of this hunting guide. With this guide, they can also learn about the eligibility criteria for obtaining various types of hunting licenses and the steps for obtaining them. Furthermore, by reading through, you can also explore the hunting organizations available to U.S. citizens and state residents, where you can share your hunting experience with like-minded individuals and support state conservation policies.

Types of Hunting Licenses in the U.S.

Hunters in the United States have the unique opportunity to hunt game of all sizes and from various ecosystems. To take full advantage of these numerous hunting opportunities, hunting enthusiasts in the U.S. must be in possession of a valid hunting license. After taking the necessary hunting education classes, hunters can contact their respective state wildlife division and explore the available license purchasing options.

Based on several factors, licenses to hunt may vary from state to state. Generally, two types of hunting licenses are available: resident and non-resident hunting permits. These categories are further subdivided based on factors such as the type of hunted game, the age of the hunter, the hunter's motivation (whether he or she is hunting for sport or for business) and the duration of the hunting license. Furthermore, certain groups of hunters are also eligible for special types of hunting licenses, such as licenses for military members (both retired and active), disabled hunting licenses and senior hunting licenses.

To learn more about the different hunting licenses available to U.S. citizens, read the sections below.

Resident Hunting Licenses

Before organizing a hunting trip in your native state, you are required to obtain a residential hunting permit from your state's department of wildlife. In general, resident hunting licenses are available at reduced rates and at a greater variety than non-resident hunting permits. In addition, in some states only residents are permitted to hunt for certain types of big game animals. In South Dakota, for instance, hunting elk or mountain lion is only available to hunters with resident hunting tags. In a great number of states, such as Wyoming and West Virginia, visiting members of the military and visiting students are considered state residents for licensing purposes.

To buy resident hunting licenses, hunters must meet certain eligibility criteria and be able to prove their residency. The eligibility criteria are generally uniform across the country. To apply for a resident hunting license in Colorado, for instance, you must hold a conservation certificate which shows your hunting experience, a hunter safety card or proof of hunter education from another state. Aside from the aforementioned documents, U.S. citizens typically need to prove that they have lived within their state for a certain amount of time, typically six months, before they submit an application. Acceptable proofs of residency include:

- A state driver's license.
- Six months of consecutive utility bills.
- A vehicle registration.

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Non-Resident Hunting Licenses

Hunters who intend to hunt in a state other than their home state are required to acquire a non-resident hunting license through the wildlife agency of their intended state. Every U.S. state offers non-resident hunting licenses to visiting hunters. However, out-of-state hunters have less variety in hunting license options to choose from.

Visiting hunters typically apply for non-resident hunting permits because they want to hunt game that is unavailable in their home state, or they would like to experience a new hunting ground. Regardless of the reason, one advantage to buying a visiting hunting license is the availability of short-term permits. Visiting hunters can purchase non-resident hunting licenses that last one day, three days or seven days, to coincide with their hunting trip.



Small Game Hunting Licenses

Hunting licenses can also be divided, based on the type of hunted game, into small game hunting permits and big game hunting permits. Holders of small game hunting licenses can hunt smaller land mammals such as beavers, hares and squirrels, as well as reptiles, amphibians and birds. Generally, furbearer hunting privileges are also included with small game hunting licenses for animals such as minks, foxes and opossums.

Currently, the state divisions of wildlife also require hunters to obtain a Harvest Information Program (HIP) number. The HIP number was designed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to provide information about the number of small game mammals and birds that are taken each year as prizes. Wildlife managers use the HIP numbers to determine how many small game specimens were taken during the previous season and which species will be hunted during the upcoming season.

Big Game Hunting Licenses

To hunt big game across the U.S., hunters must obtain the appropriate big game hunting license through their state's department of game and fish. Hunted primarily for their meat and for the thrill of the sport, big game animals include large mammals, such as buffalo, bear and deer. Generally, hunters who intend to hunt these types of animals are required to obtain an animal-specific big game hunting tag instead of a general big game hunting license.



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States, in general, offer big game hunting licenses to both residents and nonresidents. However, some states provide a limited selection of big game hunting stamps to nonresidents. Big game hunting tags are allocated through a lottery system and allow hunters to hunt big game only during specific season dates. The license draw process was put in place to maintain a healthy population of big game animals, so hunters can enjoy this type of hunting each year. In North Dakota, for example, residents can apply for moose, elk and bighorn sheep permits only if they were successful in the draw. Nonresidents, on the other hand, can only apply for bighorn sheep hunting stamps in ND.

State-Specific Animal Licenses

States across the country offer different small game and big game hunting licenses, as not every state features the same kinds of animal life. Therefore, each state wildlife department provides both native and visiting hunters with animal-specific big game hunting tags, which may not be available in other states. Furthermore, season-opening dates may also vary across states as well. Hunters in Alaska, for instance, can acquire big game hunting licenses for the following species:

- Muskox
- Grizzly bear
- Caribou
- Wolf

The aforementioned species live in habitats with tundra-like climates. Thus, only states with similar ecosystems offer these types of big game hunting licenses.

Hunters in Florida and Louisiana, for instance, can hunt alligators, as this species is common in the southeastern parts of the U.S. Hunting for pronghorn, on the other hand, can only be done in the western United States, in locations such as the Dakotas, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada and California.

Commercial Hunting Licenses

Individuals who intend to generate income from hunting and hunting-related activities are required to obtain the appropriate commercial hunting license. Both residents and nonresidents can profit from hunting-related business by partaking in activities such as selling game meat, providing game-tracking hounds and birds, trapping furbearers or breeding game animals. Furthermore, some states offer unique commercial



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hunting licenses. In Illinois, for example, the following commercial hunting licenses are available:

- Furbearing animal breeder license
- Wild game and bird breeder license
- Fur tanner or dyer license
- Taxidermy license

In addition, the state of California offers a special type of commercial hunting permit known as the commercial hunting club license. This type of license is issued to individuals who control a hunting property and impose a fee for entry and game-collecting privileges.

Lifetime Hunting Licenses

In general, many states in the U.S. offer residents special hunting credentials known as lifetime hunting licenses, which do not have expiration dates. Lifetime hunting licenses are available as standalone hunting licenses or as part of lifetime combo hunting and fishing licenses.

Lifetime hunting licenses are usually categorized according to the age of the hunter. Some states only offer junior and adult lifetime hunting licenses, whereas other states subdivide them into hunting licenses for infants 0 to 2 years of age, licenses for children 3 to 15 years of age, and licenses for adults 16 years of age or older. In addition, lifetime hunting licenses for seniors are usually available at reduced rates.

To purchase lifetime hunting licenses, interested applicants must submit certain proofs of residency. For example, Alabama hunters younger than 18 years of age must submit the following paperwork:

- A parent's driving license
- A Social Security card
- A birth certificate
- Proof of school enrollment



Military Hunting Licenses

Members of the U.S. military can obtain special military member hunting licenses at reduced rates. Both out-of-state and resident military members are eligible for these discounted military member permits. Furthermore, a large number of states also offer discounted military hunting permits to U.S. veterans and disabled military members as well.

Types of Licenses

In some states, such as Alabama, there are two types of disabled military veteran hunting licenses: hunting licenses for veterans with a 50 percent service-related disability and hunting licenses for veterans with a 100 percent service-related disability. In other states, such as Colorado, military hunting licenses are available for free.



Senior Hunting Licenses

Every U.S. state rewards senior hunters for their years of commitment to wildlife preservation by offering them more cost-effective hunting licenses. The age limit at which senior hunting licenses are available varies from state to state. Ordinarily, state wildlife agencies offer two types of senior hunting licenses: lifetime senior hunting licenses and annual senior hunting licenses. In certain states, such as Georgia, senior hunting licenses are completely free for hunters who are 65 years of age or older.

Young hunters, on the other hand, can generally hunt without a license if they are accompanied by an adult hunter with a valid hunting license. The age limit at which hunters are required to start buying hunting licenses varies from state to state.

Fishing Licenses



Avid fishermen across the country can partake in their favorite hobby in several lakes and bodies of water to catch both freshwater and saltwater fish. The United States offers numerous fishing spots for recreational and professional anglers. However, before packing your rod and reel, you must be aware of the fishing regulations in your state, as well as how to obtain a valid fishing license together with the appropriate fishing tags. Many individuals enroll in fishing education courses to learn about the fishing basics such as different fish species, water safety, fishing techniques and more. More experienced anglers, on the other hand, can join fishing organizations or clubs in their area to share their fishing knowledge and learn new skills first-hand from fellow fishermen. Outlined below are the different kinds of fishing licenses and stamps, eligibility requirements and the ways to obtain them.

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All beginner or experienced fishermen must be well acquainted with their state's fishing regulations. Additionally, taking fish without a valid fishing license is against the law and can lead to fines and penalties. If you decide to buy a fishing license, you must choose the right type for yourself in terms of residency, age, fish species, license validity period and more. Each state issues different kinds of licenses to fish, but in general, fishing credentials fall into the following categories:

- Resident fishing licenses
- Non-resident fishing licenses
- Saltwater fishing licenses
- Freshwater fishing licenses
- Sport fishing licenses
- Commercial fishing licenses
- Specialty fishing licenses
- Fishing stamps and permits

Resident vs. Non-Resident Fishing Licenses

All fishing licenses throughout the United States are divided into resident and non-resident types.

In general, state residents can choose from a larger variety of licenses to fish, unlike visitors who can only buy certain fishing credentials. In addition, residents can purchase standard fishing licenses for a regular price, while nonresident will obtain their licenses for a higher fee.

In Florida, for instance, resident fishing licenses are subdivided into annual, lifetime, saltwater and freshwater types. Younger residents can also purchase resident licenses to fish, and there are special licenses for members of the military on active duty in the state. In Florida, visitors can purchase annual, one-day or seven-day licenses for freshwater or saltwater fishing.

Another example is the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, which alongside the regular license types, also issues fishing permits for married couples, disabled individuals and netting licenses, as well as special stamps for walleye, sturgeon and trout. On a national level, state visitors can usually buy daily or weekly licenses, depending on the duration of their fishing trip. Many states also organize free fishing days, in which residents can fish without a license.



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Saltwater Fishing Licenses

In order to fish in the bays and coasts of the U.S., you must get a saltwater fishing license from the department responsible for issuance of such credentials. Typically, saltwater fishing permits are valid for one year, after which you must renew them. Florida anglers, for instance, can take saltwater fish, marine plants, crabs, clams, seashells and other saltwater organisms. Special tags are required to take spiny lobsters, tarpons and snooks. A fishing license is mandatory for all saltwater species caught in federal or state waters. South Carolina, for example, offers opportunities for taking sea basses, drums, herrings, porgies, mackerels, flounders, tarpons, sturgeons and more.

Freshwater Fishing Licenses

Fishing in lakes, ponds, rivers and streams requires a freshwater fishing license, regardless of the state you live in. Depending on the nature of your fishing trip, you can usually fish with these licenses for one year or longer. While several states allow fishermen to purchase a license to fish that

is good for 12 months, you may also have the option to purchase a three-year license or a lifetime license to extend your fishing permit.



Both beginner and experienced anglers in Alabama, Virginia and Texas can catch a large variety of fish in numerous bodies of water, such as largemouth bass, lake trout, crappie, carp, pike, walleye and more. Anglers nationwide are required to comply with their state's bag limits and fishing regulations for a successful fishing experience.

Sport Fishing Licenses

In some states, there is no distinct classification of fishing licenses, so both freshwater and saltwater licenses fall under one typesport fishing license. Such example is California, where sport fishing licenses allow for fishing in both coastal and inland waters. However, sport licenses can be also used to take amphibians, reptiles, crustaceans and other water species. Tennessee is one of the states where residents can purchase an annual or lifetime sportsman license, which gives resident anglers all state fishing and hunting privileges. Similarly, sportsman's licenses in the state of Georgia allow anglers to purchase

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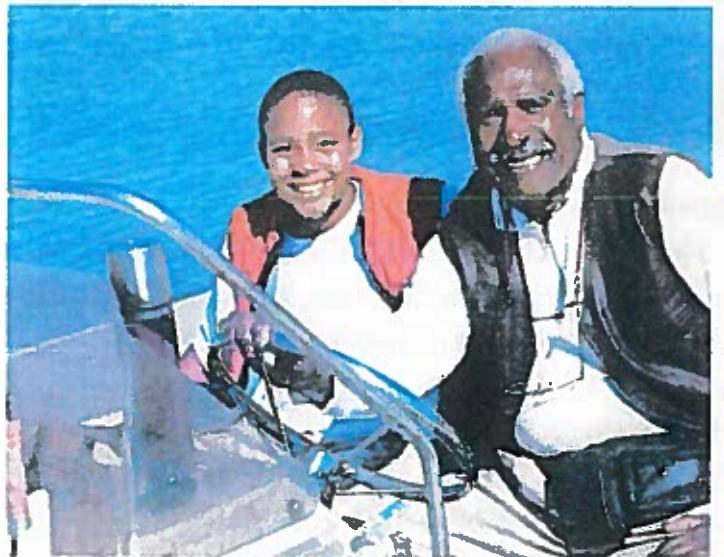
saltwater and freshwater fishing privileges and stamps. Oftentimes, sportsman's licenses are combination licenses for hunting and fishing.



trap, boat, net, line or aircraft with the goal of taking fish for commercial purposes as long as he or she meets the set requirements to apply. Commercial permits that may be available include a commercial salmon stamp, a John Doe salmon stamp and an Ocean Enhancement stamp, among many others.

Specialty Fishing Licenses

Senior citizens, disabled individuals, disabled military veterans and members of the military on active duty can obtain special fishing licenses either free of charge or for a fraction of the price of regular licenses. Usually, states require a document proving the applicant's eligibility requirements for the license, such as proof of age, residency and/or military status.



Commercial Fishing Licenses

State residents and nonresidents, who fish for profit, must obtain a special commercial fishing license. The type of license you get will greatly depend on the type of marine species you catch. These licenses give fishermen permissions to sell the catch either wholesale or retail. Commercial fishing licenses also impose catch limits. In Louisiana, commercial fishermen can catch and sell mussels, oysters, shrimps, crabs, gills and more. Licenses are issued to both residents and nonresidents. However, prior to applying, fishermen must provide proof of state residency by providing certain documents to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in order to be issued a commercial license to fish.

In California, commercial fishing licenses may be issued to any resident older than 16 years of age who assists or operates a commercial

Senior Fishing Licenses

Senior citizens across the country can obtain a fishing license for a discounted price or free of charge, depending on the state in which they reside. In some states, elderly residents are not required to purchase a fishing license. In

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others such as Arizona, Illinois, Utah, Nevada, New York and Colorado senior anglers can get discounted fishing licenses. Senior licenses are often available for purchase annually, but many residents may choose to buy a lifetime fishing license for a lower price. Additionally, fishing credentials for nonresidents, including seniors, are also available in many states.



Junior Fishing Licenses

Children who would like to fish are generally not required to have a fishing license in their possession if they are accompanied by a parent or guardian with a valid fishing document. States such as Oregon issue combination fishing and hunting licenses for individuals between the ages of 12 to 17. In Washington, youth fishing licenses are available for young applicants.

Military Fishing Licenses

Depending on the state, disabled members of the military can get free fishing licenses, while non-resident military members on active duty in a state can obtain a resident fishing per-

mit instead. The state of New York issues free fishing licenses to residents who are members of the U.S. Armed Forces on active duty out of the state. However, if a New York resident is a member of the military on duty in the state, he or she must purchase a regular fishing license. Non-resident members of the military who have been on active duty in NY for more than 30 days can buy resident fishing licenses. As is often the case, applicants must present a military ID card as proof of service when applying for a military fishing license.

Fishing Stamps

Oftentimes, aside from the regular fishing license, some states require anglers to purchase a special fishing stamp, which they must then add to their permit. Special fishing stamps are often available for those anglers who intend to fish for species such as trout, salmon, shellfish or red drum in states. New Mexico and Colorado, on the other hand, require anglers to purchase a Habitat Stamp along with the regular fishing license in order to fish legally. And in Minnesota, applicants can obtain salmon and trout stamps, the funds of which are used for habitat restoration and development, as well as stocking of salmon and trout.

Combination Fishing and Hunting Licenses



Fishing in the United States is a popular pastime that requires both residents and visitors of each state to get a fishing license before casting off on the water. However, many anglers who frequently fish also engage in other outdoor sporting activities such as hunting. In these cases, state wildlife departments offer combination fishing and hunting licenses that allow individuals to both fish and hunt without acquiring a separate license for each activity. The types of combination fishing licenses available vary from state to state, and typically come at a higher fee than non-combination fishing or hunting licenses. Combination fishing licenses are categorized by the following factors as it pertains to the applicant:

- Residency status
- Length of the license's validity (i.e. annual, lifetime, etc.)
- Types of fish being caught/animals being hunted
- Military status
- Age
- Residential or commercial use

When applying for a combination fishing license, you will need to present certain documents proving your identity, residency status and age. To find out more about the different types of combination fishing licenses and how to get one in your state, read the information outlined below.

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Resident Fishing and Combination Licenses

The quickest and least expensive path to a combination fishing and hunting license is available to residents of each state. To obtain a combination fishing and hunting license, visit your local wildlife department office or website. When applying for a resident combo license, provide wildlife officials with certain documents proving your state residency status. To be considered a resident of a state, you must live in the state for a period of time set by the state's wildlife department, which can be anywhere from 30 days to one

year. During the application process, you will also need to provide officials your Social Security Number, as well as any other documents the wildlife department requests (i.e. proof of citizenship, proof of age, etc.).

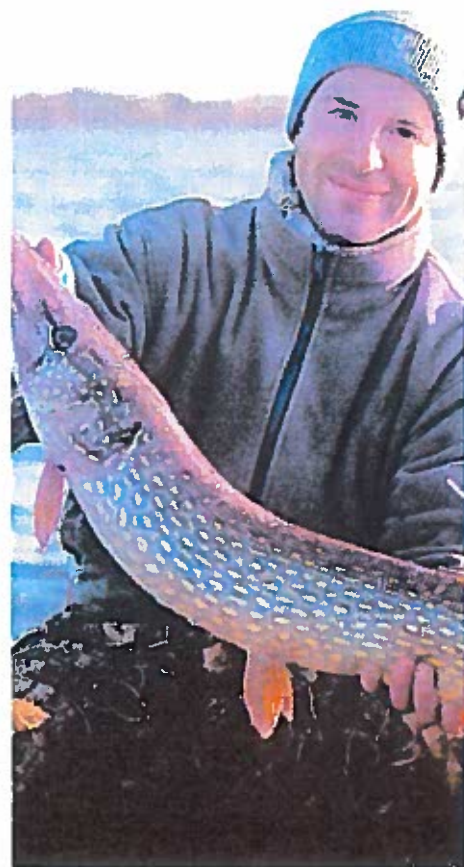
Some states give a specific name to their combination fishing and hunting licenses, such as the Sportsman's license. The terms of these special licenses are listed on the licenses themselves, with some allowing for saltwater fishing, freshwater fishing or both. Likewise, combination fishing licenses can also specify the exact types of animals you may hunt, as well as the specific types of weapons you may use during the hunt (i.e. gun, crossbow, etc.). All states require residents to take a hunter education course prior to receiving a hunting or combo fishing/hunting license. You will need to provide wildlife department officials with proof of your hunter education course completion during the application process.

Many states only offer combination fishing and hunting licenses to residents

and not visitors. Therefore, if you are not a resident of the state you plan on getting a combo fishing and hunting license in, you should check with the local wildlife department for details on non resident combo licenses. Combo licenses are available for a variety of time lengths, from single days to multi-year to lifetime.

Non Resident Fishing and Hunting Combo Licenses

State visitors who plan to fish and hunt must obtain a combination fishing and



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hunting license from their local wildlife department. To do so, apply in person at the state wildlife department office, or apply online through the department website. Some states also offer the option of mailing in combo license applications. Combination fishing licenses for non residents are issued at a significantly higher fee than resident combo licenses.

When applying for a non resident combo license, you will need to provide wildlife officials with the following information and documents:

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- Proof of citizenship
- Your Social Security Number
- Proof of age
- Proof of hunter education course completion

Note that not all states offer combination fishing and hunting licenses to non residents. Many require you to be a resident to receive a combo license. In these cases, non residents who

would like to hunt and fish in that state must purchase both a fishing license and a separate hunting license. Depending on your state of residence and the policies of the state you are visiting, you may be able to use an out-of-state hunter education course certificate of completion to apply for your non resident combo license or individual hunting license.

Lifetime Fishing and Hunting Combo Licenses

Though not offered in every state in the U.S., several wildlife departments afford anglers and hunters the option to buy a lifetime combination fishing and hunting license. These licenses are issued at a significantly higher fee than all other license options, as they allow the licensee to fish and hunt freely in that state for the rest of their lives. However, depending on the type of lifetime combo license, you may need to obtain additional permits to hunt certain types of wildlife, such as bears, lions and other exotic animals.

Lifetime combo hunting and fishing licenses are typically offered only to state residents, with nonresidents having the option to purchase annual combo licenses or separate hunting and fishing licenses. Fees for lifetime combo licenses vary depending on the age of the applicant, with younger applicants paying more for their combo licenses than older applicants.

State-Specific Fish and Hunting Combo Licenses

There are certain variations of combo hunt and fish licenses available depending on the state you purchase the license in. For example, Maine residents must be licensed separately for

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different types of hunting equipment they use. Residents have the option of buying a combination fishing and hunting license, a combination fishing and archery license or a Superpack license. The Superpack license allows you to fish, hunt with a gun or hunt with a bow and arrow (archery), among other weapon allowances.

The meaning of combo licenses can also vary from state to state as well. In the case of Minnesota, the MN Department of Natural Resources designates combo licenses as a single permit that allows legally married individuals to both fish and hunt using the same license.

Some states also allow for varying time limits on combo fish and hunt licenses. In Arizona, combo fish and hunt licenses can be purchased both per day and annually, while states like Florida offer five-year Gold Sportsman's licenses that allow for all manner of hunting and fishing.

Military Fishing and Hunting Combo Licenses

Both active-duty and veteran members of the U.S. armed forces are eligible for discounted combo hunt and fish licenses in every state throughout the country, though the amount of the discount varies from state to state. When purchasing a military combination license, provide proof of your active-duty military or veteran status to local wildlife officials, in addition to other required documents. Most states require active-duty and retired military members to be residents of that state in order to qualify for the discounted license. You may also be required to visit

a local wildlife office in person to verify your identity and military status prior to receiving the permit. Many states offer free combination licenses to military veterans with permanent disabilities resulting from injuries that occurred during their service.

Senior Fishing and Hunting Combo Licenses

Nearly every state that offers combination licenses also offers senior citizen combo fish/hunt licenses at a discount. However, the definition of a senior citizen varies from state to state, with the minimum age typically set at 65 years. In Oklahoma, seniors qualify for a discounted lifetime combo fish and hunt license so long as they have been living in the state for no less than six consecutive months. States like Texas offer seniors the choice of annual hunting and freshwater fishing licenses, hunting and saltwater fishing licenses or hunting and all-water fishing licenses.

In Idaho, seniors can choose between annual and three-year combo hunt/fish licenses, while in Tennessee the wildlife department offers both permanent senior combo hunt and fish licenses (permanent licensees must still purchase required supplemental permits) and lifetime sportsman licenses (no restrictions on hunting or fishing). Check with your local wildlife office to get a list of available senior citizen combo hunt/fish licenses in your area.

Commercial Fishing and Hunting Combo Licenses

While many states offer both commercial fishing licenses and commercial hunting licenses, there are no states that offer

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combination hunt and fish licenses for commercial purposes. Commercial fishing and commercial hunting regulations are more stringent than recreational fishing and hunting policies, as commercial anglers and hunters are more likely to remove wildlife from local areas at a higher rate than recreational anglers and hunters. Local wildlife organizations are tasked with preserving local wildlife to promote recreational fishing and hunting within the community. As a result, license applicants in each state who plan to catch local wildlife for commercial purposes must register separately for each activity. The commercial license application process requires more documentation establishing your business intentions as well.

Note: Some states do not offer any commercial fishing or commercial hunting license options. Other states only offer commercial license options for non-sport activities such as dealing bait, taxidermy and roe harvesting.



A person is shown from the side, standing in a body of water and holding a fishing rod. They are wearing a dark vest over a light-colored shirt and dark pants. The background features a line of trees with green foliage under a clear blue sky. The water is calm, reflecting the sky and trees.

Eligibility Criteria for Licenses

- ◇ Eligibility for Hunting Licenses
- ◇ Eligibility for Fishing Licenses
- ◇ Eligibility for Combo Fish/Hunt Licenses

Eligibility for Hunting Licenses



To obtain one or more of the hunting licenses outlined in the previous sections, hunters in the United States are required to meet certain eligibility requirements. Apart from the regular hunting licenses for resident adults, groups such as military members and seniors can purchase hunting licenses at reduced rates. Nonresidents who plan to hunt in another state can also acquire nonresident hunting licenses. While the eligibility criteria for the aforementioned licenses are mainly uniform across the country, certain differences still exist. Read the below sections to learn more about the hunting license eligibility criteria in the U.S.:

- Age
- Residency
- Military and veteran qualifications



Hunting Licenses Age Requirements

To buy a regular adult hunting license in the United States, hunters must be at least 16 years of age or older. Aside from the regular hunting permits, certain states also offer junior discounted hunting licenses for hunters 12 to 15 years of age. Senior hunters can also obtain hunting licenses at reduced rates by meeting their state's senior hunting license requirements.

The age requirements for reduced rate hunting permits vary from state to state, and hunters must provide proof of their age to the department of wildlife to obtain these licenses. In certain states, like Georgia, junior and senior hunters can even hunt without a hunting permit. Other states, such as Kentucky and Iowa, only allow junior hunters younger than 12 or 16 years of age, respectively, to hunt without a license as long as they are accompanied by an adult.

