

GENERAL INFORMATION

Additional information can be found at dnr.maryland.gov or by contacting any of the DNR Service Centers listed below. Due to MD license changes, a federal registration is no longer required in addition to the MD fishing license.

ANY PERSON 15 YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER DOES NOT NEED A FISHING LICENSE OR REGISTRATION

Resident and Non-Resident Non-Tidal (annual) License allows an individual to fish in the fresh waters of Maryland from January 1 through December 31.

7-day Non-Tidal License allows residents and non-residents to fish in the fresh waters of Maryland for 7 consecutive fishing days.

3-day Non-Tidal License allows non-residents to fish in the fresh waters of Maryland for 3 consecutive fishing days.

Variable -- Equal to the fee charged a MD resident for a similar license by non-resident's home state.*

Resident and Non-Resident Bay & Coastal Sport (annual) License allows an individual to fish in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries and the state waters of the Atlantic Ocean and the Atlantic coastal bays and tributaries from January 1 through December 31.

7-day Bay & Coastal Sport License allows residents and non-residents to fish in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries and the state waters of the Atlantic Ocean and the Atlantic coastal bays and tributaries for 7 consecutive fishing days.

Senior Consolidated Fishing License allows residents who are 65 years of age or older to fish in the fresh waters of Maryland, the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, and the state waters of the Atlantic Ocean and the Atlantic coastal bays and tributaries from January 1 through December 31 at a reduced rate.

Consolidated Bay & Coastal Sport Boat License allows everyone on board a vessel used for pleasure to fish in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries and the state waters of the Atlantic Ocean and the Atlantic coastal bays and tributaries in lieu of individual licenses. However, these individuals must register with the Department (see below). A special complimentary Bay & Coastal sport fishing license, which includes recreational crabbing, will be issued to the boat owner purchasing this license. This license is also valid as a recreational crabbing boat license.

FREE Bay & Coastal Sport Registration (unless individually licensed) available to waterfront property owners and immediate family members, individuals fishing in a designated free fishing area, and passengers on a vessel displaying a Consolidated Bay & Coastal Sport Boat License decal.

Bay & Coastal Sport Charter Boat License allows individuals on board chartered vessels operated by MD licensed fishing guides to fish in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries and the state waters of the Atlantic Ocean and the Atlantic coastal bays and tributaries in lieu

Annotated Code of Maryland, Natural Resources Article, Section 4-205(l)(1) mandates the collection of Social Security numbers from all recreational fishing license applicants. Under the Department's Privacy Policy, your Social Security number cannot be displayed on any documents accessible to the general public and can only be used by the Department in carrying out its governmental functions. It cannot be released to anyone without your express permission. Your phone number is required in order to comply with the National Registry and will only be shared with the National Marine Fisheries Service in their efforts to manage marine fish resources.

YOUR APPLICATION CAN BE PROCESSED AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING DNR LICENSING & REGISTRATION SERVICE CENTERS

ANNAPOLIS SERVICE CENTER

1804 West St, Suite 300
PO Box 1869
Annapolis, MD 21404
410-260-3220
1-866-344-8889 (Toll free in MD)

EAST CENTRAL SERVICE CENTER

120 Broadway Ave, Suite 5
Centreville, MD 21617
410-819-4100
1-866-439-1708 (Toll Free in MD)

EASTERN SERVICE CENTER

201 Baptist St, Suite 22
Salisbury, MD 21801
410-713-3840
1-866-812-1678 (Toll Free in MD)
DNR F-3 (rev 9/11) www.dnr.maryland.gov

DUNDALK SERVICE CENTER

7701 Wise Ave
Baltimore, MD 21222
410-284-1654
1-866-535-8319 (Toll Free in MD)
(Walk-In Only: M/W/F)

WESTERN SERVICE CENTER

3 Pershing St, Room 103
Cumberland, MD 21502
301-777-2134
1-866-679-0906 (Toll Free in MD)

CENTRAL SERVICE CENTER

2 S. Bond St, Suite 101
Bel Air, MD 21014
410-836-4550
1-866-623-3187 (Toll Free in MD)

SOUTHERN SERVICE CENTER

6904 Hallowing Ln
Prince Frederick, MD 20678
410-535-3382
1-866-688-3823 (Toll Free in MD)

of individual licenses. There are separate licenses for charter boats that carry 6 passengers or less and those that carry more than 6 passengers.

CRABBING LICENSES

Crab season: April 1 to December 15

A recreational crabber may crab without a license 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week from docks, piers, bridges, boats and shorelines using dip nets and any number of handlines. A waterfront property owner may set a maximum of 2 crab pots from their privately owned pier or attached to their property.