The age at which senior licenses are available is generally 65 years of age. However, the age limit varies, as states such as New York and Kansas offer senior hunting licenses to seniors aged 70 or 75 years of age, respectively.

Hunting Licenses Residency Requirements

Based on residency, every U.S. state offers two general types of hunting licenses: residential hunting licenses and nonresident hunting licenses. Aside from meeting the residency criteria, hunters have to provide proof of residency to purchase residential hunting permits. To be eligible for resident hunting permits in South Dakota, for example, interested applicants must meet the following criteria:

- The hunter must have lived in the state for 180 consecutive days prior to his or her license application.
- The hunter must not claim residency in another state.
- The hunter must have a driver's license and driving registration issued by his or her resident state.

Eligibility Criteria for Licenses

Generally, residents can purchase a larger variety of hunting licenses like senior hunting licenses, lifetime hunting permits and disabled individual hunting licenses. Non-resident hunting licenses are less cost effective and provide less variety.

Hunting Licenses Military and Veteran Qualifications

Every state in the U.S. offers members of the military (both residents and nonresidents) hunting licenses at reduced rates. However, certain states, like Alaska, only offer them to active military members, whereas other states offer them to both active and retired members of the military. Furthermore, disabled members of the military and former prisoners of war are also eligible for discounted hunting permits. In addition, in certain states like Iowa, for example, members of the military are also eligible for lifetime hunting licenses, and in Ohio, disabled veterans and former prisoners of war can apply for a five-year free hunting license.

To obtain these types of licenses, applicants are required to prove their current or former military status and/or their disability by providing the wildlife department with either military ID cards or honorable discharge papers, along with disability papers.

Eligibility for Fishing Licenses



Each U.S. state has its own fishing regulations, as well as eligibility requirements for individuals who would like to purchase fishing licenses. Usually, these requirements are related to the angler's age (for issuance of youth, regular and senior fishing licenses) and residency (for issuance of resident or non-resident licenses). However, the criteria are slightly different for active military members and veterans.

Age

Depending on age, fishing licenses are divided into senior, junior and regular adult licenses. The usual eligibility for age is 16, at which anglers are able to obtain a regular adult fishing license. In many states, such as South Dakota, individuals younger than 16 who intend to fish are not required to have a fishing permit. However, obtaining a youth combination fishing and hunting license is mandatory for all residents 16-18 years of age. On the other hand, in Washington State, residents younger than 14 do not need a license to fish, while those 15 years of age and older must obtain a youth fishing license that is valid for saltwater and freshwater fishing.

In addition, in certain states, such as Texas, senior citizens must purchase a fishing license if they were born after January 1, 1931. All residents born before this date are exempt from buying a license. And, in Oregon, senior citizens must be at least 70 years of age to obtain a reduced-rate fishing license.



Residency

The most general classifications of fishing licenses are resident and non-resident licenses. With every license purchase, anglers must present proof of their state residency. Typically, a resident is considered any individual who has resided in the state for more than 30 consecutive days. However, this time frame may differ from state to state. In South Dakota, for instance, the residency requirement is a minimum of 90 days within the state.

Acceptable residency documentation includes:

- A valid driver's license or car registration.
- A state ID card or a student ID card.
- A paystub.
- A tax form from the previous year.

When purchasing a lifetime resident license, applicants must present proof of residency for an entire year. On the other

hand, nonresident military members who are on active duty in the state are eligible for a resident fishing license if they show proof of military orders or a military ID card. Similar rules apply to non-resident college students, who must show proof of enrollment in a state university. No state allows fishing with out-of-state fishing licenses.

Military/Veteran Qualifications

Specialty fishing licenses such as those issued to members of the military on active duty or military veterans (both disabled and not disabled) require a special set of rules and regulations. All states have a different set of military eligibility requirements and, in general, these citizens can obtain fishing licenses for a discounted fee or even free of charge. In New York State, active-duty military members who serve in the NY/U.S. Military Forces are eligible for a free fishing license. This also applies to NY residents serving in another state but who are home on leave. On the other hand, non-resident military members on duty in New York are eligible for resident fishing licenses.

Veteran fishing licenses are issued to retired members of the military, both disabled and not. Disabled veterans in Oregon must have resided in the state for at least half a year prior to applying for a fishing credential and must have a disability rating of at least 25 percent. On the other hand, the disability rating must be at least 50 percent for veteran licensing in Texas. In any case, all states require disabled veterans to present disability documentation.

Eligibility for Combo Fish/Hunt



Hunting and fishing in the United States both require individuals to be licensed by local wildlife departments, regardless of the state you are hunting and/or fishing in. However, even though separate hunting and fishing licenses are available for purchase, most states also carry combination fishing and hunting licenses. Combo fish and hunt licenses conveniently combine hunting and fishing privileges into a single license that is more affordable than purchasing hunting and fishing licenses separately. To buy a combo fish and hunt license though, you must meet the requirements set by your state officials. Factors that affect combo fish and hunt license eligibility include:

- Age of the applicant.
- Residency status.
- Military/Veteran status.
- Disability status.
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Local wildlife department officials will verify your eligibility for combo fish and hunt licenses at the time of application. Depending on your status, you may need to provide documentation that proves various factors such as your identity, residency status and age. To learn more about the eligibility requirements for combination fishing and hunting licenses, read the sections below.

Combo Fishing and Hunting License Age Eligibility

Most states have similar age requirements for hunting, fishing and combo hunting and fishing licenses. The typical minimum age to purchase a combo fishing and hunting license is 12, though some states allow parents to purchase lifetime combo fishing and hunting licenses for babies to use once they get older. Other states have minimum age requirements of 16 years of age. The minimum age for combo hunting and fishing eligibility are set by the local wildlife department.

Other age requirements include the minimum age to be eligible for a senior combination fishing and hunting license (only offered in some states). Seniors are typically considered any resident 65 years of age or older, though some states have a minimum senior age requirement of 70. Regardless of your senior status, you will need to provide proof of your age in the form of one of the following documents when applying for your combination license:

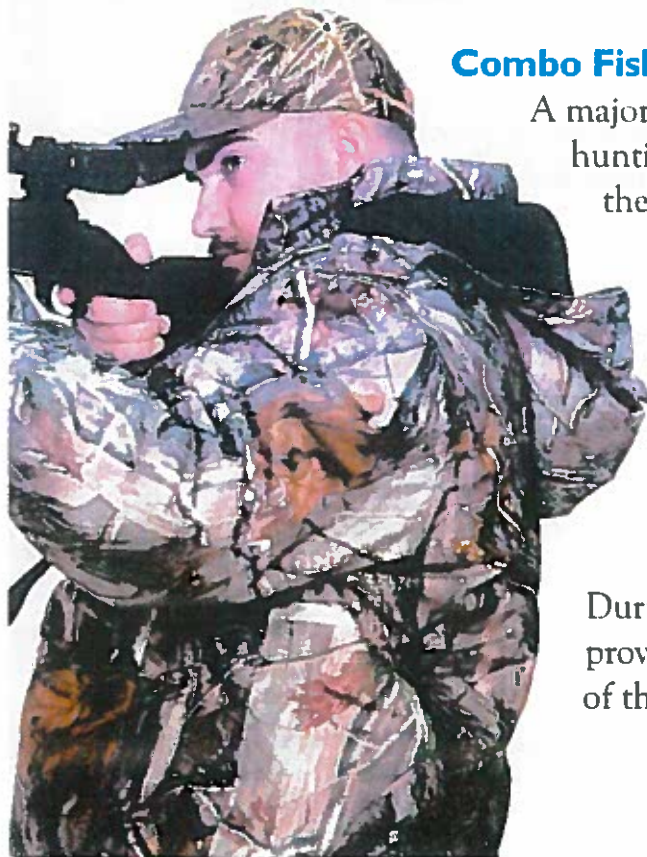
- State-issued driver's license
- State-issued ID card
- U.S. passport
- Military photo ID card

Additionally, all states require applicants for hunting licenses or combination fishing and hunting licenses to complete a hunter safety course sanctioned by the local wildlife department. During the combination license application process, you will be asked to provide a certificate of completion from the hunter safety course in order to receive your combination license. States also require all hunters to present their Social Security Number prior to purchasing a license.

Combo Fishing and Hunting Residency Eligibility

A majority of states in the U.S. only issue combination fishing and hunting licenses to applicants who are state residents. However, there are states such as North Carolina that offer combination fish and hunt licenses to non residents for a higher fee. States that do not offer combination licenses to non residents require visitors to purchase separate hunting licenses and fishing licenses to conduct both activities in state waters and wildernesses. Additionally, to be eligible for a senior combo hunting and fishing license in any state, you must be a resident of that state.

During the combination license application process, you must provide officials with proof of your residency in the form of one of the following documents:



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- State-issued driver's license
- State-issued ID card
- Voter's registration card
- Vehicle registration/title
- Current rental/mortgage agreement

Where both are offered, resident combination license fees are significantly less expensive than non resident combination licenses. Residency is established based on guidelines set by state wildlife departments, with applicants for resident combination licenses required to live continuously in the state for a minimum amount of time. Residency time periods usually vary from 90 days to one year.

Combo Fishing and Hunting Military/Veteran Eligibility

Depending on both the state and your status, both active and retired military members can take advantage of certain benefits when applying for a combination fishing and hunting license. Benefits vary, and range from reduced fee licenses to free licenses. For example, in Illinois, all resident military members are eligible for one year of fishing, hunting and camping for every year served.

Other states, such as Texas, allow active-duty military members stationed in the state to receive combination fishing licenses (among other licenses) at the resident fee rate, regardless of the applicant's actual residency status. States like Wisconsin offer varying benefits for active-duty military depending on the applicant's residency status, with resident military members receiving free combination licenses and non resident military members receiving combination licenses at the non-military resident fee rate.

When applying for military combination fishing and hunting licenses, provide wildlife department officials with proof of your military service in the form of one of the following items:

- Military photo ID card
- DD-214 Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty
- Other official documentation proving separation from a military branch

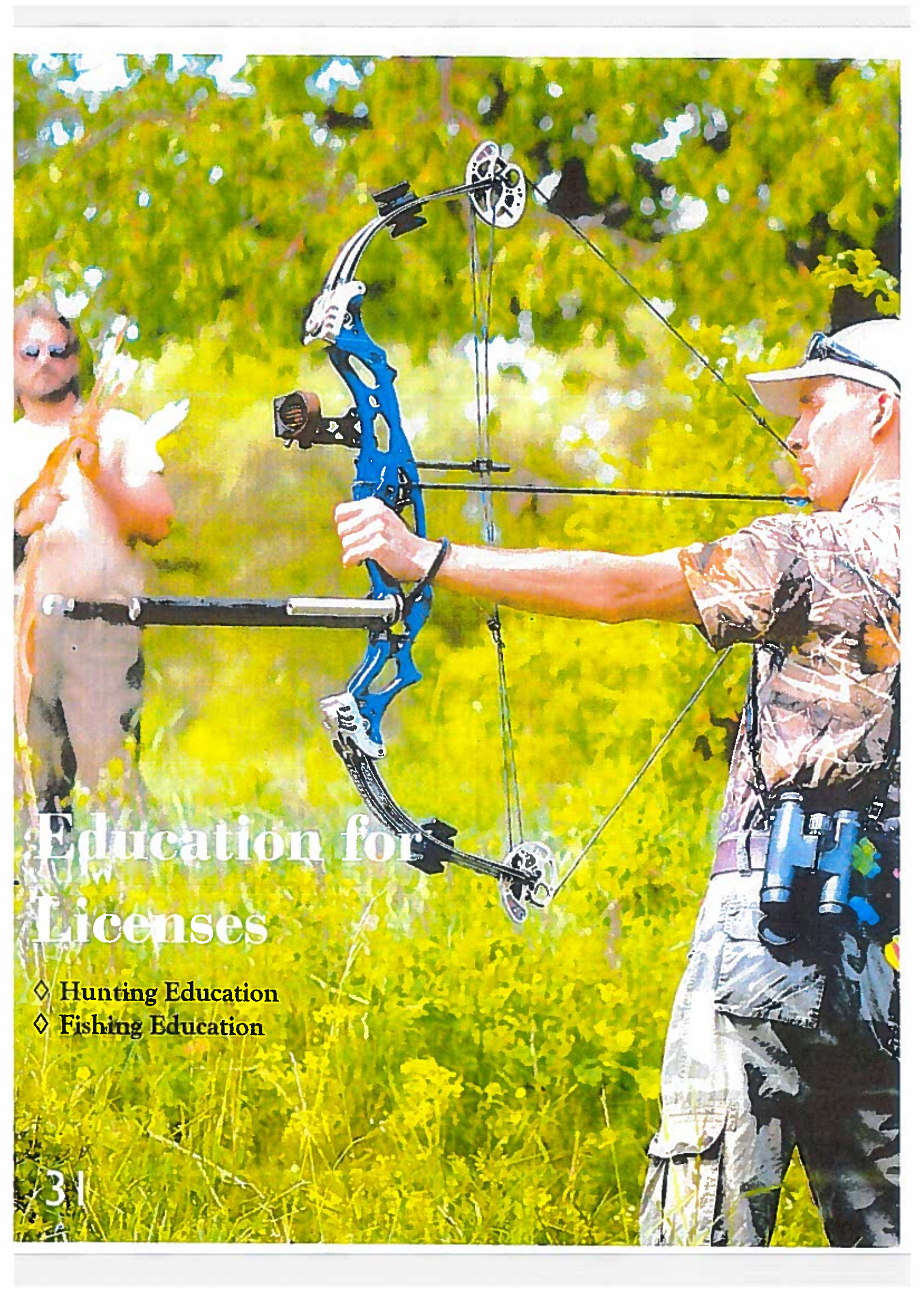
To apply for a military combination fishing and hunting license, present your documents to a local wildlife department official in person.

Combo Fishing and Hunting Disabled Person Eligibility

Every state in the U.S. offers discounted or free licenses to disabled persons, whether the disability is due to military service or some other reason. The extent of the benefits depends on the state and the individual disability. For example, North Carolina offers two different reduced-fee combination hunting and fishing license, one for individuals who are considered totally and permanently disabled and another to individuals who are considered at least 50 percent disabled. Other states such as Washington do not offer discounted combination licenses for temporarily or short-term disabled individuals. The specific criterion for disabled individuals varies from state to state but can include:

- Individuals permanently relegated to wheelchair-use
- Permanently blind individuals
- Developmentally disabled individuals

Regardless of the disability, applicants purchasing a disabled combo fishing and hunting license must provide official documentation from their physician to wildlife department officials verifying their disability.



Education for Licenses

- ◆ Hunting Education
- ◆ Fishing Education

Hunting Education



Hunters in the U.S. must complete a hunting education program before applying for a hunting license. However, hunters born before a certain date are exempt from completing a hunter's education course. Texas hunters born before 1971 or Colorado hunters born before 1949, for example, do not have to submit a hunting education certificate when applying for a hunting license. In any case, hunting education courses teach everything from basic hunting techniques to hunting safety tips and hunting ethics. For a complete and safe hunting experience, every hunter must master the below hunting education components.

Required Hunting Courses

Today's hunting education programs, which may differ from state to state, are multifaceted and aim to cover various hunting aspects. Some of the basic hunting course components include:

- Firearm management and safety.
- Bow-hunting instruction.
- Trapping basics.
- Survival methods.
- Ethical hunting practices.
- Wildlife preservation.

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Courses often include hands-on practical instruction and range from basic courses, which introduce only the aforementioned core aspects, to mentored hunts and special workshops for hunting particular game. In Texas, for example, hunting license applicants can choose to participate in either a basic hunter education course, an extended basic education course or an enhanced hunter education program.

Hunting education programs are often categorized according to the method of instruction. Therefore, hunting license applicants can be instructed either online, in a traditional classroom setting or through self-study programs. Primarily, hunting courses are administered in a traditional classroom setting and include lectures as well as hunting videos. However, students can also educate themselves through an online course at their convenience and attend a shorter classroom course afterward.

Finally, regardless of the learning method, applicants are required to pass a final exam and obtain a hunting education certificate, which is necessary for the issuance of the hunting license.

Hunting Safety Tips

Apart from the hunting education acquired through a hunting course, hunters are also encouraged to follow several general tips before and during their hunting trips. First of all, hunters should dress according to the expected weather conditions and familiarize themselves with the hunting area and game seasons. Another hunting precaution is to inform somebody about the place and time of your hunting trip and to bring first aid in case of emergencies. Additionally, hunters should also alert other hunters in the area by wearing blaze orange clothing and singing or talking loudly.

Although an enjoyable sport, hunters should maintain a good physical shape to fully enjoy their favorite hobby and endure the rigours of the sport. Therefore, hunters should exercise often by jogging or hiking and eat healthy meals rich in fruit and vegetables.

Firearm safety is also crucial to the general hunter's safety. Each hunter is responsible for maintaining a fully-operational firearm. He or she must regularly clean it and check it for any damage before the hunt. During the hunt, the weapon must never be pointed toward other individuals, and only after acquiring the hunting target must a hunter touch the firearm's trigger and shoot.

Fishing Education



Novice anglers who would like to test the waters before casting the rod have opportunities to enroll in fishing education classes. All states offer a variety of different programs sponsored by fishing departments. Essentially, they are all devoted to teaching new anglers about the challenges and advantages of this hobby, as well as fishing basics, such as:

- Fishing equipment.
- Casting techniques.
- Fish species.
- Types of baits.
- Water safety.
- Different types of fishing.

Required Fishing Courses

Each U.S. state has developed its own fishing education courses and programs for different purposes. These programs aim to educate young anglers, but also to promote camaraderie and friendship among them. In many states, the educational classes are free of charge and applicants can attend either online or in person. At the end of a program, the angler receives a certificate for successfully completing the program, and he or she is then considered ready to fish in numerous bodies of water. These programs also organize fishing trips during which anglers can practice their casting and fishing skills.

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Minnesota is a great example of incorporating a successful fishing education program. In a state with more than 10,000 lakes, the MinnAqua program is dedicated to angler education, recreation and conservation of natural resources. The program also collaborates with state schools, community organizations and youth groups to bring fishing closer to its residents. Texas anglers, on the other hand, can enroll in the Angler Education Program and attend fishing events for youth and adults with full equipment provided by the TX Department of Parks and Wildlife. Popular fishing education events include Go Fish!, Fishing With a Ranger, Fishing 101 and more.

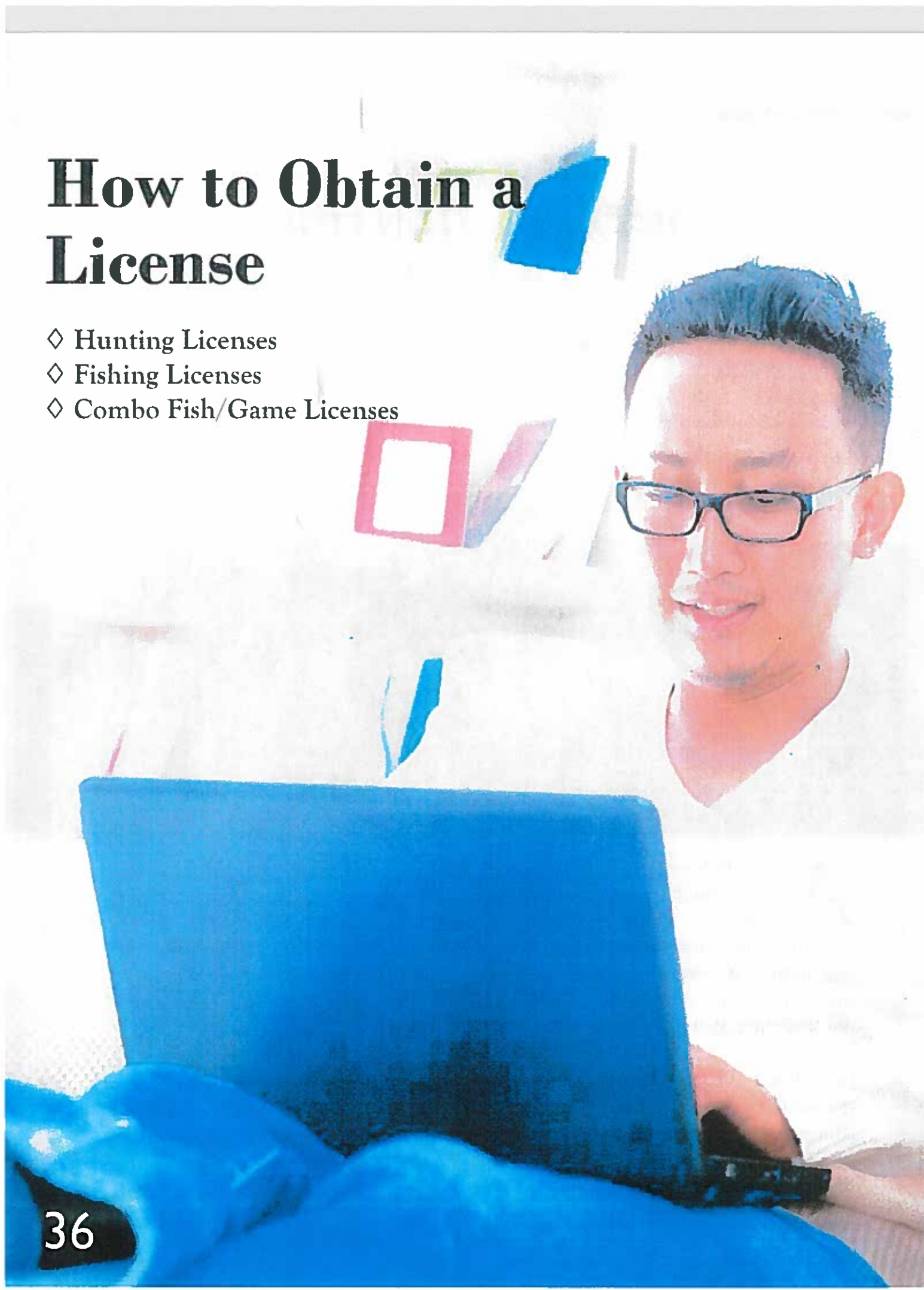
Fishing Safety Tips

Both beginner and experienced anglers must learn about water and boating safety before planning a fishing trip. From choosing the right fishing location to carrying the proper safety equipment, the following rules and regulations should be equally obeyed by young and adult anglers alike:

- Wear sunscreen on all exposed bodily areas such as your face, legs and arms.
- Wear a hat and sunglasses to protect your head and eyes from the sun rays.
- Make sure to inspect your equipment and first-aid box.
- Wear the proper shoes when fishing in a boat or on shore.
- If fishing on a boat, make sure to not overload it.
- Always wear a life jacket when boat fishing.
- Stay away of restricted water areas.
- Children must wear a personal flotation device at all times.
- Handle your catch carefully and be cautious when removing hooks.
- Keep fishing knives sharp and cover the blades when not in use.
- Do not enter the water before a thunderstorm.
- If you are caught in a thunderstorm and are unable to go back to shore, stay low in the boat or the center of the cabin, and do not touch the boat's electronic equipment until the storm passes.

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After deciding on a hunting license, hunters should explore the various license purchasing options available in their state. The hunter's residency status and age, the type of animals he or she intends to hunt and the longevity of the license are all factors which limit the availability of certain buying methods. Some special types of licenses, like disabled individual hunting permits, for example, require applicants to provide proof of their disability in person.

In addition, any applicant who intends to purchase a residential hunting license is required to submit proof of residency. Hunters also have to submit a hunting education certificate to prove they have mastered all necessary aspects of the sport. Read the below sections to learn more about the available ways to purchase a hunting license in the U.S.

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How to Buy a New Hunting License

Hunters, in general, can buy a hunting license through several methods. After choosing the preferred mode of purchase, interested applicants must provide all necessary information and attach all required documents to their application. If, for example, a resident member of the military applies for a military member hunting license, he or she is required to submit a military ID badge and proof of residency along with their application form.

The hunting license fees vary from state to state and from license to license. Normally, residential hunting licenses are more cost effective than non-resident licenses. Furthermore, certain special types of licenses for junior and senior hunters, members of the military and disabled hunters are also available at reduced rates. To learn more about the specific license fees, visit your respective division of wildlife's website.

The following license purchasing methods are available to U.S. hunters:

- In person
- By mail
- By phone
- Online

To buy a hunting license in person, interested applicants can visit either a wildlife department office or a licensed vendor in their state. When buying a license through this method, hunters are required to prove their identity with either a driver's license or a state ID. In addition, hunters must also provide any other documentation necessary for the hunting license they intend to apply for, and they must pay the license fees with a credit card or cash.

Certain types of licenses, like lifetime hunting licenses or military member hunting licenses, can only be acquired by manually filling out a license application and submitting it in person at a department's office. In Minnesota, for example, military veterans (disabled or otherwise) can apply for lottery-issued free hunting permits. Applicants who were successful in the draw can complete a military preference application and submit it in person to the Department of Natural Resources.

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Applying by mail is generally restricted to special types of hunting licenses. In Delaware, for instance, only military licenses, disabled veteran licenses and trapping permits can be bought via mail. Interested applicants can complete the process by sending in the application form along with all other necessary paperwork to the division's address.

Many states allow hunters to purchase hunting permits by phone. To buy a license to hunt in this manner, hunters should call the wildlife department's hunting license issuance number and provide the necessary information, including their credit card number.



Finally, the most practical method of purchasing hunting licenses is through the wildlife agencies' online licensing systems. Every U.S. state offers hunters the possibility to acquire their licenses through an online licensing platform. Usually, hunters have to follow a few steps:

- Provide personal information (name and date of birth).
- Provide proof of identification (driver's license or state ID number).
- Provide a hunter certificate number.
- Choose a hunting license.
- Pay the required hunting license fees.

After purchasing the hunting license, applicants will receive it by email. Hunters may then either print their license or, in some states, carry it on their smartphones.

How to Replace a Lost Hunting License

To hunt legally in the United States, you must be in possession of a hunting license at all times and present it on request to law enforcement officials. Therefore, in the rare cases when a hunter loses or damages a hunting license, he or she must apply for a hunting license replacement. Replacing a hunting license can be done online, in person or by mail.

To replace a hunting license online, hunters can reprint a credential through their state's online licensing system without paying additional fees. States which do not offer the option to replace your license online require hunters to visit a licensing agent or a wildlife department office to do it in person. Some hunting permits, such as military member licenses or lifetime hunting licenses, can only be replaced by mail. In such cases, the wildlife agency will send the replacement license by mail after receiving the replacement application. Additionally, in states like South Dakota, where hunters are allowed to present their hunting credentials on their smartphones, they do not have to worry about losing them, as they are always accessible online.

HOW TO OBTAIN A FISHING LICENSE



After learning about different fishing licenses, anglers must learn about the process to obtain the appropriate fishing credential for their needs. U.S. states have set various ways to get a fishing license, but in general, a license to fish can be obtained online, in person or by mail. Additionally, licenses contain different fees, depending on the angler's age and residency and the document's purpose. Thus, regular licenses will typically cost less than commercial ones, and nonresident licenses are usually more expensive than resident ones. All beginner and experienced anglers must be familiar with the following procedures related to fishing licenses:

- How to buy a new fishing license
- How to replace a lost fishing license

How to Obtain a License



How to Buy a New Fishing License

Buying a new fishing license is relatively simple if you gather the necessary documents and pay the required fees. Anglers are recommended to get familiar with the different ways to purchase new fishing licenses, especially for their state, as not all states offer the same options. You can buy a license to fish through one of the following methods:

- **Online** – One of the fastest and most convenient ways to buy a fishing license is via the state's online licensing system which offers anglers to print the fishing license and use it immediately. Most systems will not send you a document by mail, unless you request it, but this option depends on the state. Additionally, if you lose or damage your license, you can always reprint it by simply accessing the system. Before buying, make sure to prepare a valid credit or debit card to pay the license and processing fees.
- **In person** – All states also offer purchasing a fishing license in person, either from an authorized license retailer or from a department office. Usually, anglers must present a document proving their identity and residency and pay the license fee.
- **By mail** – In some states, certain fishing licenses require anglers to complete an application and send it to the appropriate department. Usually, you can pick up an application from any local department office or download it from the official department website. Complete applications together with the license fee payment should be sent to the address stated on the application.
- **By phone** – Ordering a fishing license over the phone is a common practice in some states. However, before calling, look into the exact license for your needs and discuss it with a representative if you need further assistance. Additionally, make sure to prepare a valid credit or debit card to pay the license fees.

How to Replace a Lost Fishing License

Most state anglers are required to have their fishing licenses on them at all times when fishing. However, because fishing is an outdoor sport, oftentimes fishermen lose their licenses and are not able to fish legally unless they replace them. To obtain a replacement fishing license, you must present certain documents and pay the replacement fees. For instance, in Michigan, visit a license dealer and present the ID number you received when you bought the original license.

In Kentucky, you will be asked to fill out a license refund form and send it to the licensing section of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. In Florida, you can replace your lost license online, at a license agent location, by phone or at any county tax collector's office. In general, the online licensing systems allow anglers to print a replacement online free of charge.

HOW TO OBTAIN A COMBINATION FISHING AND HUNTING LICENSE



Recreational fishing and hunting are two pastimes enjoyed by thousands throughout the country each day. To legally participate in fishing or hunting activities though, you must be properly licensed by the local wildlife department in the state where you plan to hunt or fish. Anglers looking for fishing licenses and hunters looking for hunting licenses can buy each permit separately through the wildlife department. Both types of licenses require separate verification processes that include establishing your age, residency status and the wildlife you plan to catch, among other factors.

However, for individuals who plan to both hunt and fish in the area, the option of combination fishing and hunting licenses exists. Combo licenses package all the privileges of separate fishing licenses and hunting licenses into a single permit that allows for both activities. Combo licenses give individuals who fish and hunt a

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more convenient method of license display, in addition to being available for a smaller fee than purchasing each individual license on its own.

Prior to purchasing your initial combination hunting and fishing license, you must first establish a few identifying factors with the local wildlife department. Should you lose your combination fish/hunt license, many states also allow you to replace the permit either for free or for a lesser fee. To find out more about purchasing combination fishing and hunting licenses, read the sections outlined below.

How to Buy a Combination Fishing and Hunting License

Depending on the state you live in, combination fishing and hunting license options and the procedures for buying one may vary. For instance, in Texas (and many other states), all combo hunting and fishing licenses are available to residents only, with the exception of the Disabled Military Veteran Super Combo license. As a result, part of the application process requires you to establish your Texas residency status.

Most states also have age requirements for purchasing any type of license. In Utah, you must be at least 14 years of age to purchase a combination fishing and hunting license, and at least 65 years of age to get a senior discount on a combo license.

Regardless of the requirements, prior to purchasing your combo license you will need to verify certain factors including:

- Proof of identity/age:
 - Valid state driver's license/ID card
 - U.S. passport
 - Military ID card
- Proof of state residency status:
 - Property tax statement
 - Recent utility bill
 - Recent paycheck stub
 - Voter registration card
 - Recent tax return
 - Vehicle registration/title
- Social Security Number

Due to the hunting privileges given by the combo license, applicants must complete a required hunter education course, regardless of the state they will be hunting in. During the combo license application process, you will need to provide a certificate of completion from an approved hunter education course prior to purchasing the combination permit.

Application submission procedures are based on state regulations, but usually include the following options:

- Apply online through the wildlife department website.
- Apply by mailing your application directly to the wildlife department.
- Apply by visiting a local wildlife department office or license retailer.

Regardless of the option you choose, you will need to submit documents verifying the above qualifications. Once the verification process is complete, you can pay your fee, receive your permit and begin to enjoy your favorite pastime.

How to Replace a Lost Combination Fishing and Hunting License

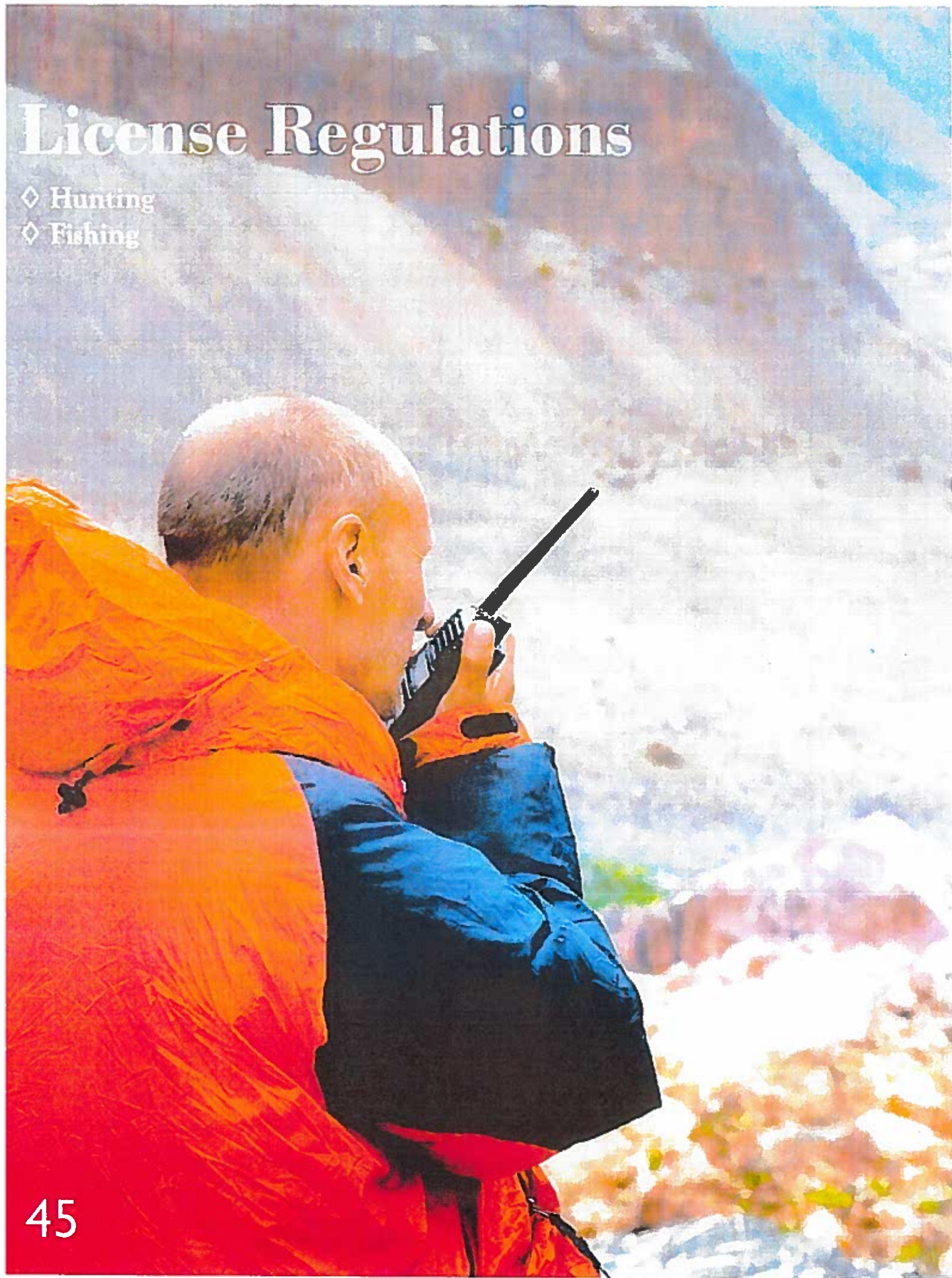
In the event that you lose your combination fishing and hunting license, you must follow a set procedure by the local wildlife department to order a replacement license. Fees and processes vary, but typically do not require you to pay the full amount you originally paid for your combo license. For example, lost combination licenses in Texas can be replaced by visiting one of the 1,700 licensing agents throughout the state. There you will be asked to complete a replacement license application and pay a \$10 replacement fee. Likewise, in states like Oklahoma you may replace your lifetime combination fishing and hunting license by visiting a local Department of Wildlife Conservation office and paying a small fee.

Many states which provide online license sales services allow applicants to print out a replacement copy of their fishing license for free, so long as the license is not expired. Contact your local wildlife department for more information about your state's procedure for replacing lost combination fishing and hunting license

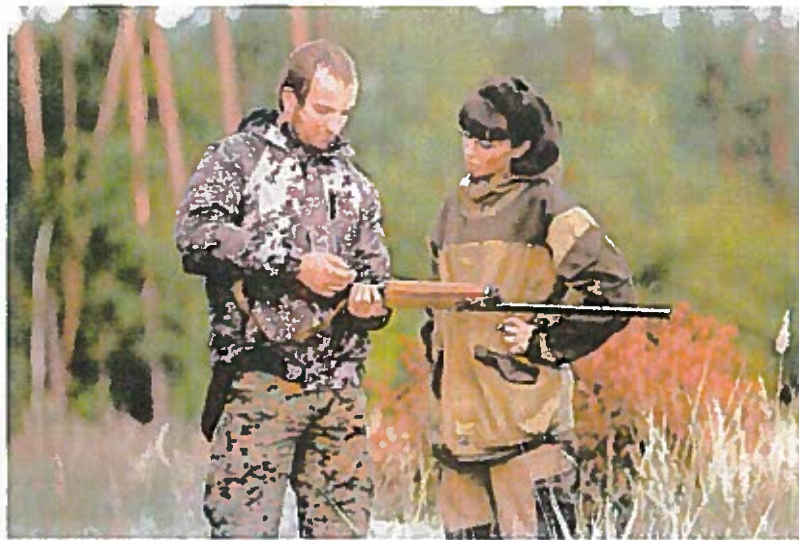
License Regulations

◆ Hunting

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REGULATIONS FOR HUNTING



Hunting is a widespread hobby in the United States and involves using the country's natural resources in a respectful manner. Therefore, to ensure that future generations enjoy the sport, the state wildlife departments supervise all hunting and hunting-related matters. These agencies administer and enforce various hunting rules and regulations related to the issuance of hunting licenses, the daily hunting hours and open-season dates, and poaching. Any hunter who intends to hunt in the United States is required to follow the specific hunting rules and regulations set by their state's wildlife department. Read the below sections to familiarize yourself with the general hunting laws of the U.S.

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Licensing Regulations

Hunting without a license on U.S. territory is illegal. Therefore, before organizing a hunting trip, every hunter must obtain hunting credentials through his or her state's department of fish and game. These licenses to hunt vary from state to state and allow applicants to hunt for certain game within the limits of the specific license. Hunting licenses are categorized according to factors such as the length of the license, the type of hunted animal and the hunter's age or residency status. Thus, an out-of-state hunter with a three-day hunting license, for example, is not allowed to hunt for game in a visiting state after the expiration of his or her hunting license.

State wildlife departments regulate licensing through department officials, which determine whether the hunter is abiding by the hunting rules and regulations of the state and which may request a hunter to show his or her credentials at any time.

To hunt certain types of animals, hunters must obtain special permits or hunting tags, which are either available as standalone licenses or added to already existing licenses. Furthermore, certain game is only available in certain states, and the license tags are often only awarded to lottery winners. Hunting moose, for example, can only be done in Washington if hunters draw a moose hunting tag.

Hunting During Certain Times of Day

State wildlife departments, in general, only allow day-hunting from sunrise to sunset. However, certain hunting activities can be done at night as well.

Texas or Virginia hunters, for example, can hunt non-protected, non-game animals and fur-bearing game at night by using artificial light. In Washington, on the other hand, bobcat, raccoon and coyote can be hunted year-round except during deer or elk season.



Hunting During Specific Game Seasons

In general, game hunting can only be done during certain dates in the year. Thus, hunters who intend to hunt a specific animal must find out the specific open season dates through their respective state department of wildlife. Aside from the type of hunted game, open season dates are also dependent on the type of hunting equipment used and the hunting region. Deer hunters in Kansas, for example, can only hunt with bows and arrows between the 14th and the 31st of September. Hunting with general firearms, on the other hand, is permitted between the 2nd and the 13th of December.

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Hunting seasons also vary according to the region. Wyoming, for instance, is divided into more than 130 different hunting zones, and elk hunting, for example, is generally permitted from October 1st to December 15th. However, the start and end dates may vary from zone to zone.



Reporting Hunting Law Violations

State departments of game and fish enforce wildlife conservation laws if hunters do not abide by the state wildlife rules and regulations. The primary goals of hunting laws are to protect the natural riches of the country and to conserve them for posterity. Aside from state officials, the hunters themselves are also encouraged to report any law violations of the following kinds:

- Violation of shooting hours
- Violation of season dates
- Violation of bagging limits
- Hunting in restricted areas
- Hunting outside of permit limits
- Shooting while intoxicated
- Illegal poaching

The penalties for hunting violations vary from state to state, but they generally include a monetary fine, imprisonment for several months or both. Certain states can also revoke the hunter's credentials. In Michigan, for instance, hunting infractions are penalized with either a monetary fine between \$50 and \$500 or 90 days in jail, or sometimes both. Additionally, if hunters illegally poach restricted species like bear or wild turkey, they are fined between \$1,000 and \$1,500 in restitution fees.

To report a hunting violation, hunters can either call an emergency number or report the infraction via email. Certain states even offer an award if the provided information leads to an arrest. Contact your respective wildlife department for further information.

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Each state in the U.S. has its own fishing regulations and laws that must be obeyed by all anglers. Usually, these regulations are related to the type of catch, the season, the fishing locations, fishing violations and more. In addition, restrictions regarding age and residency must be taken into consideration.

In general, all fishermen must hold a valid fishing license together with the appropriate tags to take fish in both inland and coastal waters and fishing regulations are set by the appropriate fishing departments. One example is Arkansas, where all anglers must allow an officer to inspect the catch,

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equipment and license on hand. Taking and transporting endangered fish species, as well as using game fish and their parts for lures and baits, is strictly prohibited. Another example is Texas, with similar regulations, where it is prohibited to take or kill endangered fish species such as smalltooth sawfish, paddlefish, dolphins, whales, porpoises etc.

No game fish is permitted in public waters without a special permit. It is against the law to take fish exceeding the daily bag limit.

Anglers must also be aware of poachers and report any fishing violations, which is crucial for protection and conservation of the natural habitat of fish.



to obtain a trout and salmon stamp. Similarly, anglers who fish for these species in Pennsylvania must also get a trout/salmon permit in addition to the regular fishing license. In Texas, anglers must obtain a red drum tag for taking one red drum per license year (if the fish exceeds the maximum length of 28 inches).

Additionally, fishing in different times of day provides different results. In spring, for instance, fish are not biting as much in the morning. Later in the day, especially afternoon and early evening, anglers are more likely to succeed as the fish are hungry. In the summer, the early morning hours, especially before the sun rises, as well as the early evening when the water is cooler, are the best time of day to fish. In the fall, the morning hours may not bring as much success as the afternoon and early evening. Fishing outside of fishing season is against the law and is punishable in all states. Anglers must be well-acquainted with the start of the fishing season and prepare accordingly.

Special Fishing Licenses and Tags

A standard fishing license for saltwater or freshwater fishing provides anglers the permission to take fish in accordance to the daily bag limits. Besides the regular fishing license, anglers must obtain special tags and stamps for species such as salmon, trout, red drum, shellfish and more. For example, in Minnesota, all anglers 18 to 64 years of age who intend to fish for salmon and trout are obliged



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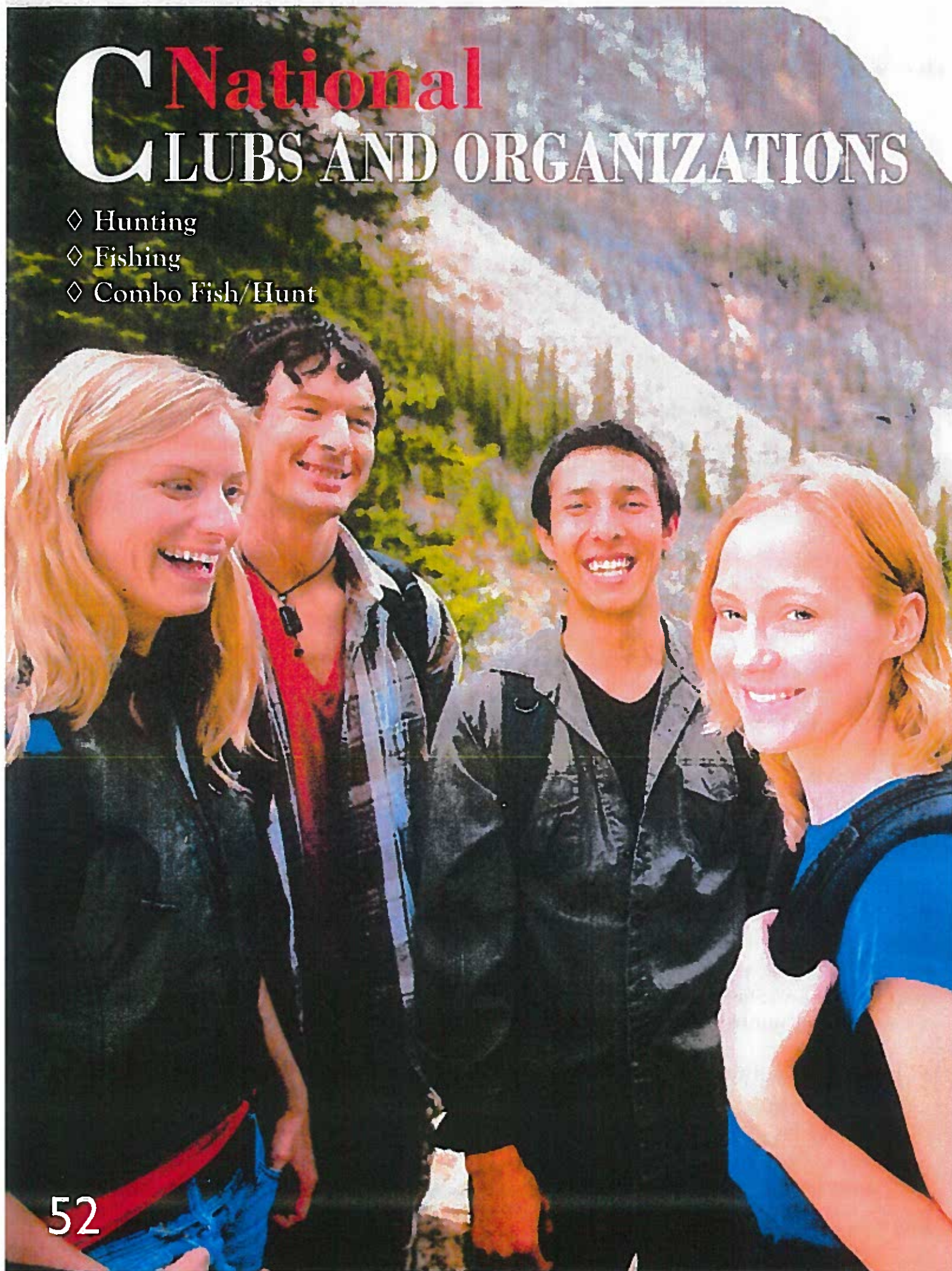
U.S. states have established fishing regulations in order to provide anglers with certain guidelines as to which activities are allowed and which can be damaging to the fish population and its habitats. These regulations are set by the states to ensure water, wildlife and habitat protections, as well as to certify that all anglers get equal amounts of catch. However, not all anglers follow the rules and some may try to fish without a fishing license or out of fishing season. It is every citizen's and angler's moral responsibility to report such illegal activities to the appropriate authorities as soon as possible.

When you report poachers, make sure to provide as much information as possible about the circumstances surrounding the event. If possible, take notes of the general physical appearance of the poacher(s), vehicle details, date, time and location of the poaching, direction of travel, type and amount of catch (if applicable) and the equipment used. Stay away from the crime scene, but do note if there are any pieces of evidence that may help the officers. All complaints will be treated with anonymity if you require so.

All states have made reporting a poacher easy. In Florida, for instance, reporting violations can be done by calling the FWC's Wildlife Alert Reward Program, online or via a text message. The state also offers rewards if the information provided results in an arrest. In Washington, the Department of Fish and Wildlife urges all citizens to report poaching in progress by dialing 911 or to calling the department's non-emergency phone number for wildlife complaints and other violations or poaching instances. Reports can be filed online, by email or via text messages. For certain successful arrests and convictions, the state offers cash rewards.

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Hunting Clubs and Organizations



Hunters in the United States can join various state, national or international hunting clubs and organizations. The reasons for joining a hunting association can range from sharing hunting experiences and ideas to supporting the state and national nature conservation policies. These organizations are open to amateur hunters, who intend to improve their hunting knowledge and learn a few hunting tips and tricks, or professional hunters who want to promote hunting and instruct less experienced hunters. Additionally, certain clubs are only focused on specific types of game, such as the National Wild Turkey Foundation. To take full advantage of the benefits such clubs and organizations offer, consider joining some of the following hunting associations:

- The National Wildlife Federation
- The International Hunter Education Association
- The African American Hunting Association



The African American Hunting Association

The African American Hunting Association's mission is to raise the number of urban and African American hunters and promote the sport of hunting with an emphasis on nature conservation policies. The AAHA goals and objectives are various and they include:

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- Promoting the benefits of sport at local, regional and national levels.
- Offer more hunting opportunities to urban families and to African Americans.
- Providing hunters with opportunities to acquire proper hunting equipment at affordable rates.

The African American Hunting Association aims to achieve these goals through various activities. AAHA's more important endeavors include organizing hunting trips, outdoor shows and providing hunting education resources through AAHA's website.

Regardless of gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity or national origin, the AAHA invites every hunter who supports the organization's goals and objectives to apply for a membership.



The National Wildlife Federation

The National Wildlife Federation is an organization that focuses on protecting America's wildlife and habitats, and to encourage and inspire conservationists nationwide. As such, the NWF is devoted to preserve the habitats of all animal and fish species and through that, to help anglers, hunters, boaters, wildlife watchers and other wildlife enthusiasts develop a

conservation ethic. The federation strongly believes in the value of its natural resources and strives to provide safe hunting, fishing and other recreational activities throughout the country's rivers, mountains, lakes and coasts. The federation works closely with hunters by taking the following actions:

- Educating them about endangered species and stopping the spread of invasive species
- Advocating conservation efforts
- Connecting children with nature by promoting outdoor activities for anglers and hunters

The International Hunter Education Association

The International Hunter Education Association is a professional organization that collaborates with Association of Fish and Wildlife agencies across the country to promote angler and hunter education programs. To succeed in this, the association employs a large number of volunteer instructors and teaches novice hunters about the following:

- Firearm safety
- Wildlife management
- Wildlife identification
- Hunting ethics
- Field care of game
- Bowhunting
- Landowner relations

The success of hunter education is clearly visible in the increase of game species population such as wild turkey, geese, deer, elk and other animals in the country.

Fishing Clubs and Organizations



Every year, millions of individuals throughout the country grab their fishing rods and head out on local waters to catch all types of fish. As fishing has grown into one of the most enjoyed pastimes in the U.S., anglers of all ages practice the sport each day hoping to improve their skill levels and learn more about local wildlife. However, as much as anglers enjoy the act of fishing, many equally enjoy the camaraderie of interacting with fellow anglers both in and out of the water. Luckily, many ways are available to connect with anglers in your local area and nationwide. A variety of general and specific fishing organizations operate throughout the country, both assisting anglers with their craft and bringing them together. Read the sections below to find out more about some of the most

popular national fishing organizations.