Recreational Crabbing License is required of persons catching crabs for recreational purposes in the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries using:

1. Trotline not to exceed 1,200 feet in length (baited portion)
2. 11 to 30 collapsible traps or rings; or
3. Up to 10 eel pots for catching the individual's own bait.

Recreational Crabbing Boat License allows individuals on board a vessel to catch 1 bushel of crabs for recreational purposes anywhere in the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries. To catch 2 bushels must have 1 additional recreational crab license onboard. The following limits on gear apply to the boat:

1. Trotline not to exceed 1,200 feet in length (baited portion)
2. A maximum of 30 collapsible traps or rings; or
3. Any number of handlines and dip nets.

Commercial Fishing Pier License provides for a fee pier to have unlicensed and unregistered individuals fish from the pier. The licensee must submit contact information on all pier anglers as prescribed by the Department.

COMPLIMENTARY LICENSES

A complimentary license is available to Maryland residents who are 100% service connected disabled veterans or former prisoners of war. The license incorporates both the non-tidal angler's license, including the trout stamp and the Bay & Coastal sport fishing license. Applicant must furnish a letter of disability or a letter of certification from the Veterans Administration with their initial application.

Complimentary tidal and non-tidal licenses are also available to residents and non-residents who are blind.

REPLACEMENT LICENSES

Fishing and crabbing licenses and trout stamps can be replaced at a reduced fee only at a DNR Service Center (in person or by mail)

HOURS

8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Monday – Friday
(except State holidays)

2012 NON-RESIDENT FRESHWATER FISHING LICENSE FEES

STATE	ANNUAL	7-DAY	3-DAY
Alabama	\$46.40	\$26.20	\$26.20
Alaska	\$145.00	\$55.00	\$35.00
Arizona	\$70.25	\$39.75	\$32.00
Arkansas	\$40.00	\$17.00	\$11.00
California	\$116.90	\$43.46	\$43.46
Colorado	\$66.00	\$49.00	\$31.00
Connecticut	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$22.00
Delaware	\$30.50	\$14.00	\$14.00
Florida	\$47.00	\$30.00	\$17.00
Georgia	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$20.00
Hawaii	\$30.50	\$10.00	\$10.00
Idaho	\$98.25	\$48.75	\$24.75
Indiana	\$35.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Iowa	\$41.00	\$32.00	\$17.50
Illinois	\$31.50	\$20.00	\$20.00
Kansas	\$42.50	\$42.50	\$22.50
Kentucky	\$50.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Louisiana	\$60.00	\$35.00	\$15.00
Maine	\$64.00	\$43.00	\$23.00
Massachusetts	\$37.50	\$37.50	\$23.50
Michigan	\$34.00	\$34.00	\$21.00
Minnesota	\$39.50	\$28.50	\$24.00
Mississippi	\$54.29	\$54.29	\$18.29
Missouri	\$42.00	\$42.00	\$21.00
Montana	\$70.00	\$53.50	\$53.50
Nebraska	\$60.50	\$60.50	\$27.50
Nevada	\$69.00	\$60.00	\$32.00

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STATE	ANNUAL	7-DAY	3-DAY
New Hampshire	\$53.00	\$35.00	\$28.00
New Jersey	\$34.00	\$19.50	\$19.50
New Mexico	\$56.00	\$56.00	\$24.00
New York	\$70.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
North Carolina	\$30.50	\$10.00	\$10.00
North Dakota	\$37.00	\$27.00	\$17.00
Ohio	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$19.00
Oklahoma	\$42.00	\$42.00	\$23.50
Oregon	\$106.25	\$59.75	\$46.25
Pennsylvania	\$52.70	\$34.70	\$26.70
Rhode Island	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$16.00
South Carolina	\$35.00	\$11.00	\$11.00
South Dakota	\$62.00	\$62.00	\$34.00
Tennessee	\$41.00	\$25.50	\$16.50
Texas	\$58.00	\$58.00	\$48.00
Utah	\$70.00	\$32.00	\$32.00
Vermont	\$45.00	\$30.00	\$22.00
Virginia	\$47.00	\$47.00	\$21.00
Washington	\$82.50	\$82.50	\$33.55
West Virginia	\$50.00	\$34.00	\$22.00
Wisconsin	\$50.00	\$28.00	\$24.00
Wyoming	\$104.50	\$98.00	\$42.00
Washington DC	\$30.50	\$7.50	\$6.50

¹ Natural Resources Article §4-604, Annotated Code of Maryland