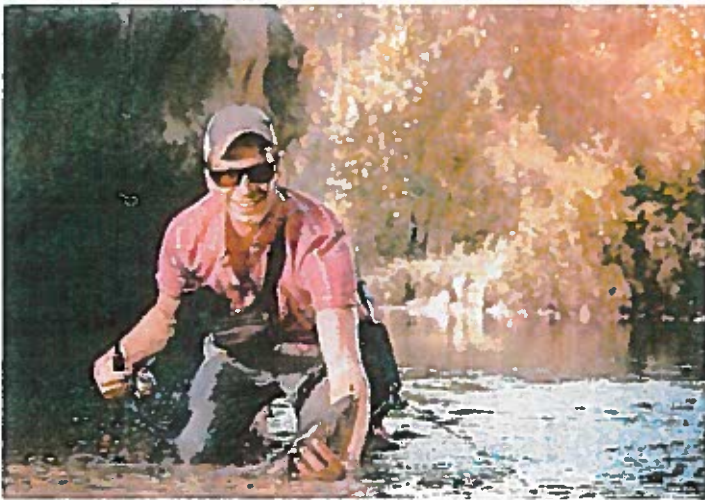
Bass Anglers Sportsman Society

The Bass Anglers Sportsman Society—better known as B.A.S.S.—is one of the most popular fishing organizations in the country. Started in Alabama in 1967, B.A.S.S. was initially nothing more than a simple fishing tournament accompanied by a small newsletter. Today, B.A.S.S. has grown into the premier bass fishing organization, publishing the popular *Bassmaster Magazine* and boasting over half a million members.

Each year B.A.S.S. runs a slew of fishing tournaments across the country, while also promoting nationwide activities meant to improve conditions for anglers and promote environmental conservation. For example,

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in 1972, B.A.S.S. initiated the ever-popular “catch-and-release” program that is still utilized as a common ethical practice among anglers to this day. Currently, B.A.S.S. manages chapters in 46 of the 50 states in the country, in addition to having chapters in Canada, Italy, Mexico, Japan, and South Africa, among others.



Trout Unlimited

Formed in 1959, Trout Unlimited (TU) is one of the most well-known non-profit fishing organizations in the United States. Touting over 150,000 members to date, TU currently runs nearly 400 chapters throughout the country, all focusing on shifting government policies concerning angling and environmental conservation in the U.S. TU works to achieve these goals by consulting with legal experts at the local, state and national level, getting members involved in every capacity. The organization also utilizes state-of-the-art data collection tools to ensure conservation efforts are properly measured. Additionally, TU provides its members with subscriptions to the quarterly Trout Magazine, the premier publication for coldwater fishery conservation information.

International Game & Fish Association

One of the oldest and largest angling organizations around is the International Game & Fish Association (IGFA), which was founded in 1939 to bring together various marine angling clubs throughout the world. Over the years, IGFA has helped dictate a code of ethics for ocean anglers, while also promoting the science of environmental conservation and proper angling education among its members. IGFA also operates a fishing hall of fame, as well as the E.K. Harry Library of Fishes, considered the most complete sport fishing collection in the world. Members receive a number of benefits, such as angling books and magazines, online records database access, discounts on IGFA products and more.



Combo Fishing/Hunting Clubs and Organizations



Fishing and hunting in the United States are both national pastimes frequented by thousands of anglers and hunters each day. With so much land mass to choose from, a variety of choices are available, regardless of the type of animal you prefer to catch. However, most sportsmen and women agree that outdoor recreational activities, such as hunting and fishing, are more enjoyable when a support system of colleagues is around to keep them motivated. Luckily, a number of national hunting and fishing organizations in the U.S. serve to connect anglers and hunters. Though many of these organizations are centrally located in a specific state, most offer opportunities to hunters and anglers no matter where they live. Learn more about a couple of the most

popular national hunting and fishing organizations below.

Sportsmen's Alliance

Since the 1970s, Sportsmen's Alliance has been a major advocate for protecting the rights of hunters, anglers and trappers in the U.S. Initially organized by a few concerned business leaders as a political sportsman advocacy group, Sportsmen's Alliance has grown to include hundreds of members combining their efforts to expand interest in national fishing and hunting programs nationwide. For example, the organization's Trailblazer Adventure program was created in 2001 to help raise youth interest in fishing and hunting. Today, Trailblazer Adventure is the leading youth outdoor education program in the country, with nearly two million members.

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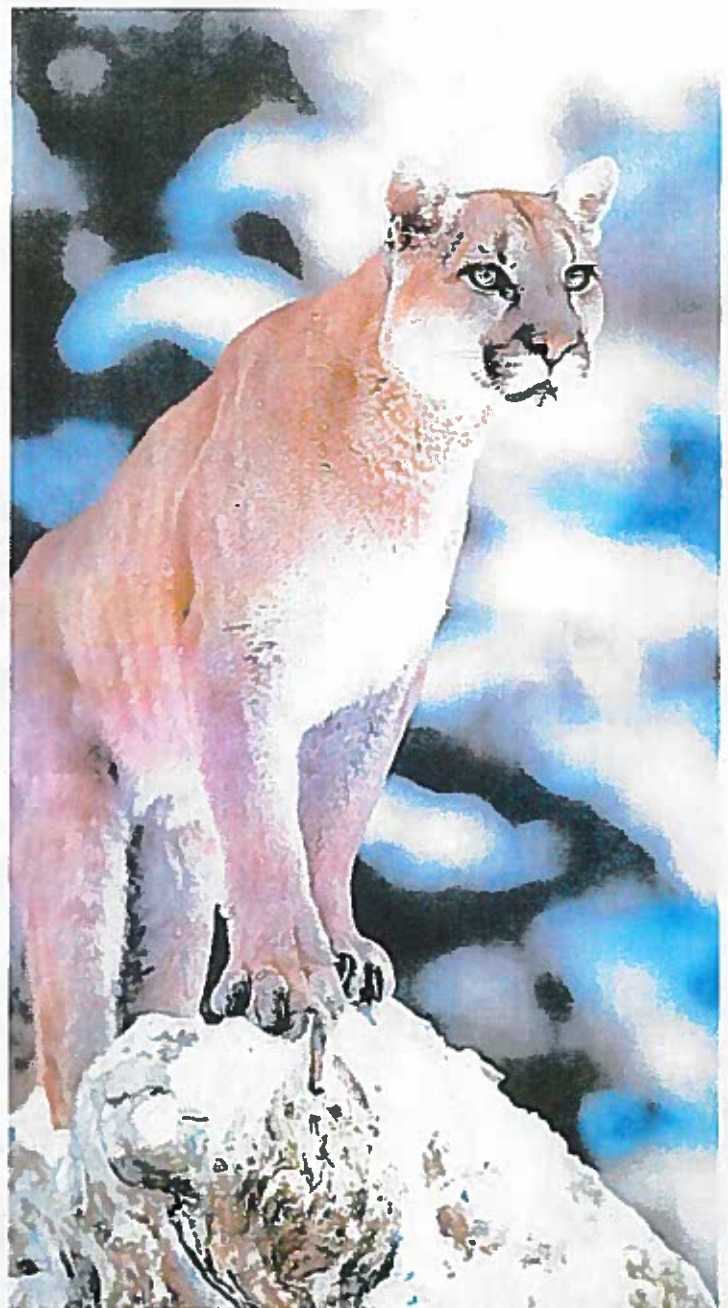
Likewise, the Families Afield program saw Sportsmen's Alliance collaborating with the National Shooting Sports Foundation and the National Wild Turkey Federation to successfully increase recruitment efforts within each organization. With a focus on apprenticeship and hunter education, Sportsmen's Alliance programs have brought together hunters and anglers and raised wildlife awareness in almost every state in the country. The organization also labors within state and local governments to keep hunters and anglers rights intact, allowing them to practice their respective sporting activities for many years to come.

National Sportsman Association

Since 1975, the National Sportsman's Association (NSA) increases wildlife knowledge and resources throughout the country. Headquartered in Northern Virginia, the NSA oversees properties throughout the state that allow organization members to enjoy a number of outdoor activities year-round including camping, hiking, target shooting and, of course, hunting and fishing. Membership options vary, and allow associates to pick and choose which activities they would like to engage in. NSA properties are prime locations for hunting both big and small game such as hogs, woodchucks, coyotes, deer and waterfowl. Private water bodies also give anglers access to prime trout streams as well as a number of lakes and ponds.

NSA officials also oversee the area's security patrol, ensuring all members are following the rules at all times. As a result,

NSA properties are considered some of the safest in the country for sporting activities. As evidenced by the organization's detailed mission statement, NSA is dedicated to promoting hunting and fishing awareness, sportsmanship and safe practices, with an overall strong focus on the preservation of natural resources.



Hunting Articles

- ◆ How to Hunt for Deer
- ◆ Shooting Practice Tips
- ◆ Best Seasons to Hunt
- ◆ How to Camouflage Yourself
- ◆ What is Controlled Hunting?



How to Hunt for Deer



Though hunters in the U.S. have many different options for the types of game they can hunt, deer remain the most popular game in the country. Hunting deer is a varied process, and achieving success depends on a variety of factors such as your location, the type of deer you hunt and the weather conditions. Luckily, deer hunting is a skill that can be developed over time with practice and a few tips. Prior to heading out on a hunt, make sure you have received the proper permits and licenses from your local wildlife department. Additionally, follow all rules and guidelines concerning deer seasons, deer tagging, firearm laws and general hunting regulations. Read below to learn more about how to hunt deer in your area.

Location

Before hunting, you should complete some research on the best locations in your area for deer hunting. Typically, the best places to hunt for deer are the areas of densest wilderness. Larger deer can be found in high altitude areas with plenty of shade. Once you have settled on a good location, find a trail and set up a few spots to shoot from.

Look for Signs

Once you are on a trail in your area, search the surrounding woods for signs of deer grazing. Scrapes and rubs on trees and brush are a good indicator that deer have passed through the area. Depending on the size of the scrapes and rubs, you may be able to gauge the size of the deer you will encounter.

Mask Yourself

Deer have great sense of smell and can be frightened away by your human scent. To avoid this pitfall, mask your scent with proper hunting clothes or purchase cover scent products from a hunting shop. For an inexpensive option, mix some baking soda in with your soap while showering before you embark on your trip. You can even put some in your shoes as well.

Patience

Once you have located a deer, the key is to be patient. Rushing to take a shot at a buck when you are not properly set up is a waste of ammunition and can easily scare the animal away for good, along with any other wildlife in the area. Wait until the deer is within a 20 to 30 yard range then line up your shot. Place yourself in a sitting or kneeling position

to maximize your stability. Take deep, even breaths and remain as still and quiet as possible, pulling the trigger in one fluid motion. Aim for the neck, shoulder or head of the deer to ensure the shot kills the animal quickly and painlessly.

Track

Unless your shot kills the deer instantly, the animal's instinct will make it run away. Once you have taken your shot, move to the area where you initially shot the deer and pick up its trail. Assuming you hit the deer in a vital area, you probably will not have to track the animal far before you find it. Give the deer some time before you begin tracking, so the animal has a chance to lie down. Following a deer right away can increase its adrenaline and make it travel much farther away from your initial hunting site. Once you find the deer, make sure it is dead before hauling the catch back to your campsite.



Shooting Practice Tips

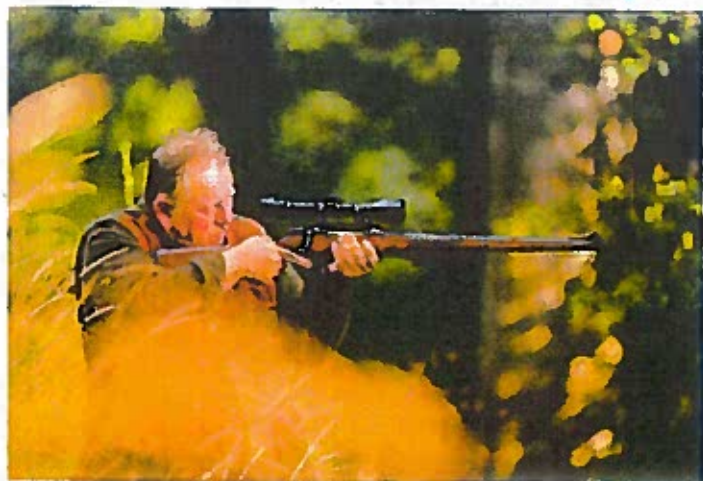


Hunting in the many wildernesses that populate the country can be enjoyable for hunters of all skill levels. However, hunters who are highly skilled at using their rifles in the field are known to have better success at catching their prey. Luckily, all it takes to become a better hunter is practice. Read below for a few tips on the best ways to practice shooting before your next big hunt.



Focus

The best way to become a better shooter is to be mentally focused on the task at hand. Before you pull the trigger on your rifle in practice, focus on your target and aim for the center. Once you have pulled the trigger, check to see if you hit the center and—if not—how far off you were. Take your time between shots to adjust and refocus on the target before pulling the trigger again. By slowly practicing your rounds, you ensure that each practice shot is making you more accurate, not less. Additionally, focusing on a small target can actually be more useful than focusing on a small target. For example, if you are trying to hit a deer, focusing on the entire deer can increase your chances of missing, as opposed to focusing on hitting the deer specifically in the neck, or head.



Positioning

Much of what goes into a good rifle shot depends on your positioning. The position you are comfortable in depends on many factors, from the terrain makeup to your individual body type. As you start out on your practice rounds, fire some practice shots from a crossed-leg position. From there, switch to a crossed-ankle position, then put your heels on the ground and your knees up in a tent-like position. Depending on the position you are in, your center of gravity will differ, which can affect your shot either positively or negatively. Once you have shot a few rounds in each position, compare them to each other to find the position that best fits you.



Consistent Environment

Aside from your skill as a marksman, the factor that influences your shot success more than anything else is the surrounding environment. Prior to heading out on a hunt, first practice shooting in the same weather conditions as you plan to hunt in. For example, if you will hunt during winter in a forest full of snow, practice shooting in an area with snow and trees. Likewise, hunters planning to set up

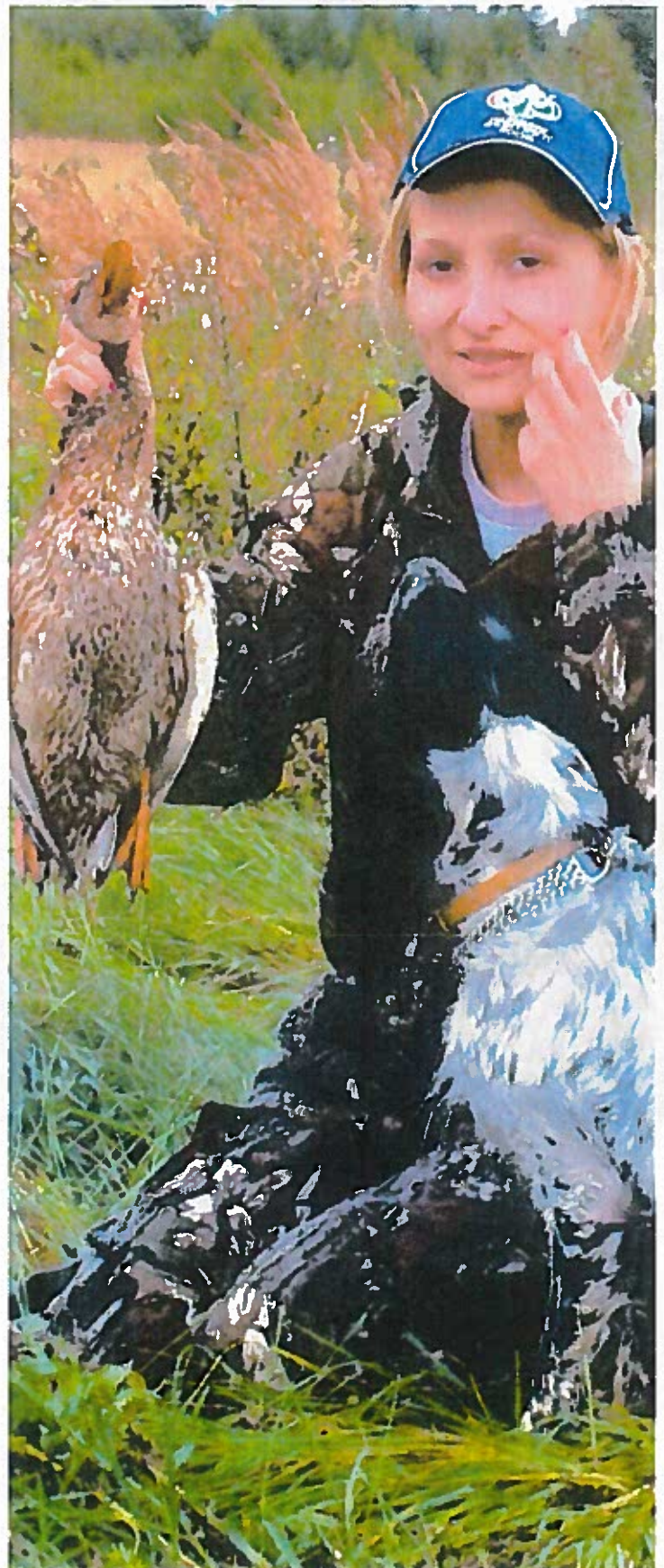
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shop in the mountains should practice shooting in rocky terrain to familiarize themselves with operating a rifle under those conditions.



Be Ready

One of the most important steps to remember during practice is to make each shot count. In the field during a hunt, a single shot may be the only chance you have to get your prey. Therefore, take your time before pulling the trigger. Make sure you are calm and your rifle is properly aimed at the target. Also remember to breathe evenly as you pull the trigger, to ensure it is a fluid shot with minimal recoil. Hunters who find themselves in the right position making an even shot when they are best focused will have the most accurate shots once they get into the field.



The Best Seasons to Hunt



Hunting is a popular sport in the U.S. and all states strive to provide favorable conditions for both novice and experienced hunters to enjoy their time in the great outdoors. As a way to protect endangered animal species and maintain the wildlife population throughout the forests of America, all wildlife departments have set hunting seasons during which it is legal to hunt certain animals. Each state is solely responsible for regulating hunting season for all local wildlife, in addition to alerting the public of which species they cannot hunt at any time during the year. Regulations for hunting animals such as migratory birds are established cooperatively by fish and wildlife departments throughout the state.

Hunting requires a lot of planning and knowledge about local animals. Hunting seasons are specifically tailored in accordance with local wildlife conservation laws, citizen input, independent game councils and more. Thus, hunting seasons open when the population of the species is at its peak, to avoid the interruption of breeding periods. Conversely, seasons are set to close before mating begins to allow populations to replenish. Additionally, hunting seasons are closed during food shortages, impaired flying abilities during moulting (for waterfowl), temperature extremes and other aberrant conditions. Hunting during closed season is known as poaching and is illegal and punishable by law. Listed below are details on hunting seasons for a few of the most popular animals to hunt in the country:

- Bears
- Deer
- Small game

The Best Seasons to Hunt Bears in the USA

Hunting bears is a challenging endeavor, and should only be practiced by experienced hunters. Bear hunting is especially popular in Alaska, but many other states have also made it legal. In Alaska, there are open seasons for brown, grizzly and black bears. Depending on the unit, the season can stretch from April to October. In California, the black bear season opens alongside the deer season in select zones. In all other zones, bear season starts in October. In Idaho, bears can be hunted from the middle of April until the end of May. Note that all season dates and months are subject to change.



The Best Seasons to Hunt Deer in the USA

Deer hunting is one of the most popular types of hunting in the U.S., with the white-tailed deer lauded as the most sought-after catch. However, there are many other sub-species of deer that are hunted regularly, such as the mule deer, the blacktail deer, moose and elk. Each species displays many differences in antlers, fur color, ears and size. These animals also have varying hunting seasons as well. In Kansas, for instance, deer season starts at the beginning of January. Depending on the unit, Kansas deer hunting season can continue until the end of the year. The dates are also subdivided in terms of how you plan to catch the deer, whether it be with firearms, archery, muzzleloaders or another type of hunting weapon.

In Texas, mule deer season starts in October or November and ends in December, depending on the county. White-tailed deer season starts in October and ends in November for archery hunters. The general season lasts from November through January. Muzzleloader deer hunting season takes place from January 4th through the 17th. Season opening and closing dates are subject to change.

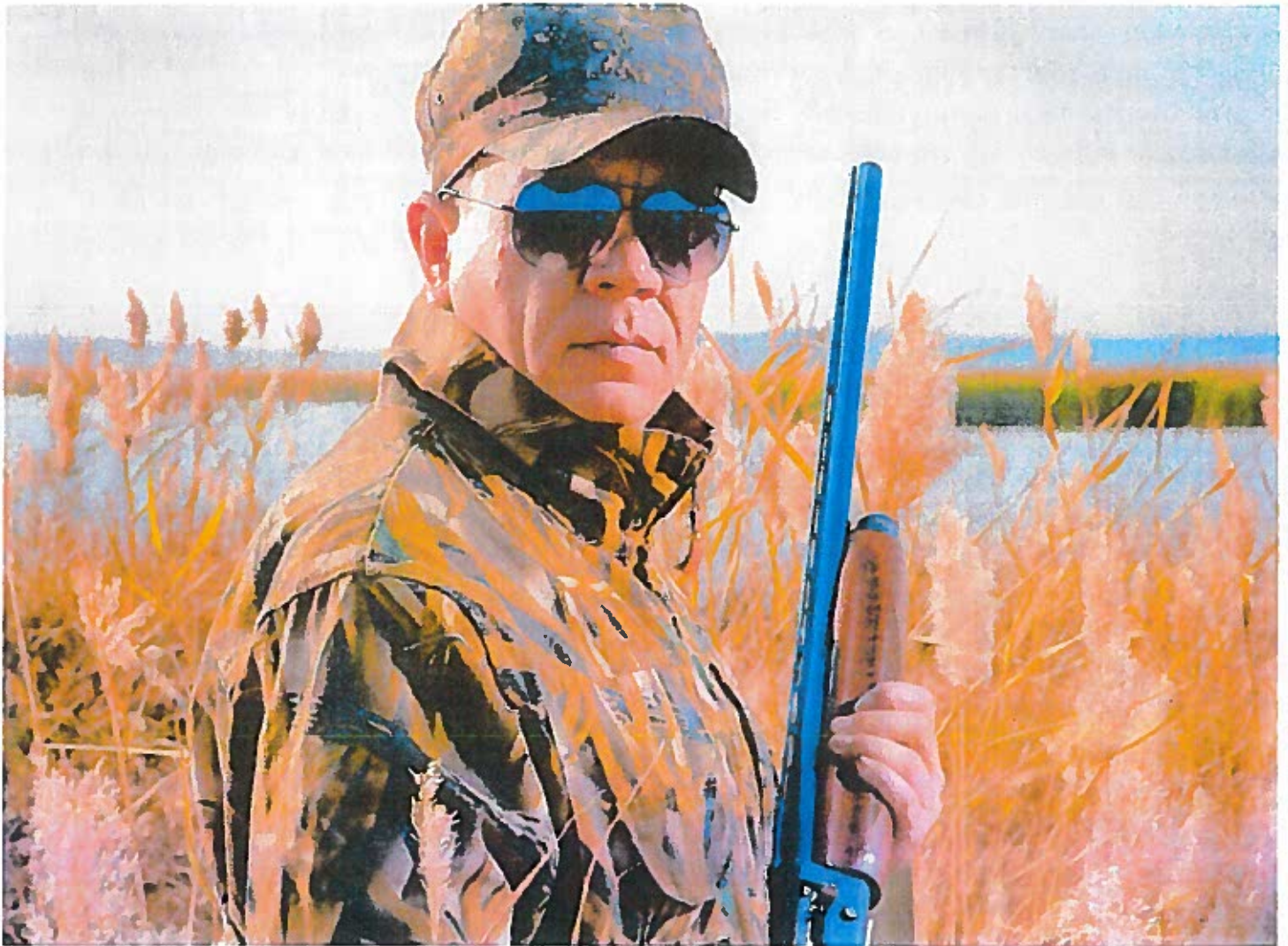


The Best Seasons to Hunt Small Game in the USA

Many hunters primarily target small game animals due to their size and increased availability. One example of an abundant population is in Colorado, where small game birds such as doves, quails and cranes are best hunted in the fall season. Beavers, bobcats and foxes can be taken from the beginning of fall until spring, when a specific date is set depending on the animal. In New York State, small game animals such as cottontail rabbit, squirrels, pheasants, bobwhite quails, ruffed grouses and hares are regularly hunted during the fall and winter. Bobwhite quail hunting season begins in October or November and ends any time between December and February, depending on the area you live in. Cottontail rabbit season begins in either October or November and ends in either February or March. Squirrel season begins between September and November and finishes at the end of February.



How to Camouflage Yourself



All hunters, regardless of their experience, must be aware of their surroundings by paying attention to the colors of their environment, the exact position where they are settled and the clothing they are wearing. All of these factors are crucial for a successful hunt, because no hunter wants to be seen by the animal and thus, scare it away. To best prepare for hunting, hunters must learn how to camouflage themselves in any hunting location. Camouflaging is also done for safety purposes as well.

While camouflaging yourself can be very useful in many situations, it is not a prerequisite for a successful hunt. Namely, what matters the most is the shooting technique as well as the firearm you have chosen. Nevertheless, listed below are several tips on how to camouflage yourself on any hunting location.

Tips for Effective Camouflaging

Hunters must take many steps to effectively prepare for camouflaging and avoid being seen by animals. Usually, a common way to do this is to wear an outfit reflecting the colors of the season. Many states in the U.S. have laws that require hunters to wear a blaze orange outfit to prevent hunters from unintentionally shooting other fellow hunters. In general, camouflaging practices that give the best results are outlined below:

- Wear the appropriate outfit – Before hunting, make sure to obtain the appropriate outfit for weather and location conditions. If you will be hunting in the fall, in a deep forest, make sure to wear warm, thick clothes. Wear layers of clothing in order to better adjust to the temperature.
- Camouflage your skin – Use dirt or a special camouflage cream to cover any areas of visible skin, such as your palms, face and neck. Skin reflects light and may make you more visible, therefore this method is helpful.
- Cover your head – Your hat should match the colors and patterns of the environment. Some hat styles allow you to add small tree branches or other vegetation to further camouflage yourself.
- Move quietly – Taking silent steps when changing positions is crucial for camouflage. Be careful not to step on twigs and wood branches as they may snap or crack and the sound can scare animals away. Many hunters make the mistake of 'skylining,' which is moving their body or silhouette against a light background (e.g.

the sky), thus risking to be seen by the animal.

- Use resources from your surroundings – If possible, you should also camouflage your surroundings. Use branches, leaves, twigs, grass and basically anything that may help you hide better.
- Check your camouflage occasionally – Always make sure that your camouflage is well set. Pay special attention to exposed skin areas and make corrections as needed.
- Use a mix of colors depending on the season – The usual colors for camouflage outfits are earth tones such as brown, dark green, khaki, light gray, tan etc., depending on the surroundings. There are also different camo patterns. Hunting in the fall may require your outfit to have orange or dark red to mimic the colors of the fallen leaves, while spring hunting means more vivid colors. Different animals have different vision, so not all camouflage colors work the same with all animals.



What is Controlled Hunting?

Recreational hunting licenses are sold in large numbers every season in the United States. Prior to getting a hunting license, applicants must meet certain eligibility requirements. However, under certain circumstances—such as controlled hunting—the rules for getting a license are slightly different.

Controlled hunting licenses are issued in limited numbers and give selected hunters the opportunity to ease overpopulation in a restricted manner. Controlled hunts—also known as quota hunts—are typically held on specific restricted land areas. Additionally, depending on the state, controlled hunts are performed in different ways. Controlled hunting is very popular among hunters, with most controlled hunts booked years in advance. The high demand for this type of hunting is due to the fact that controlled hunting seasons last longer than regular hunting seasons, leading to higher success rates. The number of hunters issued controlled hunting permits depends on several factors such as the wildlife population statistics, the land acreage, the game species, game sex and age and more. On the other hand, the hunter's age and gender is also taken into consideration, as are the

types of weapons being used and the conditions of the habitat.

While standard hunting licenses are purchased freely, hunters must apply to obtain a license for controlled hunts. States select the hunters through a lottery system and any leftover licenses are available for purchase. To better understand the basics of controlled hunting, read the sections listed below:

- How to obtain a hunting license for controlled hunting
 - Controlled hunting tips and tricks





How to Obtain a Hunting License for Controlled Hunting

Licenses for controlled hunting are not readily available. Hunters must first apply for the chance to get a permit by submitting an application to enter the state's lottery system. One example of this is in Oregon, where controlled hunts for antelopes, elks, black bears, mountain goats, bighorn sheep, buck deer and antlerless deer are held each year. To apply for a controlled hunting permit in Oregon, hunters must purchase a regular annual hunting license and then apply for a controlled hunting permit. Applications can be submitted online or in person at either a license agent or an ODFW license offices. Hunters must be at least 12 years of age to apply.

Similarly, in Idaho hunters must hold a valid hunting license before applying for a controlled hunt permit. Applications can be submitted by phone, in person or online, and are intended for controlled hunting of moose, mountain goats, spring and fall turkey, spring and fall bear, elk, deer, pronghorn and bighorn sheep. Every permit is drawn in different periods, depending on the animal.

Controlled Hunting Tips and Tricks

In order to make the best of your controlled hunting experience, here are some useful tips and tricks:

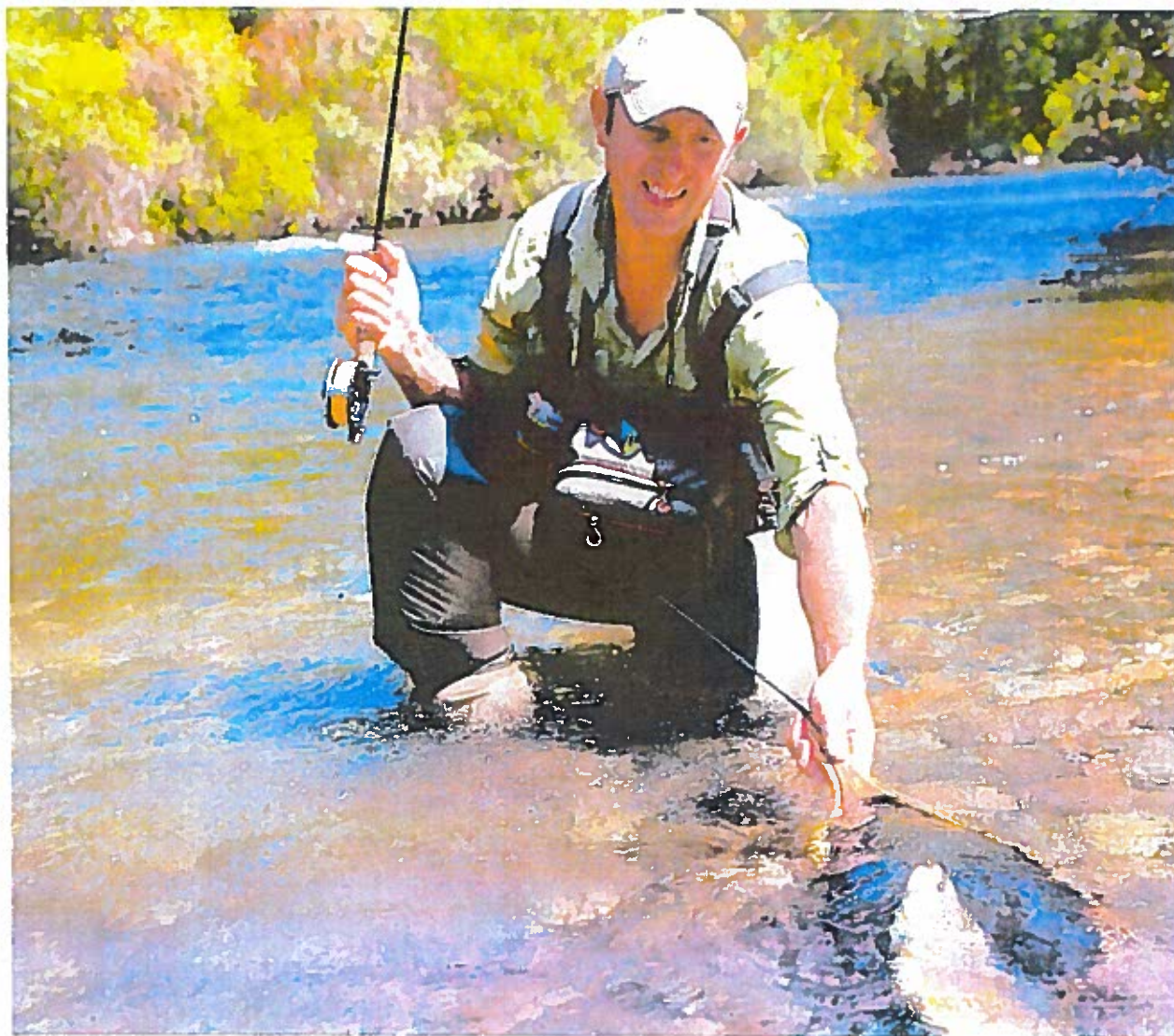
- Be aware of your points early on. If you are not able to hunt this year, apply for a point saver for next year, which will gain you preference points and thus increase your chances for the next draw. Your preference points remain in the system until you decide to use them.
- If you decide to apply for a party permit, you must be aware that the total points are calculated as the average of all members' points.
- Submit your application early to avoid delays. Many hunters submit their applications in the last week or even on the day of the application deadline, thus decreasing their chances to be drawn. Applying early means less waiting time, especially because some offices can decide to stop accepting applications on deadline day.
- Be persistent and apply every year, even for point-saving purposes. After a few years of staying in line, you may get the opportunity to go on a high quality controlled hunt.



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Different Types of Fishing



Fishing is one of the most popular hobbies in the U.S. and this is mainly due to the fact that it offers certain freedom and creativity in terms of using different techniques and equipment. There are as many different fishing techniques as there are anglers in the world, but for each fishing method, there are different rules to follow and different equipment to use. Regardless of the fishing technique, you must obtain a standard fishing license and the necessary tags. Oftentimes, recreational and commercial fishermen can use the same tactics to take fish and the success of any fishing technique depends on the individual's knowledge, experience and skills. Listed below are some of the many

different types of fishing for anglers and fishermen and their main features.

Main Features of the Different Types of Fishing

All types of fishing have their own features to differentiate from each other, such as the equipment used, the fish species for which they are intended, baits, the fish habitats and more. Some of the most popular types of fishing include the following:

- **Spearfishing** - One of the oldest fishing techniques in the world is spearfishing that uses a spear as a fishing tool. Modern spearfishing uses pneumatic or elastic powered slings and spearguns and is most usually done by snorkeling, free diving or scuba diving. Spearfishing is highly focused on specific fish and it does not use bait.
- **Pole fishing** - This fishing method is another popular type of fishing characterized by high precision and special bait presentation. The angler has constant control over the rig because the distance between the float and the tip of the pole is short and the angler can move it right and left or up and down, manipulating it to make it appealing to the fish. Additionally, pole fishing is known for its accuracy, due to the position of the bait and as a result, the hook moves around a small feed area, which is usually the fish's mouth. Finally, pole fishing allows anglers light tackling, leading to greater success because the bait is less visible to the fish. Pole fishing is

best practiced in lakes, fast rivers or small ponds.

- **Jigging** - This fishing method is becoming increasingly popular because it gives anglers the opportunity to attract the fish they are trying to catch. This is done by creating specific actions and letting the jig sink to the waterbed. Then, by using the tip of the rod, the jig is lifted slightly and then dropped back into the bottom again. Jigging can be done sideways or up and down and can be done with or without live bait.
- **Netting** - Netting is a very popular and ancient fishing method, still actively used today. Fish are caught by using a fish net or mesh and is the main method of fishing used by commercial fishermen.
- **Electrofishing** - This modern fishing method uses electricity as the most important tool, with which it stuns the fish before catching them. Electrofishing is actually a sampling method, used to determine the density, species and abundance of fish in a certain habitat. It does not do any long-term harm to the fish. It functions by using two electrodes that deliver current into the water.



Kayak Fishing Vs. Boat Fishing



Fishing in the United States typically requires anglers to find some mode of transportation that will allow them to set up in the middle of their preferred body of water. Although there are a couple of ways that anglers can do this, the most popular methods are kayaking and boating. Choosing between the two is a matter of personal preference. For anglers who are undecided

though, here are a few points of comparison between these coveted fishing transportation methods.

Stealth

Much of what goes into catching a fish is making sure the water that the fish populate is as close to its natural conditions as possible, so the fishes are not scared away. In this regard, kayaks have a bit of an

advantage, as their design allows them to glide through the water more quietly than boats. However, the small size of the kayak makes any movement within it more pronounced on the water, whereas boats are larger and not as affected by your movement.

Casting

Depending on the area you are fishing from, either a boat or kayak can give you an advantage when casting your line. Motor boats function better out on the open water, where the larger size and wider center of gravity give you a more stable spot to cast from. However, in marshy areas where grass tends to extend above the water's surface, a boat may get stuck and keep you from getting to the best casting position.

Comfort

Comfort levels between kayaks and boats depend on what your idea of comfort is. Anglers planning to carry many items and switch positions frequently during their fishing expedition are better served using a boat, as it allows more room to move around. On the other hand, if you plan to set your line and lying back for some quiet time or a nap, not many vessels are as comfortable to do so.

Sights

Most anglers enjoy fishing not just for the sport, but also because it gives them a reason to get close to nature. The difference in sightseeing between a boat and kayak is a matter of perspective. In boats, anglers have a chance to go deep into open water, stand and observe the surrounding area as a whole. Conversely, kayaks allow anglers to get closer to the water itself, to look at what is going on beneath the surface in their direct vicinity.

Accessibility

One of the most important differences between a kayak and a boat are the levels of accessibility that each affords. As mentioned above, kayaks



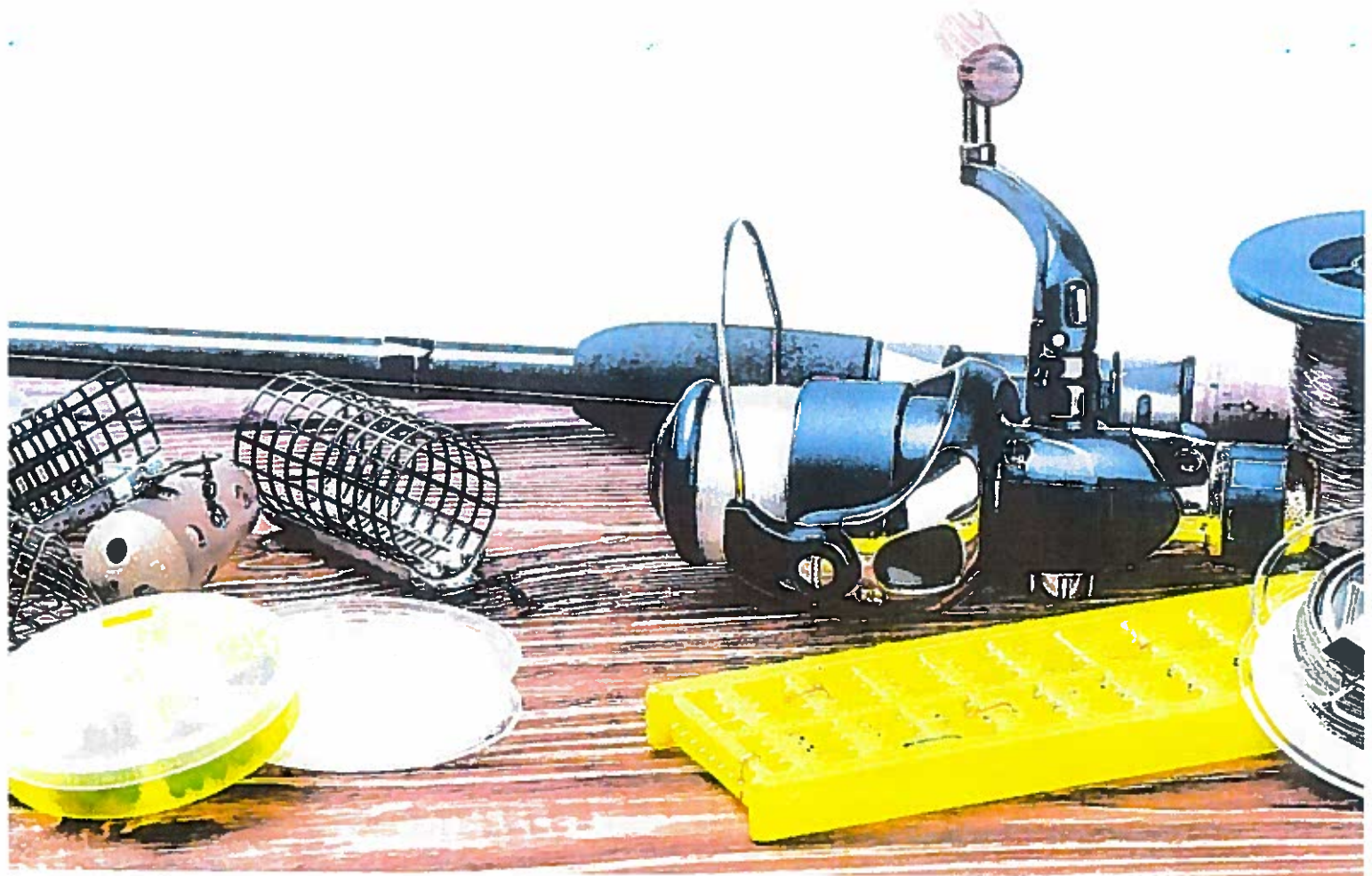
allow anglers to settle into areas where motor boats cannot, such as marshlands where plants beneath the water's surface restrict motor use. However, in larger and deeper bodies of water, boats not only allow anglers to go further into open water but also allow them to get there and return to shore quicker due to the motor.

Cost

Finally, a significant difference between kayak fishing and boat fishing is the cost. A good kayak may run you a pretty penny, but once you have it in your possession, the remaining costs of owning one are limited to maintenance. Motor boats, on the other hand, require fuel every time you take them out. Likewise, storing and transporting a boat can be cumbersome, as you will need a spot to dock the boat as well as a vehicle that can move it from location to location. Kayaks are much more mobile, able to be strapped to the top of a car for a quick weekend getaway no matter where you live.

How to Balance Your Tackle

When it comes to deciding the best type of fishing tackle to use on a fishing expedition, the options are plentiful, so much so that the task can seem daunting. Choosing between one of the numerous types of reels, rods, lures, swivels and lines is a task that can leave beginning anglers frustrated without some guidance. Luckily, you do not have to empty your bank account or spend immense amounts of time pondering what fishing equipment to get. Sport fishing is meant to be fun, with minimal stress. Therefore, when picking your rod and reel, make sure to stay relaxed and keep the following factors in mind to ease the process.



Pick Your Rod

The right type of rod can go a long way towards improving your overall fishing skills. For beginners who are sport fishing in freshwater areas, the best type of rod to choose is a medium-light or medium. Medium-light and medium rods come in a length between five and a half and six feet long. Additionally, these rods can handle lures that weigh between one-twelfth and one-third of an ounce. Read the manufacturer's statement on the bottom of the rod to make sure it meets the specifications you need.



Pick Your Reel

The two most common reels are spin-cast and spinning reels. Most beginning anglers will purchase a rod and reel that come prepackaged together, as rods and reels are typically made to fit one another. Novice anglers typically work better with a spin cast reel, as they are easier to utilize than a spinning reel. However, spinning reels hold more line than spin-cast reels, which allows anglers to cast farther when they are out on the water. Depending on the type of fishing you plan to do and the location, which reel you choose can have a significant impact on your catch.

Set Your Drag

Setting your drag correctly and incorrectly can be all the difference between catching a fish and not catching a fish. Think of the drag on your reel as the reel's clutch, as in a manual transmission car. When setting the drag on your reel, test the line by letting it hang from the end of your rod and pulling on it lightly. The bend in your rod when you do so should be minimally stressed before the line starts to strip from the spool. Conversely, if the line strips from the spool without any stress on the rod at all, you should tighten your drag accordingly.

Pick Your Line

Once you have your rod and reel, turn your attention to the type of line you will use. Typically, anglers should consider the lightest and strongest line possible. In most freshwater areas, a six-pound test line can last you all day without snapping or being too heavy to cast. In areas with smaller fish, a four-pound test line is ideal as well. Most freshwater game fish cannot cut through a line with their teeth, so focus more on the ease of casting the line rather than the strength when making your choice.

Pick Your Lure

Lures come in all manner of sizes and weights. The best type of lure will match up well with the rod, reel and line you have chosen. Heavy lures on light lines may snap the line during casting, whereas light lures on heavy lines will get no distance during casting. Novice anglers should visit a local tackle shop and speak to a tackle expert about the various types of lures they can choose from and which one is best fitted for their particular rod and reel.



How to Choose a Lure

Matching a lure to the right type of fish is a challenging task, especially for novice anglers. With so many options on the market and so many fish species you might possibly encounter, fishermen must learn which lures work best for different fish. Additionally, there are other factors that play an important role in fishing success, such as your techniques, the weather and the water conditions. Read below to find out how to pick the right lure for your preferred fish species:

Color

The color of the lure should generally be chosen in accordance with the weather. On brighter days, use bright-colored lures and vice-versa. This is crucial because the lures must be able to mimic the patterns and conditions of

the surroundings. Combined with vibrations or noises, lures with the right coloring can be even more efficient. However, there are some exceptions to this lure color rule. For instance, two-toned plastic worms with lighter or fluorescent tails and darker heads are regularly and effectively used by many anglers, even on less sunny days.

Size

Lure size is very closely related to the fish species and the tackle you use. For instance, small grubs and jigs can be used for species such as crappie, bluegill, perch and sunfish, as the size matches the type of food these fish eat. Larger lures are used for walleye, pike and bass. Additionally, smaller lures work excellent with lighter tackles or fly rods and larger lures are designed for medium or heavy rods. Very

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large lures can be used for larger fish such as muskellunge. Choosing the right lure size also depends on the weather patterns of that particular time of year. In the spring, when the water is cold, fish are not very active. In this case, larger lures are more likely to attract them.

Features

Lures with noises or vibrations may be a good choice if you fish in muddy or discolored waters. The vibrations will help attract the fish even before they spot the lure. Lures with willow blades or rattles are also effective in waters with very low visibility.

Temperature

Larger lures typically work better in colder water. Cold water causes fish to preserve most of their energy to find food. As a result, most fish will not waste energy on small lures that may not be worth the effort.

Weight

Proper lure weight is effective during casting. The right size lure will help you keep the perfect amount of tension on the line. Consequently, you will be able to react more swiftly once you have a bite.

Experience

Usually when novice anglers are in doubt as to which lures to choose, the best alternative is to either consult an experienced angler, or to go with lures that have been on the market for a while. Of course this does not guarantee success. However, if a certain lure company or a specific type of lure has been around for a long time, it usually means that it has provided great results.



How to Fish at Night



Fishing under any circumstances requires a certain level of skill on the part of the angler, as well as the right conditions in the water to create the optimal scenario for catching fish. However, it takes a little extra effort and even more precise conditions to catch fish at night. Despite the level of difficulty though, fishing at night is possible if you exercise patience and learn a few additional angling skills. Read the sections below for tips on how to fish at night.



Fish Behavior

At night, fish habits differ greatly from their daytime mannerisms. During the day, light seeps into the water, allowing fish to see what occurs around them. The absence of light forces fish to use sonar to get around. Utilizing the nerves running along their face and body, fish detect vibrations in the water and use it to maneuver and—most importantly to anglers—eat. As a result, when fishing at night, make sure your bait is continuously moving, to give the fish a point of reference which they can bite into.

Lighting

A little bit of light during night fishing can go a long way towards giving you something to catch. Using a lantern and shining it at the surface of the water brings small photosensitive animals to the surface, which in turn draws fish that feed on these animals. Remember that light also attracts bugs like mosquitoes, so make sure to bring insect repellent.

Trial and Error

Since it is difficult to see at night, you might need to take a few moments just to find out where the fish are. After baiting your hook, cast your line into various portions of the water. Some parts

will be more populated than others. Wherever you get your first bite, there are bound to be more fish biting as fish tend to congregate in the same areas. Weeds, lily pads and brushes are typically great for night fishing.

Practice

Many anglers underestimate how much visuals impact their casting decisions out on the water. Prior to night fishing, practice casting a line in your backyard using a cork to give the line weight. With repetition, you can start to gauge just how far you are casting without having to actually see the line.

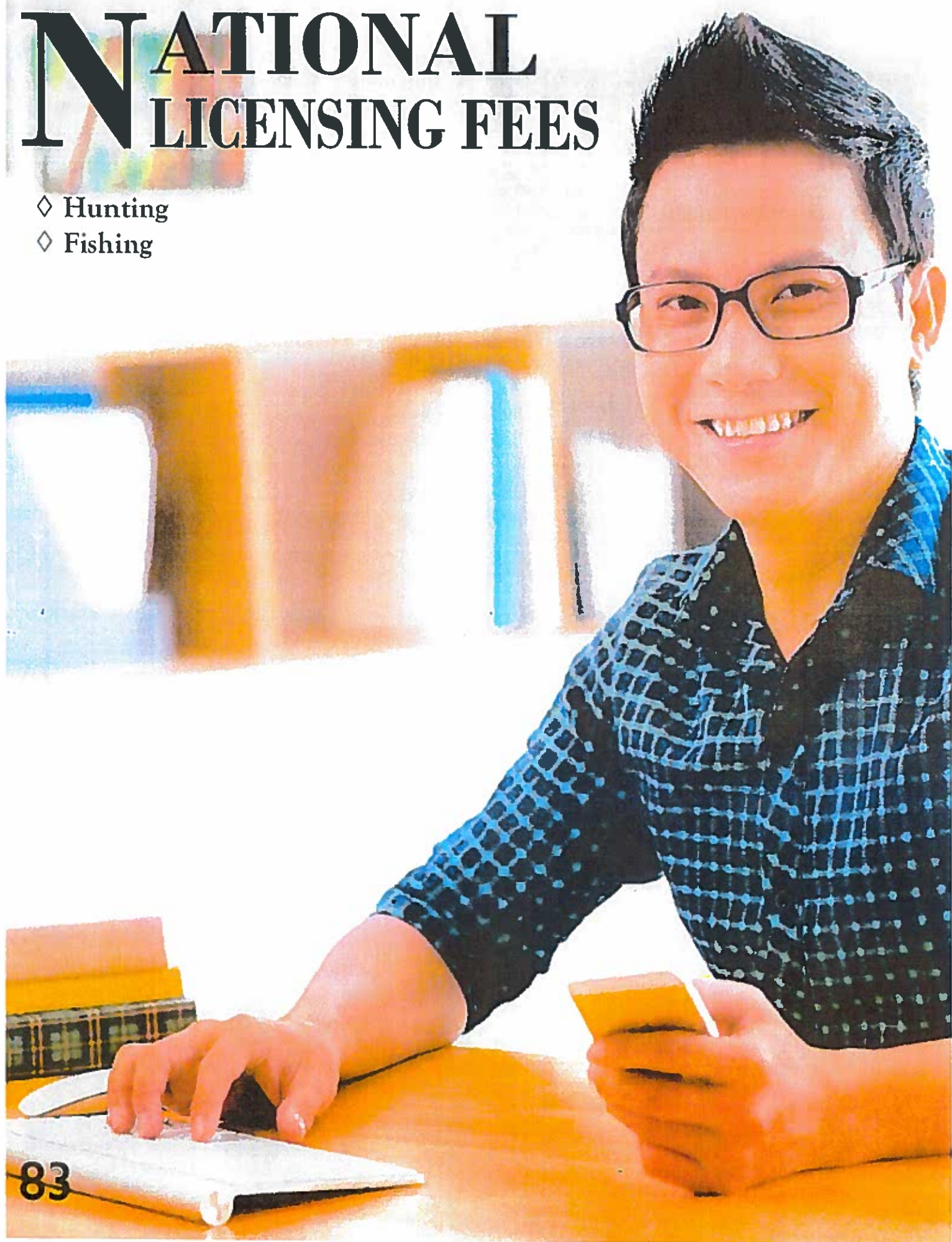
Be Safe

Children should always ask their parent or guardian for permission before a night fishing trip. Additionally, it is not recommended that anglers fish at night alone. Let somebody know exactly where you are while out on the water, and what time you plan to return. Anglers who own a cell phone should bring it with them, though you might want to turn on the vibration option and turn off the sound to avoid any unnecessary interruptions. Lastly, bring a flashlight with you on night fishing trips, along with an extra set of batteries in case the flashlight dies.



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National Hunting Fees

State	Residential Hunting License	Non-Resident Hunting License	Disabled Hunting License
Alabama	All game residential hunting license \$26.20; Residential small game hunting license \$17.45	All game non-resident hunting license \$301.35 for an annual license; \$186.20 for a 10-day license; \$131.45 for a three-day license; Nonresidential small game hunting license \$98.50 for an annual license; \$60.15 for a 10-day license; \$43.70 for a three-day license	Physically disabled residential hunting license \$6
Alaska	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident annual hunting license \$25 • Resident annual sport fishing and hunting license \$48 • Resident annual trapping license \$15 • Resident hunting license for the blind \$25 • Resident low-income sport fishing, hunting and trapping license \$5 • Resident annual state waterfowl stamp \$5 • Resident annual king salmon stamp \$10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonresident annual hunting license \$85 • Nonresident annual trapping and hunting license \$250 • Nonresident annual sport fishing and hunting license \$230 • Nonresident one-day sport fishing and hunting license \$105 • Nonresident three-day sport fishing and hunting license \$120 • Nonresident seven-day sport fishing and hunting license \$140 • Nonresident 14-day sport fishing and hunting license \$165 • Nonresident annual small game hunting license \$20 • Nonresident annual king salmon stamp \$100 • Nonresident one-day king salmon stamp \$10 • Nonresident three-day king salmon stamp \$20 • Nonresident seven-day king salmon stamp \$30 • Nonresident 14-day king salmon stamp \$50 • Nonresident annual state waterfowl stamp \$5 	
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State	Residential Hunting License	Non-Resident Hunting License	Disabled Hunting License
Arkansas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident Sportsman's license \$25 • Waterfowl hunting Stamps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Resident \$7 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-resident Annual All Game Hunting Licenses \$350 • Non-resident Five-day All Game Hunting Licenses \$180 • Non-resident Three-day All Game Hunting Licenses \$125 • Non-resident One-day All Game Hunting Licenses \$55 • Non-resident Annual Small Game Hunting Licenses \$110 • Non-resident Five-day Small Game Hunting Licenses \$70 • Waterfowl hunting Stamps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Non-resident \$35 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident Three-Year Disability Hunting License \$25 • Resident Three-Year Disability Fishing and Hunting License \$35.50
California	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential hunting license \$47.01 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-resident hunting license \$163.65 • One-day non-resident hunting license \$22.42 • Two-day non-resident hunting license \$47.01 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disables veteran hunting license <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o At CDFW branches \$6.95 o At authorized licensing agent \$7.30
Colorado	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elk/Cow: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$49 for residents • Elk/Bull/Either sex: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$49 for residents • Deer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$34 for residents • Moose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$254 for residents • Pronghorn/Buck/Doe: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$34 for residents • Bear: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$44 for residents • Small game license: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$21 for residents • One-day small game license \$11 • Additional days on small game licenses \$5 per day • Small game/fishing combo license \$41 (residents only) • Spring season residential hunting license \$24 (\$21 over the counter) • Fall season residential hunting license \$19 (\$16 over the counter) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elk/Cow: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$469 for nonresidents • Elk/Bull/Either sex: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$629 for nonresidents • Deer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$379 for nonresidents • Moose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$2,084 for nonresidents • Pronghorn/Buck/Doe: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$379 for nonresidents • Bear: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$354 for nonresidents • Small game license: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$56 for nonresidents • One-day small game license \$11 • Spring or fall non-resident hunting license \$104 (\$101 over the counter) 	

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State	Residential Hunting License	Non-Resident Hunting License	Disabled Hunting License
Connecticut	<p>Resident Inland Waters Sport Fishing License \$28.00</p> <p>One Day Resident Marine Waters Sport Fishing License \$5.00</p> <p>Resident All Waters Sport Fishing License \$32.00</p> <p>Resident Combination Inland Waters Fishing and Firearms Hunting License \$38.00</p> <p>Resident Combination Marine Waters Sport Fishing and Firearms Hunting License \$25.00</p> <p>Resident Combination All Waters Sport Fishing and Firearms Hunting License \$38.00</p> <p>Resident Combination All Waters Sport Fishing License and Bow and Arrow Permit to Hunt Deer and Small Game \$65.00</p> <p>Resident Firearms Hunting License \$19.00</p> <p>Resident Archery Super Sport License to Fish in All Waters, Bow and Arrow Permit to Hunt Deer and Small Game, Permit to Hunt Wild Turkey During Spring Season on Private Land \$82.00</p> <p>Resident Firearms Super Sport License to Fish in All Waters and Firearms Hunt, Firearms Private Land Shotgun or Rifle Deer Permit, muzzleloader private land deer permit, and Permit to Hunt Wild Turkey During Spring Season on Private Land \$84.00</p> <p>Fall Turkey Permits (Firearms Private Land/ State Land, Fall Archery) \$19.00</p> <p>Spring Turkey Permits (Private Land, State Land) \$19.00</p> <p>Migratory Bird Conservation Stamp (Duck Stamp) \$13.00</p> <p>Deer Hunting Firearms Permits (State Land Lottery/No-Lottery, Private Land Shotgun/Rifle, State Land Muzzleloader) \$19.00</p> <p>Archery Permit to Hunt Deer and Small Game \$41.00</p> <p>Resident Trapping License \$34.00</p>	<p>Nonresident Inland Waters Fishing License \$55.00</p> <p>Nonresident Inland Waters Fishing License For 3 Consecutive Days \$22.00</p> <p>Nonresident Marine Waters Fishing License \$15.00</p> <p>Nonresident Marine Waters Fishing License for 3 Consecutive Days \$8.00</p> <p>Nonresident All Waters Fishing License \$63.00</p> <p>Nonresident Combination License to Fish in Inland Waters and Firearms Hunt \$110.00</p> <p>Nonresident Combination License to Fish in Marine Waters and Firearms Hunt \$94.00</p> <p>Nonresident Combination License to Fish in All Waters and Firearms Hunt \$120.00</p> <p>Nonresident Firearms Hunting License \$91.00</p> <p>Nonresident Deer Hunting Firearms Permit \$68.00</p> <p>Nonresident Archery Permit to Hunt Deer and Small Game \$135.00</p>	
Delaware	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential hunting licenses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Annual residential hunting license for ages 16 through 64 \$25 o Resident trapping license \$3.50 o Residential hunters choice/quality buck tag combo \$10 o Additional antlerless deer tag \$10 o Waterfowl blind/deer stand day permit \$20 o Resident migratory waterfowl stamp \$9 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-resident hunting licenses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Annual non-resident hunting license for ages 16 through 64 varies based on your state of origin o Non-resident three-day hunting license for small game \$50 o Non-resident buck tag \$25 o Non-resident antlered deer tag \$25 o Non-resident migratory waterfowl stamp \$9 	

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State	Residential Hunting License	Non-Resident Hunting License	Disabled Hunting License
District of Columbia	N/A	N/A	
California	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential hunting license \$47.01 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-resident hunting license \$163.65 • One-day non-resident hunting license \$22.42 • Two-day non-resident hunting license \$47.01 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disables veteran hunting license <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o At CDFW branches \$6.95 o At authorized licensing agent \$7.30
Florida	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Annual hunting license \$17 o Five-year hunting license \$79 o Hunting/freshwater fishing combo \$32.50 o Hunting/all fishing combo \$48 o Resident's 64 and older sportsman's license \$13.50 o Sportsman's license \$80.50 o Gold sportsman's license \$100 o Five-year gold sportsman's license \$494 o Annual Wildlife Management Area (WMA) \$26.50 o Five-year WMA (residents only) \$126.50 o Annual deer permit \$5 o Five-year deer permit (residents only) \$25 o Annual special bear permit \$100 o Archery permit \$5 o Five-year archery permit (residents only) \$25 o Muzzleloading gun permit \$5 o Five-year muzzleloading gun permit (residents only) \$25 o Turkey permit \$10 o Five-year turkey permit (residents only) \$50 o Florida waterfowl permit \$5 o Five-year Florida waterfowl permit (residents only) \$25 o Migratory bird permit free 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Annual hunting license \$151.50 o 10-day hunting license \$46.50 	
Georgia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual residential hunting license \$10 • Two-year residential hunting license \$18 • Annual hunting and fishing license: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Resident \$17 • Two-year resident hunting and fishing license \$31 • Three-day hunting and fishing license <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Resident \$3.50 • Sportsman's residential license: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Annual \$55 o Two-year \$105 • Apprentice hunting license (three-day) \$3.50 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big game hunting license: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Resident annual \$9 o Resident two-year \$16 • Wildlife management area license: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Resident annual \$19 o Resident two-year \$38 • Migratory bird hunting license Free • Deer hunting license (with dog) \$5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alligator hunting license: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Resident \$50 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual hunting and fishing license: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Nonresident \$100 • Three-day hunting and fishing license <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Nonresident \$20 • Big game hunting license: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Nonresident annual \$195 o Nonresident three-day \$90 • Wildlife management area license: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Nonresident annual \$73 • Alligator hunting license: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Nonresident \$200 	

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State	Residential Hunting License	Non-Resident Hunting License	Disabled Hunting License
Hawaii	Hunting license \$20 (free for seniors); Game bird stamp \$10	Hunting license \$105 (free for seniors); Game bird stamp \$10	
Idaho	Residential hunting licenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult (\$12.75) • Adult three-year (\$34.75) • Combination adult hunting and fishing (\$33.50) • Combination adult hunting and fishing three-year (\$97) • Trapping adult (\$26.75) 	Non-resident hunting licenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult (\$154.75) • Adult three-year (\$460.75) • Non-game (\$35.50) • Trapping (\$301.75) • Small game (\$97.75) • Small game three-day (\$35.50) • Disabled American veteran (\$31.75) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disabled American veterans combination hunting and fishing (\$5) • Disabled individuals combination hunting and fishing (\$5)
Illinois	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident hunting (\$12.50) • Resident senior hunting (\$6.50) • Resident sportsmen's combination fishing and hunting (\$13.50) • Resident senior sportsmen's combination fishing and hunting license (\$13.50) • Resident super senior hunting (\$1.50) • Resident super senior hunting sportsman combo fishing and hunting (\$2.50) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunting apprentice (\$7.50) • Non-resident hunting (\$57.75) • Non-resident five-day hunting (\$35.75) • Non-resident hunting preserve (\$12.50) 	
Indiana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual hunting license: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$17 for residents • Deer hunting license: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$24 for residents • Deer license bundle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$65 for residents • Spring turkey license: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$25 for residents • Fall turkey license: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$25 for residents • Waterfowl stamp \$6.75 • Game bird habitat stamp \$6.75 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual hunting license: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$80 for nonresidents • Nonresidential youth annual license \$17 • Nonresidential five-day hunting license \$31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deer hunting license: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$150 for nonresidents • Deer license bundle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$295 for nonresidents • Spring turkey license: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$120 for nonresidents • Fall turkey license: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$120 for nonresidents • Waterfowl stamp \$6.75 • Game bird habitat stamp \$6.75 	
Iowa	Resident Hunting \$19.00 Resident Hunting / Habitat \$30.00 Hunter's Special - 3 Year Hunting / Habitat \$86.00 Outdoor Combo - Hunting / Fishing / Habitat \$47.00 Resident Migratory Bird Fee \$10.00 Resident Habitat \$13.00	Non-Resident Hunting 18+ \$112.00 Non-Resident Fur Harvest \$202.00 Non-Resident Hunting <18 \$32.00 NR Hunting / Habitat 18+ \$123.00 Non-Resident Hunting / Habitat <18 \$43.00 Non-Resident Habitat \$13.00 Non-Resident Migratory Bird Fee \$10.00	
Kansas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident hunt (\$27.50) • Resident combination fish and hunt (\$47.50) • Resident combination fish and hunt - early purchase (\$42.50) • Senior resident fish and hunt combination (\$25) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior resident hunt (\$15) • Resident apprentice (\$27.50) • Five-year resident hunt (\$102.50) • Five-year resident fish and hunt combination (\$182.50) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonresident Apprentice (\$97.50) • Nonresident (\$97.50) • Nonresident combination fish and hunt (\$137.50) 	

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State	Residential Hunting License	Non-Resident Hunting License	Disabled Hunting License
Kentucky	Annual Hunting \$20.00 1-Day Hunting (not valid for deer, elk, turkey or bear) \$7.00 Shooting Area License (available online only) \$5.00 Annual Combination Hunting/Fishing \$30.00 Sportsman's License* (Includes combination hunting/fishing, statewide deer permit, spring and fall turkey permits, state waterfowl permit and trout permit.) \$95.00	Annual Hunting \$140.00 1-Day Hunting (not valid for deer, elk, turkey or bear) \$15.00 7-Day Hunting (not valid for deer, elk, turkey or bear) \$55.00 Shooting Area License (available online only) \$5.00	Senior/Disabled Combination Hunting/Fishing* (Includes same license and permits as Resident Sportsman's License, plus additional deer permits.) \$5.00
Louisiana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential hunting license fees o Basic hunting seasonal license \$15 o Big game hunting license \$14 o Bow hunting license \$10.50 o Primitive firearm hunting license \$10.50 o Duck hunting license \$5.50 o Sportsman's paradise license \$100 o Wild Louisiana hunting stamp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seasonal \$9.50 • One-day \$2 o Wild turkey hunting license \$5.50 o Senior hunting and fishing License \$5 o WMA hunting permit (ages 18-59) \$15 o Duck hunting stamp \$27.22" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-resident hunting license fees o Basic hunting seasonal license \$150 o Big game hunting license \$150 o One-day small game/migratory bird \$29 o Bow hunting license \$26 o Primitive firearm hunting license \$26 o Duck hunting license \$25 o One-day deer hunting license \$36 o Sportsman's paradise license \$100 o Turkey hunting license (one-day) \$36 o Senior hunting and fishing License \$5 o WMA hunting permit (ages 18-59) \$15 o Duck hunting stamp \$27.22 o Native basic five-day hunting trip (excludes big game) \$15 o Native five-day big game hunting trip \$14 o Native five-day bow Trip \$10.50 o Native five-day primitive firearm hunting trip \$10.50 o Native five-day turkey hunting trip \$5.50 o Native five-day duck hunting trip \$5.50 o Non-resident duck hunting stamp \$27.22 	
Maine	Superpack License (16 years and older) \$201 Combination Fishing and Archery (16 years and older) \$43 Combination Hunting and Fishing (16 years and older) \$43 Hunting (16 years and older) \$26 Apprenticeship Hunter (16 years and older) \$26 Small Game Hunting (16 years and older) \$15 Archery Hunting (16 years and older) \$26 Apprenticeship Archery Hunter (16 years and older) \$26 Over 70 \$8.00 Crossbow Hunting (16 years and older) \$26 Apprenticeship Crossbow Hunter (16 years and older) \$26 Expanded Archery (16 years and older) Duplicate \$2.00	Combination Hunting & Fishing (16 years and older) \$150 Hunting (16 years and older) \$115 Apprenticeship Big Game Hunter (16 years and older) \$115 Small Game Hunting (16 years and older) \$75 Apprenticeship Small Game Hunter (16 years and older) \$75 3-day Small Game hunting (valid for 3 consecutive days) \$50 Archery Hunting (16 years and older) \$75 Apprenticeship Archery Hunter (16 years and older) \$75 Crossbow Hunting (16 years and older) \$56 Apprenticeship Crossbow Hunter (16 years and older) \$55.00 Expanded Archery Duplicate \$2.00	

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State	Residential Hunting License	Non-Resident Hunting License	Disabled Hunting License
Maryland	Resident Regular Hunting License (Age 16 to 64) \$24.50 Resident Senior Hunting License (Age 65 and above, may be purchased in the calendar year in which a resident attains the age of 65) \$5.00 Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp \$9.00 Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp \$25.00- \$27.00 Resident Archery Stamp \$6.00 Resident Muzzleloader Stamp \$6.00 Resident Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp \$10.00	Nonresident Hunting License \$130.00 Nonresident Senior Hunting License \$65.00 Nonresident 3-Day Waterfowl and Small Game License \$45.00 Nonresident Archery Stamp \$25.00 Nonresident Muzzleloader Stamp \$25.00 Nonresident Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp \$25.00	
Massachusetts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential hunting license <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Standard \$27.50 o Ages 65 through 69 \$16.25 o Aged 70 and older free 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-resident hunting license <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Big game \$99.50 o Small game \$65.50 	
Michigan	Resident \$11.00 Senior (65+, Michigan residents only) \$5.00 Antlerless Deer/Junior Antlerless Deer License \$20.00 Antlerless Deer Managed Area Hunts \$20.00 Antlerless Deer Managed Area Hunts Applications \$5.00 Bear License \$25.00 Bear Participation (No-Kill-Tag Bear License) \$15.00 Resident Hunt/Fish Combo License (includes base, deer combo and annual all-species fishing) \$76.00 Senior (65+, Michigan residents only) Hunt/Fish Combo License (includes base, deer combo and annual all-species fishing) \$43.00 Resident Deer License \$20 Senior (65+, Michigan residents only) Deer License \$8 Resident Deer Combo License \$40 (two deer licenses \$20 regular, \$20 restricted) Senior (65+, Michigan residents only) Deer Combo License \$28 (two deer licenses \$8 regular, \$20 restricted) Deer Management Assistance Permits \$10.00 Elk License (Michigan residents only) \$100.00 Fur Harvester License \$15.00 Senior (65+, Michigan residents only) Fur Harvester License \$6.00 Mentored Youth Hunting License \$7.50 Fall Turkey License \$15.00 Senior (65+, Michigan residents only) Fall Turkey License \$6.00 Spring Turkey License \$15.00 Senior (65+, Michigan residents only) Spring Turkey License \$6.00 Waterfowl License \$12.00	Nonresident \$151.00 Nonresident, second license or more \$170 each Nonresident Hunt/Fish Combo License (includes base, deer combo and annual all-species fishing) \$266.00 Nonresident Deer License \$20 Nonresident Deer Combo License \$190 (two deer licenses \$20 regular, \$170 restricted) Small Game 7-Day Nonresident License \$80.00	
Minnesota	Prices vary by animal, contact the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	Prices vary by animal, contact the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	Prices vary by animal, contact the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

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State	Residential Hunting License	Non-Resident Hunting License	Disabled Hunting License
Mississippi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident sportsman's license \$32 • Resident all game hunting and fishing license \$17 • Archery/crossbow/primitive weapon residential hunting license \$14 • Resident small game hunting and fishing license \$8 • Resident fall turkey hunting permit \$5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring turkey permit \$20 • Fall turkey permit \$20 • Apprentice sportsman's license \$32 • Apprentice all game hunting and fishing license \$17 • Apprentice small game hunting and fishing license \$13 • Three-day sportsman's apprentice license \$7 • Waterfowl residential hunting stamp \$10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All game non-resident hunting license (annual) \$300 • All game non-resident hunting license (seven-day) \$125 • All game archery non-resident hunting license (three-day) \$125 • Archery/crossbow/primitive weapon non-resident hunting license \$75 • Non-resident small game hunting license \$75 • Non-resident small game hunting license (seven-day) \$30 • Non-resident Deer hunting permits \$5 	
Missouri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elk/Cow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$49 for residents • Elk/Bull/Either sex <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$49 for residents • Deer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$34 for residents • Moose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$254 for residents • Pronghorn/Buck/Doe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$34 for residents • Bear <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$44 for residents • Small game license <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$21 for residents • One-day small game license \$11 • Additional days on small game licenses \$5 per day • Small game/fishing combo \$41 (residents only) • Resident spring turkey season license \$24 (\$21 over-the-counter) • Resident fall turkey season license \$19 (\$16 over-the-counter) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elk/Cow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$469 for nonresidents • Elk/Bull/Either sex <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$629 for nonresidents • Deer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$379 for nonresidents • Moose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$2,084 for nonresidents • Pronghorn/Buck/Doe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$379 for nonresidents • Bear <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$354 for nonresidents • Small game license <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$56 for nonresidents • Nonresident spring or fall turkey license \$104 (\$101 over-the-counter) • Nonresident youth turkey license \$79 (\$76 over-the-counter) 	
Montana	<p>Base Hunting License Fee \$10 Bow and Arrow (Archery) \$10 Conservation License \$8</p> <p>Landowner Sponsored Deer Combination \$597 General Elk Combination \$851 Sportsman's (Including Bear) \$85 Sportsman's (Without Bear) \$70</p>	<p>Base Hunting License Fee \$15 Bow and Arrow (Archery) \$10 Conservation License \$10</p> <p>General Non-Resident Big Game Elk/Deer Combination \$1001 General Non-Resident Deer Combination \$597</p> <p>Landowner Sponsored Deer Combination \$597 General Elk Combination \$851 Nonresident Montana Native Deer Combination License (for former resident with current resident relative) \$303.50 Nonresident Montana Native Big Game Combination License \$505.50</p>	<p>Resident with a Disability Conservation License \$8 Permit To Modify Archery Equipment \$0 Permit To Hunt From A Vehicle \$0</p>

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State	Residential Hunting License	Non-Resident Hunting License	Disabled Hunting License
Nebraska	<p>Small Game Permits: Resident Annual Hunt \$14.00 Resident Combination Hunt/Fish \$40.00</p> <p>Deer Permits: Resident Deer (Firearm, Archery, Muzzleloader, and Season Choice) \$30.00 Resident Landowner Deer \$15.50 Resident Limited Statewide Buck \$73.50</p> <p>Turkey Permits: Resident Turkey \$24.00 Resident Landowner Turkey \$12.50</p>	<p>Small Game Permits: Nonresident Annual Hunt \$81.00 Nonresident 2-day Hunt \$36.00</p> <p>Deer Permits: Nonresident Deer (Firearm, Archery and Muzzleloader) \$209.00 Nonresident Landowner Deer \$105.00 Nonresident Limited Statewide Buck \$521.00 Nonresident Season Choice Deer (antlerless only) \$55.00</p> <p>Turkey Permits: Nonresident Turkey \$91.00 Nonresident Landowner Turkey \$46.00</p>	
Nevada	<p>General Hunting License \$33.00 Senior Hunting License \$13.00 Native American Hunting & Fishing License Free Senior Combo Hunting & Fishing License \$21.00 Combo Hunting & Fishing License \$54.00</p>	<p>General Hunting License \$142.00 Pre-Adult Hunting License (ages 16 through 17) \$142.00 Combo Hunting & Fishing License \$199.00 Pre-Adult Combo Hunting & Fishing License (ages 16 through 17) \$199.00</p>	<p>Residential Severe Disability Hunting License \$13.00 Severe Disability Combo Hunting & Fishing License \$21.00</p>
New Hampshire	<p>Hunting/Freshwater Fishing Combination \$56.00 Senior Hunting/Freshwater Fishing Combination \$7.00 Hunting \$32.00 Archery \$32.00 Senior Archery \$3.00 Special Deer Archery \$26.00 Muzzleloader \$16.00 Senior Muzzleloader \$3.00 Pheasant \$31.00 Bear \$16.00 Wild Turkey Permit (includes spring and fall) \$16.00 Migratory Waterfowl \$11.00 Trapper, Resident Adult \$36.00 Wildlife Legacy Donation \$10.00 Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Donation \$5.00</p>	<p>Hunting/Freshwater Fishing Combination \$151.00 Hunting \$113.00 Archery \$83.00 Special Deer Archery \$26.00 Muzzleloader \$41.00 Pheasant \$31.00 Bear \$48.00 Wild Turkey Permit (includes spring and fall) \$31.00 Migratory Waterfowl \$11.00 Small-game Hunting \$53.00 Small-game 3-day \$25.00 Wildlife Legacy Donation \$10.00 Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Donation \$5.00</p>	
New Jersey	<p>Firearm Licenses: Resident Firearm Hunting \$27.50 Senior Resident Firearm (65 yrs & older) \$15.50 Special One-Day Hunting (On Commercial Preserves Only) \$12.50</p> <p>Bow and Arrow Licenses: Resident Bow & Arrow Hunting \$31.50 Senior Resident Bow & Arrow Hunting (65 yrs & older) \$16.50</p> <p>Permits: Deer Permits for Bow, Shotgun or Muzzleloader (antlerless only) \$28.00 Antlered Buck Permits (for Permit Bow, Shotgun and Muzzleloader seasons) \$28.00 Black Bear Permit \$2.00 Turkey Season Permit \$21.00 Rifle Permit (valid July 1 - June 30) \$10.50</p> <p>Stamps: Pheasant & Quail Stamp \$40.00 Resident Waterfowl Stamp (valid July 1 - June 30) \$5.00</p>	<p>Firearm Licenses: Non-Resident Firearm Hunting \$135.50 Non-Resident Two-Day Small Game Firearm Hunting (Consecutive Days Only) \$36.50 Special One-Day Hunting (On Commercial Preserves Only) \$12.50</p> <p>Bow and Arrow Licenses: Non-Resident Bow & Arrow Hunting \$135.50</p> <p>Permits: Deer Permits for Bow, Shotgun or Muzzleloader (antlerless only) \$28.00 Antlered Buck Permits (for Permit Bow, Shotgun and Muzzleloader seasons) \$28.00 Black Bear Permit \$2.00 Turkey Season Permit \$21.00 Rifle Permit (valid July 1 - June 30) \$10.50</p> <p>Stamps: Pheasant & Quail Stamp \$40.00 Non-Resident Waterfowl Stamp (valid July 1 - June 30) \$10.00</p>	

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State	Residential Hunting License	Non-Resident Hunting License	Disabled Hunting License
New Mexico	Game-hunting License \$15 Game-hunting & Fishing License \$30 Senior or Handicapped Game-hunting License \$15 Senior or Handicapped Game-hunting & Fishing License \$20 Disabled Veteran Game-hunting & Fishing License \$10 Standard Private-land Deer License \$34 Quality Private-land Deer License \$34 Turkey License (Spring or Fall Season) \$25 Bear License \$47 Cougar License \$43 Oryx License (Private-land only) \$153 Barbary Sheep License \$103 Ibex License \$103 Habitat Stamp (Mandatory for hunting, angling or trapping on all Forest Service and BLM properties) \$5	Game-hunting License \$65 Standard Private-land Deer License \$270 Quality Private-land Deer License \$355 Turkey License (Spring or Fall Season) \$100 Bear License \$260 Cougar License \$290 Oryx License (Private-land only) \$1,610 Barbary Sheep License \$360 Ibex License \$1,610 Temporary Game-hunting License (4 days) \$33 Nongame Hunting License \$65 Habitat Stamp (Mandatory for hunting, angling or trapping on all Forest Service and BLM properties) \$5	
New York	Annual Hunting License \$22 (ages 16-69); \$5 (ages 70+); \$5 (ages 12-15) Bowhunting Privilege \$15 (ages 16-69); No fee (ages 70+); \$4 (ages 12-15) Muzzleloading Privilege \$15 (ages 14-69); No fee (ages 70+) Turkey Permit \$10 (ages 12+) Federal Duck Stamp \$25 (ages 16+) Deer Management Permit \$10 (ages 16+); No fee (ages 12-15)	Annual Hunting License \$100 (ages 16+); \$5 (ages 12-15) Bowhunting Privilege \$30 (ages 16+); \$4 (ages 12-15) Muzzleloading Privilege \$30 (ages 14+) Turkey Permit \$20 (ages 12+) Federal Duck Stamp \$25 (ages 16+) Deer Management Permit \$10 (ages 16+); No fee (ages 12-15)	Permits for Hunter's with Disability No fee
North Carolina	Residential Hunting (basic) \$20 Comprehensive Hunting \$36 Combination Hunting and Inland Fishing (basic) \$25 Sportsman \$50 Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing \$65 Senior Sportsman \$15 Senior Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing \$30 Resident Big Game Hunting \$13 Resident Bear Management E-Stamp \$10 Federal Duck Stamp \$26.50 Bonus Antlerless Deer \$10 Game Lands \$15 Waterfowl Hunting \$13 HIP Certification (federal requirement to hunt migratory game birds) Free	Non-Resident: Hunting 10-Day (basic) \$60 (\$75 for South Carolinians, \$70 for Tennesseans, \$110 for Virginians) Hunting Annual (basic) \$80 (\$100 for Georgians, \$125 for South Carolinians, \$90 for Tennesseans, \$110 for Virginians) Big Game Hunting \$80 (\$195 for Georgians, \$100 for South Carolinians, \$160 for Tennesseans, \$85 for Virginians) Big Game Hunting (10-Day) \$60 (\$195 for Georgians, \$100 for South Carolinians, \$105 for Tennesseans, \$85 for Virginians) Bear Management E-Stamp \$10 Bear Hunting \$225 Federal Duck Stamp \$26.50 Bonus Antlerless Deer \$10 Game Lands \$15 Waterfowl Hunting \$13 HIP Certification (federal requirement to hunt migratory game birds) Free	Totally Disabled Hunting and Inland Fishing (basic) \$10 Totally Disabled Sportsman \$100 Unified Totally Disabled Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing \$110

National Hunting Licensing Fees

State	Residential Hunting License	Non-Resident Hunting License	Disabled Hunting License
North Dakota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big game hunting licenses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Deer gun/bow license \$30 o Pronghorn gun/bow license \$30 o Moose gun/bow license \$30 o Elk gun/bow license \$30 o Bighorn sheep gun/bow \$30 • Small game residential hunting licenses \$10 • Residential early Canada goose hunting license \$5 • Residential wild turkey hunting license \$15 • Sandhill crane residential hunting license \$10 • Waterfowl stamp \$25 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Nonresident big game hunting licenses \$277 (bow hunting license \$250) • Small game non-resident hunting license \$100 • Nonresidential early Canada goose hunting license \$50 • Nonresidential wild turkey hunting license \$80 • Sandhill crane non-resident hunting license \$30 	
Ohio	Resident Annual Hunting License \$19 Resident Reduced-Cost Senior Hunting License \$10 Resident Free Senior Hunting License (Ohio residents born on or before December 31, 1937) Free Apprentice Resident Annual Hunting License \$19 Waterfowl Resident Reduced-Cost Senior License (Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp) \$15 Waterfowl Resident Free Senior License (Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp) Free Waterfowl Resident and Nonresident License (Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp) \$15	Non-Resident Annual Hunting License \$125 Non-Resident (Tourist) 3-day Hunting License (Not valid for deer, turkey or furbearers) \$40 Apprentice Nonresident Annual Hunting License \$125 Waterfowl Resident and Nonresident License (Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp) \$15	
Oklahoma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Five-year hunting and fishing license combo \$148 o Annual fishing and hunting license combo \$42 o Five-year hunting license \$88 o Annual hunting license \$25 o Bear hunting license \$101 o Turkey hunting license \$10 o Deer hunting license (archery/primitive firearms/gun) \$20 o Antelope hunting license \$51 o Waterfowl hunting license \$10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Annual hunting license \$142 o Five-day hunting license (pheasant only) \$75 o Turkey hunting license \$10 o Antelope hunting license \$306 o Bear hunting license \$506 o Deer hunting license (archery/primitive firearms/gun) \$280 o Elk hunting license \$306 o Waterfowl hunting license \$10 	
Oregon	Big Game Licenses And Tags: Hunter \$32.00 Sports Pac \$180.00 Combination Angler and Hunter \$65.00 Tags: Black Bear \$15.50 Cougar \$15.50 Elk \$46.00 Buck Deer \$26.50 Antlerless Deer \$26.50 Bighorn Sheep \$132.50 Pronghorn Antelope \$48.00 Rocky Mountain Goat \$132.50 Daily / Multi-Day Licenses: Resident Senior And Pioneer Senior Hunting (70 Years Old and 5-Year Oregon Resident (Defined License Requirements)) \$20.50 Senior Combination Angler and Hunter (70 Years Old and 5-Year Oregon Resident (Defined on License Requirements)) \$41.50 Pioneer Combination (65 years old and 50-year Oregon resident) \$6.00	Big Game Licenses And Tags: Hunter \$160.50 Tags: Elk \$549.00 Buck Deer \$414.00 Antlerless Deer \$414.00 Bighorn Sheep \$1,413.00 Pronghorn Antelope \$369.00 Rocky Mountain Goat \$1,413.00 Daily / Multi-Day Licenses Three Day Bird Hunter \$30.50	

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State	Residential Hunting License	Non-Resident Hunting License	Disabled Hunting License
Vermont	Hunting \$26.00 Five Year Hunting \$124.00 Combination (Fishing and Hunting) \$41.00 Five Year Combination (Fishing and Hunting) \$199.00 Archery Deer (hunting license required) \$23.00 Turkey (hunting license required) \$23.00 Muzzleloader Deer (hunting license required) \$23.00 Vermont Waterfowl Stamp \$7.50 Early Season Bear \$5.00 Mentored Hunting License \$10.00	Hunting \$100.00 5 Year Hunting \$494.00 Combination (Fishing and Hunting) \$135.00 5 Year Combination (Fishing and Hunting) \$669.00 Archery Deer (hunting license required) \$38.00 Archery Deer Only (hunting license NOT required) \$75.00 Turkey (hunting license required) \$38.00 Muzzleloader Deer (hunting license required) \$40.00 Early Season Bear (Sept. 1 day before opening day of deer rifle season) \$15.00 Small Game \$50.00 Vermont Waterfowl Stamp \$7.50 Mentored Hunting License \$10.00	
Virginia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident Sportsman's License (ages 16 and older) \$133.00 • Resident Hunting License (age 16 and older) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ One-year license \$23.00 ◦ Two-year license \$44.00 ◦ Three-year license \$65.00 ◦ Four-year license \$86.00 • Resident County or City Hunting License (age 16 and older) \$16.00 • Resident Apprentice Hunting License \$11.00 • Resident Senior Citizen Hunting License (age 65 and over) \$9.00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident Fox Hunting License \$23.00 • Resident Bear License \$21.00 • Resident Deer/Turkey License (ages 16 and older) \$23.00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident Archery License \$18.00 • Resident Muzzleloading License \$18.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonresident Hunting License (ages 16 and older) \$111.00 • Nonresident 3-Day Hunt License (ages 16 and older) \$60.00 • Nonresident Apprentice Hunting License \$21.00 • Nonresident Fox Hunting License \$111.00 • Nonresident Foxhound Training Preserve license \$18.00 • Nonresident Hunting (Shooting) Preserve license \$23.00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonresident Bear License \$151.00 • Nonresident Deer/Turkey License <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Ages 16 and older \$86.00 • Nonresident Archery License \$31.00 • Nonresident Muzzleloading License \$31.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Totally and Permanently Disabled Resident Special Hunting Lifetime License \$15.00
Washington	Prices vary by animal, contact the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife	Prices vary by animal, contact the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife	Prices vary by animal, contact the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife
West Virginia	Conservation Stamp required for all licensed hunters & anglers \$5 Hunting & Trapping License \$19 Sportsman Hunting/Trapping/Fishing License \$35 Antlerless Deer Stamp \$10 Additional Deer Stamp \$21 Additional Deer Stamp Muzzleloader \$16 Big Game Stamp \$10	Conservation/Law Enforcement Stamp \$13 Hunting and Trapping License \$119 Bear Stamp \$162 Small Game Hunting License (Six days) \$27 Antlerless Deer Stamp \$27 Additional Firearms Deer Stamp \$43 Additional Deer Stamp \$37 Archery Deer Stamp \$32 Muzzleloader Deer Stamp \$32 Turkey Stamp \$32 Commercial Small Game Shooting Preserve License \$10 National Forest Hunting/Trapping/Fishing \$2	

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State	Residential Hunting License	Non-Resident Hunting License	Disabled Hunting License
Wisconsin	<p> Gun Deer First-time buyer 5.00 Archer First-time buyer 5.00 Small Game First-time buyer 5.00 Senior Small Game First-time buyer 5.00 Annual Fishing First-time buyer 5.00 Spring Turkey First-time buyer 5.00 Fall Turkey First-time buyer 5.00 Sports (Fishing, Small Game, & Deer Gun Hunting) 60.00 Small Game 18.00 Small Game, Senior Citizen (65 years & older) 9.00 HIP Certification 0.00 Federal Duck Stamp 28.00 Waterfowl Stamp 7.00 Pheasant Stamp 10.00 Gun Deer 24.00 Archer 24.00 Crossbow 24.00 Crossbow/Archer upgrade 3.00 Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags (Unit specific) 12.00 Farmer Antlerless Permit 0.00 Spring Turkey Application (deadline information) 3.00 Spring Turkey License 15.00 Turkey Stamp 5.25 Fall Turkey Application (Deadline Information) 3.00 Fall Turkey License 15.00 Spring Turkey Permit (After Drawing) [more information] 10.00 Fall Turkey Permit (After Drawing) 10.00 Early Goose Permit 3.00 Exterior Goose Permit 3.00 Bear Hunting (Class A) 49.00 Bear Application (deadline information) 4.50 </p>	<p> Gun Deer First-time buyer 79.75 Archer First-time buyer 79.75 Small Game First-time buyer 42.75 Annual Fishing First-time buyer 25.75 Trapping First-time buyer 75.75 Furbearer First-time buyer 79.75 Spring Turkey First-time buyer 29.75 Fall Turkey First-time buyer 29.75 Sports (Fishing, Small Game, & Deer Gun Hunting) 275.00 Student Sports 60.00 Small Game 85.00 Small Game, 5 day 55.00 WI Student Small Game 18.00 HIP Certification 0.00 Waterfowl Stamp 7.00 Federal Duck Stamp 28.00 Pheasant Stamp 10.00 Gun Deer 160.00 Student Gun Deer 24.00 Archer 160.00 Student Archer 24.00 Crossbow 160.00 Student Crossbow 24.00 Crossbow/Archer upgrade 3.00 Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag 20.00 Spring Turkey Application 3.00 Spring Turkey License 60.00 Turkey Stamp 5.25 Spring Turkey Permit (After Drawing) 15.00 Fall Turkey Application 3.00 Fall Turkey License 60.00 Fall Turkey License (After Drawing) 15.00 Early Goose Permit 3.00 Exterior Goose Permit 3.00 Bear Hunting License 251.00 Bear Application 4.50 </p>	

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State	Residential Hunting License	Non-Resident Hunting License	Disabled Hunting License
Wyoming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bird/Small Game Hunting licenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Resident Bird Annual \$16* o Resident Small Game Annual \$16* o Resident Bird/Small Game Combined \$20* o Resident One-day Bird or Small Game \$9 o Resident Turkey hunting license \$16* • Big Game hunting licenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Resident Deer hunting license \$38* o Resident Antelope hunting license \$33* o Resident Elk hunting license \$52* • Archery hunting tags: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Resident Archery hunting license \$16 • Trophy Game hunting licenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Resident Mountain Lion license \$30* o Resident Black Bear license \$45* • Special Limited Quota Big Game hunting licenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Resident Bighorn Sheep license \$117* o Resident Moose license \$112* o Resident Mountain Goat license \$122* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bird/Small Game Hunting licenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Non-Resident Bird or Small Game Annual \$72* o Non-Resident Youth (ages 14-17) Bird or Small Game Annual \$40* o Non-Resident One-day Bird or Small Game \$20 o Non-Resident Turkey hunting license \$72* • Big Game hunting licenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Non-Resident Deer hunting license \$312* o Non-Resident Youth (ages 14-17) Deer hunting license \$110* o Non-Resident Antelope hunting license \$272* o Non-Resident Youth (ages 14-17) Antelope hunting license \$110* o Non-Resident Elk hunting license \$577* o Non-Resident Youth (ages 14-17) Elk hunting license \$275* • Archery hunting tags: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Non-Resident Archery hunting license \$30 o Non-Resident Youth (ages 14 to 17) Archery hunting license \$12 • Trophy Game hunting licenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Non-Resident Mountain Lion license \$362* o Non-Resident Black Bear license \$362* • Special Limited Quota Big Game hunting licenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Non-Resident Bighorn Sheep license \$2252* o Non-Resident Moose license \$1402* o Non-Resident Mountain Goat license \$2152* 	

National Hunting Licensing Fees

State	Military/Veteran Hunting License	Lifetime Hunting License	Youth Hunting License
Alabama	50 percent disabled Military Veteran's Appreciation hunting license \$13.65; 100 percent disabled Military Veteran's Appreciation hunting license \$3.10	Residential lifetime hunting license: Younger than two years of age: \$329.90; Two years of age through 11 years of age: \$439.55; 12 years of age through 49 years of age: \$549.10; 50 years of age or older: \$329.90	Residential lifetime hunting license Younger than two years of age: \$329.90; Two years of age through 11 years of age: \$439.55
Alaska	N/A	N/A	N/A
Arizona	N/A	N/A	Youth Combination Hunt and Fish (ages 10-17) \$5
Arkansas	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 65 and Older Lifetime Hunting License \$25 • 65 and Older Lifetime Hunting and Fishing License \$35.50 	N/A
California	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disables veteran hunting license <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o At CDFW branches \$6.95 o At authorized licensing agent \$7.30 • Recovering service member hunting license \$6.95 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lifetime hunting licenses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Ages 0-9 \$517 o Ages 10-39 \$844.50 o Ages 40-61 \$761 o Ages 62+ \$517 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior hunting license (residents 18 years of age or younger) \$12.45
Colorado	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Military small game license (60% or more disability) Free (residents only) 	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small game licenses for children younger than 18 \$1.75 • Resident youth license \$14 (\$11 over the counter) • Youth non-resident hunting license \$79 (\$76 over the counter)
Connecticut	N/A	N/A	Junior Trapping License \$11.00 Junior Firearms Hunting License \$11.00 Junior Archery Permit to Hunt Deer and Small Game \$19.00
Delaware	N/A	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Junior residential hunting license for ages 13 through 15 \$50 o Junior non-resident hunting license for ages 13 through 15 varies based on your state of origin

National Hunting Licensing Fees

State	Military/Veteran Hunting License	Lifetime Hunting License	Youth Hunting License
District of Columbia	N/A	N/A	N/A
Florida	o Military gold sportsman's license \$20	o Four years of age or younger \$201.50 o Five through 12 years of age \$351.50 o 13 years of age or older \$501.50	o Youth hunting license \$17 o Youth Gold sportsman's license \$100
Georgia	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hawaii	N/A	N/A	N/A
Idaho	N/A	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior (for individuals nine to 17 years of age, \$7.25) • Junior three-day (for individuals nine to 17 years of age, \$18.25) • Combination junior hunting and fishing (for individuals 14 to 17 years of age, \$17.50) • Combination junior hunting and fishing three-year (for individuals 14 to 17 years of age, \$49) • Disabled individuals combination hunting and fishing (\$5) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trapping adult (\$26.75) • Trapping junior (\$7.25) • Junior mentored (for individuals nine to 17 years of age, \$31.75) • Junior three-year (mentored, for individuals nine to 17 years of age, \$31.75)
Illinois	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident veteran sportsmen's combination fishing and hunting (\$13.50) • Resident veteran hunting license (\$6.50) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident lifetime hunting (\$360) • Resident lifetime sportsmen's combination fishing and hunting (\$765) 	N/A
Indiana	N/A	N/A	N/A
Iowa	Veteran Lifetime Hunting and Fishing \$7.00	Lifetime Hunting \$52.50	N/A
Kansas	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lifetime senior fish and hunt combination (\$42.50) • Lifetime furharvester (\$502.50) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lifetime hunting license (\$502.50) • Lifetime fishing and hunting combination (\$962.50) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-year resident youth combination fish and hunt (\$72.50) • Multi-year resident youth hunt (\$42.50) • Nonresident younger than 16 years of age (\$42.50)
Kentucky			<p>*Annual Residential Youth Hunting (ages 12-15 only) \$6.00; Annual Youth Hunting (ages 12-15 only) \$10.00; Youth (ages 12-15) Sportsman's License* (Includes youth hunting license, permits for two deer and permits for two turkeys.) \$30.00 Not available"</p>

National Hunting Licensing Fees

State	Military/Veteran Hunting License	Lifetime Hunting License	Youth Hunting License
Louisiana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Military Hunting Fees (resident or non-resident): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Active Military basic seasonal license \$15 o Active military big game hunting license \$14 o Active Military bow hunting license \$10.50 o Active Military primitive firearm hunting license \$10.50 o Active Military duck hunting license \$5.50 o Active Military wild turkey hunting license \$5.50 o Retired Military hunting and fishing license \$5 o Surviving Spouse Military Killed in Action hunting license \$2.50 	N/A	N/A
Maine	Serviceman (resident) Fishing and Hunting (16 years and older) \$3.00 Serviceman Dependent Hunting (16 years and older) \$10.00 Serviceman Dependent Fishing and Hunting (16 years and older) \$20.00 Serviceman (Complimentary Military)	N/A	Resident Junior Hunting (under 16 years of age) \$8; Non-Resident Junior Hunting (under 16 years of age) \$35
Maryland	N/A	N/A	Resident Junior Hunting License (Under 16 years of age, written permission of parent or guardian required) \$10.50 Nonresident Junior Hunting License \$32.50
Massachusetts	N/A	N/A	* Residential hunting license \$11.50
Michigan	Military Licenses (active-duty and 100-percent disabled veterans)+ \$0	N/A	Junior \$6.00
Minnesota	Prices vary by animal, contact the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	Prices vary by animal, contact the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	Prices vary by animal, contact the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Mississippi	• Armed Forces 14-day hunting and fishing license \$33	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth all game non-resident hunting license (annual) \$110 • Youth all game non-resident hunting license (seven-day) \$80
Missouri	• Military small game license (60% or more disability)free (residents only)	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small game licenses for children younger than 18 \$1.75 • Resident youth turkey license \$14 (\$11 over-the-counter)
Montana	N/A	N/A	Youth Combination \$505.50 Youth Upland Game Bird (Residents and non-residents ages 12-17) \$3.75 Youth Combination \$505.50 Youth Combination Sports \$35

National Hunting Licensing Fees

State	Military/Veteran Hunting License	Lifetime Hunting License	Youth Hunting License
Nebraska	N/A	N/A	Resident Youth Deer (Ages 10-15) \$6.00 Resident Youth Turkey (15 or younger) \$6.00 Nonresident Youth Hunt (15 or younger) \$14.00 Nonresident Youth Deer (Ages 10-15) \$6.0 Nonresident Youth Turkey (15 or younger) \$6.00
Nevada	Residential Serviceman's Hunting License \$9.00 Disabled Veteran Hunting & Fishing License Free	N/A	Residential Pre-Adult Hunting License (ages 16 through 17) \$33.00 Junior Hunting License (ages 12 through 15) \$13.00 Pre-Adult Combo Hunting & Fishing License (ages 16 through 17) \$54.00 Junior Combo Hunting & Fishing License (ages 12 through 15) \$21.00
New Hampshire	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Jersey	N/A	N/A	Firearm Licenses: Youth License (Resident and Non-Resident) Free Bow and Arrow Licenses: Youth License (Resident and Non-Resident) Free Permits: Youth Deer Permit \$12.00 Youth Turkey Permit \$12.00 Youth Rifle Permit (valid July 1 - June 30) \$6.00
New Mexico	N/A	N/A	Resident Junior Game-hunting License \$10 Junior Game-hunting & Fishing License \$15 Junior/Senior Private-land Deer License \$22 Non-Resident Junior Game-hunting License \$15
New York	N/A	N/A	N/A
North Carolina	Disabled Veteran Hunting and Inland Fishing (basic) \$10 Disabled Veteran Sportsman \$100 Unified Disabled Veteran Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing \$110	Residential Comprehensive Hunting \$250 Non-Residential Lifetime Sportsman (ages 12 & older) \$1200 Lifetime Sportsman (ages 1-11) \$350 Lifetime Sportsman (under age 1) \$200 Lifetime Unified Adult Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing (ages 12 & older) \$1550 Lifetime Unified Youth Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing (ages 1-11) \$450 Lifetime Unified Infant Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing (under age 1) \$275	N/A
North Dakota	N/A	N/A	• Big game hunting licenses o Youth deer gun/bow license \$10 o Youth pronghorn gun/bow license \$10 o Youth moose gun/bow license \$10 o Youth elk gun/bow license \$10 o Youth bighorn sheep gun/bow \$10

National Hunting Licensing Fees

State	Military/Veteran Hunting License	Lifetime Hunting License	Youth Hunting License
Ohio	N/A	N/A	Youth Annual Hunting License (Resident & Non-Resident) \$10 Apprentice Youth Annual Hunting License (Resident & Non-Resident) \$10
Oklahoma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Zero percent to 59 percent disabled – \$200 o 60 percent to 100 percent disabled – \$25 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Resident lifetime hunting license: \$625 o Resident senior citizen lifetime hunting license: \$15 	N/A
Oregon	Disabled Veteran And Uniformed Service Member: Uniformed Services Hunting: \$16.00 residents; \$32.00 non-residents Disabled Veteran Combination licenseFree Tags: Uniformed Service Cougar \$15.50 Uniformed Service Buck Deer \$26.50 Uniformed Service Elk \$46.00 Uniformed Service Pronghorn Antelope \$48.00 Uniformed Service Black Bear \$15.50 Disabled Veteran Elk \$24.00	N/A	Youth Hunting License \$10.00 Youth Sports Pac (residents only) \$55.00
Pennsylvania	Resident Military Hunting \$2.70 Resident National Guard Hunting \$2.70 Resident Reserves Hunting \$2.70	Resident Senior Lifetime Hunting: \$51.70 Resident Senior Lifetime Combo : \$101.70 Resident Senior Lifetime Combo Upgrade: \$51.70 Resident Senior Lifetime Hunting Renewal: no charge Resident Senior Lifetime Combo Renewal: no charge Resident DV Lifetime Hunting Renewal: no charge	Resident Junior Hunting: \$6.70 Resident Junior Combo: \$9.70 Mentored Youth Permit : \$2.70 Mentored Youth Permit: \$2.70
Rhode Island	Resident and Non-Resident Active Military Personnel \$18.00	Permanent Resident Combination (over 65 or disabled) No fee	Junior Hunting License (12-14 years old) \$18.00
South Carolina	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Younger than two years of age \$300 • Between two and 15 years of age \$400 • Between 16 and 63 years of age \$300 • 64 years of age or older \$9 o Free of charge if born on or before July 1, 1940 	N/A
South Dakota	N/A	N/A	Resident Junior Combination (Ages 16-18) \$27 Resident Youth Small Game (ages 12-15) \$5 Nonresident Youth Small Game (ages 12-15) \$10 Nonresident Youth Spring Light Goose (ages 12-15) \$26
Tennessee	N/A	N/A	Resident Junior Hunt/Trap/Fish (Ages 13 through 15) \$10.00 Non-Resident Junior Hunt/Fish (No Big Game, ages 13 through 15) \$11.00 Non-Resident 7-Day Junior Hunt (All Game) \$27.00 Non-Resident Annual Junior Hunt (All Game) \$42.00

National Hunting Licensing Fees

State	Military/Veteran Hunting License	Lifetime Hunting License	Youth Hunting License
Texas	Texas Resident Active Duty Military "Super Combo" Free Texas Resident Active Duty Military Hunting Package Free	Lifetime Resident Combination Hunting and Fishing \$1,800 Lifetime Resident Hunting \$1,000 Upgrade from Lifetime Resident Hunting to Combination Hunting and Fishing \$800 Upgrade from Lifetime Resident Fishing to Combination Hunting and Fishing \$800	Resident Youth Hunting License (under 17) \$7 Non-Resident Youth Hunting License \$7
Utah	N/A	Lifetime license Dedicated Hunter, 3-yr. (ages 18 and older) \$75.00	Resident one-year basic hunting license (ages 13 and younger) \$11.00 Resident one-year basic hunting license (ages 14-17) \$16.00 Resident one-year combination (ages 14-17) \$20.00 Nonresident one-year basic hunting license (ages 17 and younger) \$25.00 Nonresident one-year combination license (ages 17 and younger) \$29.00 Resident Dedicated Hunter, 3-yr. (ages 12-17) \$120.00 Lifetime license Dedicated Hunter, 3-yr. (ages 12-17) \$37.50 Nonresident Dedicated Hunter, (ages 12-17). Includes season fishing license \$814.00
Vermont	N/A	Permanent Licenses (65 or older) \$50.00	Resident Youth Hunting (under age 18) \$8.00 Resident Youth Combination (Fishing and Hunting) (under age 18) \$12.00 Non-Resident Youth Hunting (under age 18) \$25.00 Non-Resident Youth Combination (Fishing and Hunting) (under age 18) \$30.00
Virginia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resident Annual Hunting License for 70 Percent Partially Disabled Veterans \$12.00 Service-Connected Totally and Permanently Disabled Veteran Resident Lifetime Hunting License no charge Nonresident Annual Hunting License for 70 Percent Partially Disabled Veterans \$56.00 Service-Connected Totally and Permanently Disabled Nonresident Veteran Annual Hunting License \$28.50 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resident Junior Lifetime Hunting License (under age 12) \$255.00 Resident Legacy Lifetime Hunting License \$125.00 Resident Lifetime Hunting License <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ages 12 through 44 \$260.00 Age 45-50 \$210.00 Ages 51-55 \$160.00 Ages 56-60 \$110.00 Ages 61-64 \$60.00 Ages 65 and over \$20.00 Nonresident Lifetime Hunting License \$555.00 Nonresident Legacy Hunting License \$250.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resident Junior Hunting License (ages 12 to 15) \$8.50 Resident Youth Combination Hunting License (ages 12 to 15) \$16.00 Resident Junior Deer/Turkey License (ages 12 to 15) \$8.50 Nonresident Junior Hunting License (younger than age 12) \$13.00 Nonresident Junior Hunting License (ages 12 to 15) \$16.00 Nonresident Youth Combination Hunting License (younger than age 16) \$31.00 Nonresident Deer/Turkey License <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ages 12 to 15 \$16.00 Younger than age 12 \$13.00
Washington	Prices vary by animal, contact the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife	Prices vary by animal, contact the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife	Prices vary by animal, contact the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife

National Hunting Licensing Fees

State	Military/Veteran Hunting License	Lifetime Hunting License	Youth Hunting License
West Virginia	N/A	N/A	Resident Junior Sportsman Hunting/Trapping/Fishing License (ages 15 through 17) \$16 Non-Resident Junior Sportsmen Hunting/Trapping/Fishing License \$16
Wisconsin	<p>Resident:</p> <p>Small Game, Armed Forces: 0.00</p> <p>Non-Resident:</p> <p>Military Sports: 60.00</p> <p>Military Gun Deer: 24.00</p> <p>Military Archer: 24.00</p> <p>Military Antlerless Bonus: 12.00</p> <p>Military Spring Turkey License: 15.00</p> <p>Military Spring Turkey Permit (After Drawing): 10.00</p> <p>Military Fall Turkey License: 15.00</p> <p>Military Fall Turkey Permit (After Drawing): 10.00</p> <p>Military Bear Hunting License: 49.00</p>	N/A	<p>Resident:</p> <p>Junior Gun Deer First-time buyer: 5.00</p> <p>Junior Archer First-time buyer: 5.00</p> <p>Junior Small Game First-time buyer: 5.00</p> <p>Sports Junior (12 - 17 year olds) (Fishing, Small Game, & Deer Gun Hunting): 35.00</p> <p>Small Game, Junior (12 - 17 years old): 9.00</p> <p>Small Game, (10 - 11 years old): 7.00</p> <p>Pheasant Stamp (10 - 11 years old): 4.50</p> <p>Jr. Gun Deer (12-17 years old): 20.00</p> <p>Gun Deer (10-11 years old): 7.00</p> <p>Jr. Archer (12-17 years old): 20.00</p> <p>Archer (10-11 years old): 7.00</p> <p>Jr. Crossbow (12-17 years old): 20.00</p> <p>Crossbow (10-11 years old): 7.00</p> <p>Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags (10 - 11 years old) (Unit specific): 5.00</p> <p>Spring Turkey License (10 - 11 years old): 7.00</p> <p>Turkey Stamp (10 - 11 years old): 4.50</p> <p>Spring Turkey Permit (After Drawing) (10 - 11 years old) [more information]: 5.00</p> <p>Fall Turkey License (10 - 11 years old): 7.00</p> <p>Fall Turkey Permit (After Drawing) (10 - 11 years old): 5.00</p> <p>Bear Hunting (Class A) (10 - 11 years old): 7.00</p> <p>Non-Resident: Sports Junior (issued to 12 - 17 year olds) (Fishing, Small Game, & Deer Gun Hunting): 36.00</p> <p>Small Game (10 - 11 years old): 7.00</p> <p>Pheasant Stamp (10 - 11 years old): 4.50</p> <p>Gun Deer (10 - 11 years old): 7.00</p> <p>Archer (10 - 11 years old): 7.00</p> <p>Crossbow (10 - 11 years old): 7.00</p> <p>Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag (10 - 11 years old): 5.00</p> <p>Spring Turkey License (10 - 11 years old): 7.00</p> <p>Turkey Stamp (10 - 11 years old): 4.50</p> <p>Spring Turkey Permit (10 - 11 years old): 5.00</p> <p>Fall Turkey License (10 - 11 years old): 7.00</p> <p>Fall Turkey License (10 - 11 years old): 5.00</p> <p>Bear Hunting (10 - 11 years old): 7.00</p>
Wyoming	N/A	N/A	<p>o Non-Resident Youth (ages 14-17) Bird or Small Game Annual: \$40*</p> <p>o Resident Youth (ages 14-17) Deer hunting license: \$15*</p> <p>o Non-Resident Youth (ages 14-17) Deer hunting license: \$110*</p> <p>o Resident Youth (ages 14-17) Antelope: \$15*</p> <p>o Non-Resident Youth (ages 14-17) Antelope hunting license: \$110*</p> <p>o Resident Youth (ages 14-17) Elk hunting license: \$25*</p> <p>o Non-Resident Youth (ages 14-17) Elk hunting license: \$275*</p> <p>• Archery hunting tags:</p> <p>o Resident Youth (ages 14 to 17) Archery hunting license: \$6</p> <p>o Non-Resident Youth (ages 14 to 17) Archery hunting license: \$12</p>

National Fishing Fees

State	Annual Freshwater Fishing License	Annual Saltwater Fishing License	Duplicate Fishing License
Alabama	\$13.10 (resident), \$50.25 (nonresident)	\$23 (resident), \$49.20 (nonresident)	\$5 (lifetime fishing)
Alaska	\$24 (resident sport fishing), \$145 (nonresident sport fishing)	\$24 (resident sport fishing), \$145 (nonresident sport fishing)	\$5
Arizona	\$37 (resident) \$55 (nonresident)	N/A	Fee varies.
Arkansas	\$10.50 (resident) \$50 (nonresident)	N/A	Fee varies.
California	\$47.01 (resident sport fishing) \$126.36 (nonresident sport fishing)	\$47.01 (resident sport fishing) \$126.36 (nonresident sport fishing)	\$10.54
Colorado	\$26 (resident), \$56 (nonresident) plus required \$10 habitat stamp	N/A	Fee varies.
Connecticut	\$14- \$28 (resident, depending on age), \$55 (nonresident seasonal)	\$10 (resident marine water), \$15 (nonresident marine water), \$16- \$32 (all waters resident, depending on age), \$63 (all waters nonresident seasonal)	\$0
Delaware	\$8.50 (resident), \$20 (nonresident)	\$8.50 (resident), \$20 (nonresident)	\$0 (first two reprints), \$5 (third reprint)
District of Columbia	\$10 (resident), \$13 (nonresident)	N/A	N/A
Florida	\$17 (resident), \$47 (nonresident)	\$17 (resident), \$47 (nonresident)	\$0 (online), \$2 (in-person replacement)
Georgia	\$9 (resident), \$45 (nonresident)	\$0 (Saltwater Information Program permit)	\$0
Hawaii	\$6 (resident), \$26 (nonresident)	\$0 (no licensing required)	\$10 (commercial replacement)
Idaho	\$25.75 (resident), \$98.25 (nonresident)	N/A	Fee varies.

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State	Annual Freshwater Fishing License	Annual Saltwater Fishing License	Duplicate Fishing License
Illinois	\$15 (resident), \$31.50 (nonresident)	N/A	\$0
Indiana	\$17 (resident), \$35 (nonresident)	N/A	\$0 (if within five days of purchase), \$3 (if five days or older)
Iowa	\$19 (resident), \$41 (nonresident)	N/A	\$4.50 (lifetime)
Kansas	\$27.50 (resident), \$52.50 (nonresident)	N/A	\$12.50
Kentucky	\$20 (resident), \$50 (nonresident)	N/A	\$0
Louisiana	\$9.50 (resident), \$60 (nonresident)	\$13 (resident), \$30 (nonresident)	\$7.50
Maine	\$25 (resident), \$64 (nonresident)	\$1 (saltwater registry), \$5 (resident halibut tags)	\$2
Maryland	\$20.50 (resident), \$30.50 or the same as the state of residence, whichever is higher (nonresident)	\$15 (resident), \$22.50 (nonresident)	\$5 (consolidated bay sport boat license), \$2 (all others)
Massachusetts	\$27.50 (resident), \$37.50 (nonresident), \$5 (first-time stamp)	\$10 (resident/nonresident), \$5 (first-time stamp)	\$0
Michigan	\$26 (resident), \$68 (nonresident), \$1 DNR sport-card	N/A	Fee varies.
Minnesota	\$22 (resident), \$45 (nonresident)	N/A	\$2.50 (resident/nonresident)
Mississippi	\$34.29 (resident sportsman), \$54.29 (nonresident freshwater)	\$12.29 (resident), \$34.29 (nonresident)	\$7.29
Missouri	\$12 (resident), \$42 (nonresident)	N/A	\$0 (if within six months of purchase)
Montana	\$8- \$26 (resident, depending on age), \$70 (nonresident)	N/A	\$5

National Fishing Licensing Fees

State	Annual Freshwater Fishing License	Annual Saltwater Fishing License	Duplicate Fishing License
Nebraska	\$29.50 (resident), \$61.50 (nonresident)	N/A	\$1.50- \$5
Nevada	\$29 (resident), \$69 (nonresident)	N/A	\$10
New Hampshire	\$45 (resident), \$63 (nonresident)	\$11 (resident/nonresident)	Fee varies.
New Jersey	\$22.50 (resident), \$34 (nonresident)	A general saltwater license is not required, but special permits are available.	\$0
New Mexico	\$25 (resident), \$56 (nonresident)	N/A	\$0
New York	\$25 (resident), \$50 (nonresident)	\$0 (Recreational Marine Fishing Registration)	\$5 (freshwater), \$0 (saltwater registration)
North Carolina	\$20 (resident), \$36 (nonresident)	\$15 (resident), \$30 (nonresident)	\$1 (lifetime licenses), \$7 (all others)
North Dakota	\$16 (resident), \$45 (nonresident seasonal), \$1 (required resident fishing certificate), \$2 (nonresident fishing certificate)	N/A	Fee varies.
Ohio	\$19 (resident), \$40 (nonresident)	N/A	\$4
Oklahoma	\$25 (resident), \$55 (nonresident)	N/A	\$10 (lifetime/senior), \$1.50 (annual license), \$5 (five-year license)
Oregon	\$38 (resident), \$97.50 (nonresident)	Fee varies.	\$25.50
Pennsylvania	\$22.70 (resident), \$52.70 (nonresident)	\$0 (saltwater fishing registration)	\$6.70
Rhode Island	\$18 (resident), \$35 (nonresident)	\$7 (resident), \$10 (nonresident)	\$10
South Carolina	\$10 (resident), \$35 (nonresident)	\$10 (resident), \$35 (nonresident)	\$3

National Fishing Licensing Fees

State	Annual Freshwater Fishing License	Annual Saltwater Fishing License	Duplicate Fishing License
South Dakota	\$28 (resident), \$67 (nonresident)	N/A	\$0 (online), \$2 (in-person replacement)
Tennessee	\$11 (county of residence fishing), \$50 (nonresident, no trout), \$99 (nonresident, all species)	N/A	\$7
Texas	\$30 (resident), \$58 (nonresident)	\$35 (resident), \$63 (nonresident)	\$10
Utah	\$5- \$34 (resident, depending on age), \$5- \$75 (depending on age)	N/A	\$10
Vermont	\$26 (resident), \$51 (nonresident)	N/A	\$0 (online), \$1.50 (in-person replacement)
Virginia	\$23 (resident), \$47 (nonresident)	\$39.50 (resident fresh/saltwater), \$71 (nonresident fresh/saltwater), \$17.50 (resident saltwater), \$25 (nonresident saltwater)	Fee varies.
Washington	\$29.50 (resident), \$84.50 (nonresident)	\$30.05 (resident), \$59.75 (nonresident)	\$9.70
West Virginia	\$5 (required conservation stamp), \$19 (resident), \$37 (nonresident)	N/A	\$1 per stamp issued.
Wisconsin	\$20 (resident), \$50 (nonresident)	N/A	\$10
Wyoming	\$24 (resident), \$92 (nonresident)	N/A	\$5

National Fishing Licensing Fees

State	Commercial Fishing License	Senior Fishing License	Military Fishing License	Lifetime Fishing License
Alabama	\$100 (freshwater), price varies for saltwater and nonresidents	\$13.10	\$3.05 (disabled veteran)	\$165.40- \$275.10 (freshwater, depending on age), \$275.10- \$384.70 (saltwater), \$429.55- \$658.80 (freshwater/saltwater)
Alaska	\$60 (resident), \$250 (nonresident)	\$0	\$0	N/A
Arizona	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$296- \$666 (depending on age)
Arkansas	\$25 (resident)	\$10.50 (lifetime)	\$1.50 (resident disabled veteran lifetime license)	\$1,000 (resident hunting/ fishing)
California	\$136.73 (resident/nonresident)	\$6.95 (low-income senior)	\$6.95 (recovering veteran)	\$517- \$844 (depending on age)
Colorado	\$40	\$1 (resident), N/A (nonresident)	N/A	\$300.25 (resident/nonresident habitat stamp)
Connecticut	Fee varies based on method and desired catch.	\$0 (resident inland)	\$10 (marine), \$28 (inland), \$38 (inland/small game firearm hunting), \$40 (all waters/small game firearm hunting)	\$0 (seniors)
Delaware	Fee varies.	\$0 (exempt)	N/A	N/A
District of Columbia	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Florida	\$50 (resident), \$100 (nonresident)	\$13.50 (freshwater/hunting)	\$20 (saltwater/freshwater/ hunting)	\$126.50- \$301.50 (saltwater or freshwater, depending on age), \$401.50- \$1,001.50 (saltwater/ freshwater/ hunting, depending on age)
Georgia	\$12 (resident), \$118 (nonresident)	\$0 (lifetime)	\$400 (resident veteran lifetime)	\$95- \$500 (depending on age)
Hawaii	\$50 (resident), \$200 (nonresident)	\$1	N/A	N/A

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State	Commercial Fishing License	Senior Fishing License	Military Fishing License	Lifetime Fishing License
Idaho	Fee varies.	\$11.75 (hunting/fishing)	\$5 (disabled veteran fishing), \$17.50 (hunting/fishing)	\$276.75- \$1,113.00 (depending on age)
Illinois	\$60 (resident), \$150 (nonresident)	\$1.50 (resident super senior fishing), \$2.50 (resident super senior fishing/hunting), \$7.75 (resident senior)	Discount varies based on the amount of years served.	\$435 (lifetime fishing), \$765 (lifetime fishing/hunting)
Indiana	Fee varies.	\$3 (annual), \$17 (lifetime)	\$2.75 (hunting/fishing)	\$17 (seniors)
Iowa	\$202 (resident), \$402 (nonresident)	\$52.50 (lifetime)	\$7 (hunting/fishing for veterans and POWs)	\$52.50 (seniors)
Kansas	\$22.50 (certified bait dealer)	\$15 (fishing), \$25 (hunting/fishing)	\$0 (disabled veterans)	\$502.50 (fishing), \$962.50 (hunting/fishing), \$42.50 (senior hunting/fishing)
Kentucky	Fee varies.	\$5 (senior hunting/fishing)	\$5 (disabled veteran hunting/fishing)	N/A
Louisiana	\$55 (resident), \$460 (nonresident)	\$5 (hunting/fishing)	\$9.50 (freshwater), \$5.50 (saltwater)	\$50- \$3,000 (depending on age and residency)
Maine	Fee varies.	\$8 (over 70 years of age)	\$3 (hunting/fishing), \$0 (disabled veteran)	\$150- \$800 (depending on age and sports included)
Maryland	Fee varies.	\$5 (freshwater/saltwater)	\$0 (lifetime disabled veteran/POW)	\$0 (lifetime disabled veteran/POW)
Massachusetts	\$65 (resident individual), \$130 (nonresident individual)	\$16.25 (freshwater, age 65-69), \$0 (freshwater, age 70 or over), \$0 (saltwater resident/nonresident)	\$0 (blind/paraplegic)	N/A
Michigan	Fee varies.	\$11	\$0 (active military/disabled veteran)	\$1,025 (comprehensive hunting/fishing)
Minnesota	Fee varies.	\$0 (license not required if 90)	\$0 (resident angling)	\$304- \$508 (lifetime fishing license price varies depending on age)
Mississippi	\$32.29 (resident), \$204.29 (nonresident)	\$0 (senior exempt hunting/freshwater fishing), \$7.29 (lifetime senior saltwater)	\$0 (disabled veterans)	\$500- \$1,500 (depending on age and residency)

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State	Commercial Fishing License	Senior Fishing License	Military Fishing License	Lifetime Fishing License
Missouri	Fee varies.	\$0 (if 65 or older)	\$5 (military member), \$0 (veteran/warrior in transition)	\$35- \$400 (depending on age)
Montana	Fee varies.	\$8 (if 62 or older)	\$0 (veterans in VA hospitals), \$26 (active duty), \$0 (five years free if stationed overseas)	\$10 (blind)
Nebraska	Fee varies.	N/A	\$5 (veteran)	\$447 (fishing), \$700 (fishing/hunting)
Nevada	Fee varies.	\$13 (fishing), \$21 (hunting/fishing)	\$9 (military), \$0 (disabled veteran)	N/A
New Hampshire	\$50 (resident saltwater), \$500 (nonresident saltwater)	\$7 (freshwater/hunting)	\$10 (disabled veteran)	\$7- \$1,246.64 (lifetime fishing license fee depends on age)
New Jersey	\$230 (commercial fishing preserve), \$50 (commercial shellfish)	\$12.50 (if age 65 to 69)	\$0 (disabled veteran)	N/A
New Mexico	\$25 (commercial fishing)	\$8 (if age 65 to 69), \$0 (if 70 years or older)	\$20 (military hunting/fishing), \$10 (disabled veteran hunting/fishing)	\$0 (disabled veteran, 100 percent service-related injury eligibility)
New York	Fee varies.	\$5 (annual fishing), \$70 (lifetime freshwater, if age 70 or older), \$65 (lifetime hunting/fishing)	\$0 (resident military members), \$5 (disabled veterans), \$25 (nonresident military members)	\$460 (freshwater), (fishing/hunting), \$380- \$765 (fishing/hunting, depending on age)
North Carolina	\$400 (resident). Fees varies for nonresidents based on state of residence.	\$15 (lifetime senior saltwater or freshwater)	\$10 (lifetime disabled veteran saltwater or freshwater)	\$10 (disabled veteran saltwater or freshwater), \$15 (senior saltwater or freshwater), \$250 (recreational saltwater or freshwater)
North Dakota	Fee varies.	\$5	\$5 (disabled veteran)	N/A
Ohio	\$65 (sale/transportation of fish)	\$0 (if born before December 31, 1937), \$10 (if age 66 or older)	\$0 (disabled veterans and POWs)	N/A
Oklahoma	Fee varies.	\$15 (fishing), \$25 (hunting/fishing)	\$10 (disability)	\$225 (fishing), \$625 (hunting), \$775 (fishing/hunting)
Oregon	\$102 (resident), \$152 (nonresident)	\$25 (fishing), \$41 (fishing/hunting)	\$0 (disabled veteran), \$38 (nonresident military member)	N/A

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State	Commercial Fishing License	Senior Fishing License	Military Fishing License	Lifetime Fishing License
Pennsylvania	Fee varies.	\$12	\$0 (disabled veteran)	\$51.70 (senior)
Rhode Island	\$50 (resident fishing license), \$25 (fishery endorsement), \$150 (nonresident fishing license), \$50 (nonresident fishery endorsement)	\$0	\$0	N/A
South Carolina	\$50 (resident freshwater), \$1,000 (nonresident freshwater)	\$9 (lifetime hunting/fishing)	\$10 (military member), \$0 (disabled veteran)	\$0- \$500 (depending on age and sports included)
South Dakota	Fee varies.	\$12	\$10 (veterans)	\$325- \$1,050 (depending on age and sport included)
Tennessee	\$200 (resident), \$1,000 (nonresident)	\$5 (annual hunting/fishing/trapping), \$50 (annual sportsman)	\$10 (disabled veteran)	\$200- \$1,976 (depending on age)
Texas	\$26 (resident), \$189 (nonresident)	\$12 (freshwater), \$17 (saltwater), \$22 (all-water)	\$0 (veteran/military member for hunting/fishing)	\$1,000 (lifetime fishing or hunting), \$1,800 (lifetime fishing/hunting)
Utah	Fee varies.	\$25 (fishing), \$29 (fishing/hunting)	\$12 (disabled veteran)	Fee varies based on sports included.
Vermont	Fee varies.	\$50 (permanent license)	\$0 (disabled veteran)	\$156- \$806 (fishing license cost depends on age)
Virginia	\$190 (commercial registration), \$90 (commercial registration over 70)	\$9 (freshwater)	\$12 (disabled veteran)	\$20- \$260 (depending on age and fish included)
Washington	Fee varies.	\$7.50 (freshwater), \$8.05 (saltwater)	\$11.35 (resident disabled veteran fishing/shellfish), \$55.35 (nonresident disabled veteran fishing/shellfish)	N/A
West Virginia	Fee varies.	\$25 (lifetime hunting/trapping/fishing)	\$0 (disabled veteran)	\$115- \$805 (depending on age and sports included)
Wisconsin	Fee varies.	\$7	\$3 (resident disabled veteran), \$0 (resident armed forces member), \$20 (nonresident military)	N/A
Wyoming	\$182 (commercial fish hatchery)	N/A	\$0 (disabled veteran)	\$180.50 (conservation stamp), \$302 (fishing)

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Hunters throughout the country are best served by knowing the various hunting laws they must follow. Hunting regulations vary from state to state, and are kept updated through the different state hunting websites. Additionally, state hunting departments keep residents informed of recent hunting trends by including regular news bulletins and licensing requirement updates online. To further educate hunters throughout the country, we have compiled a list of each state's hunting website below:

Alabama

[Department of Conservation & Natural Resources](#)

Hawaii

[Division of Forestry and Wildlife](#)

Alaska

[Department of Fish and Game](#)

Idaho

[Department of Fish and Game](#)

Arizona

[Game and Fish Department](#)

Illinois

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California

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Successful freshwater or saltwater fishing depends on an angler's ability to stay up-to-date with the current fishing regulations, news, licenses and trends. The best and quickest way to obtain first-hand information about everything fishing-related is to visit the official fishing and wildlife department website in your state. To help anglers and professional fishermen be more successful in their fishing endeavors, we have compiled a list of all 50 state fishing websites:

Alabama

[Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources](#)

Alaska

[Alaska Department of Fish and Game](#)

Arizona

[Arizona Game and Fish Department](#)

Arkansas

[Arkansas Game and Fish Commission](#)

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[Colorado Parks and Wildlife](#)

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[Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection](#)

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[Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks](#)

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[Nevada Department of Wildlife](#)

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New York

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North Carolina

[North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission](#)

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Oklahoma

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Oregon

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Pennsylvania

[Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission](#)

Rhode Island

[Rhode Island Department Of Environmental Management](#)

South Carolina

[South Carolina Department of Natural Resources](#)

South Dakota

[South Dakota Game, Fish And Parks](#)

Tennessee:

[Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency](#)

Texas

[Texas Parks and Wildlife Department](#)

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[Utah Division of Wildlife Resources](#)

Vermont

[Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department](#)

Virginia

[Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries](#)

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[Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources](#)

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[Wyoming Game & Fish Department](#)

