

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 for one year from the date of purchase.

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 for one year from the date of purchase.

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 for one year from the date of purchase at a reduced rate.

Bay & Coastal Fishing Boat Decal 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). The license document issued with the boat decal serves as a complimentary Bay & Coastal Sport fishing license and recreational crabbing license for the Applicant. Decal and license are valid for one year from the date of purchase.

Bay & Coastal Sport Charter Boat License available to commercial licensed Fishing Guides only. Valid 9/1 through 8/31.

Commercial Fishing Pier License provides for a 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.

CRABBING SEASON

April 1 to December 15

CRABBING LICENSES

A recreational crabber may crab without a license 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week from docks, piers, bridges, boats and shorelines using only dip nets and any number of handlines catching up to 2 dozen male hard crabs and 1 dozen soft crabs and male peelers or a combination of male peeler and soft crab. A recreational license is not required in the Atlantic Ocean, coastal bays and their tributaries.

Recreational Crabbing License is required of persons catching crabs for recreational purposes in the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries using any of the following gear: (a) trotline, (b) collapsible traps, (c) net rings, (d) seines or (e) eel pots for catching the individual's own bait. Catch limits: more than 2 dozen with a limit of 1 bushel, more than 1 dozen with a limit of 2 dozen soft crabs or male peelers. License valid for one year from date of purchase.

Recreational Crabbing Boat License allows the purchaser, or if not onboard, any one individual on board the vessel to catch crabs for recreational purposes using the following gear: (a) trotline, (b) collapsible traps, (c) net rings and catch up to 1 bushel of male hard crabs (or 2 bushels if another license is on board) and 2 dozen soft or male peeler crabs or a combination of male peeler and soft crab. You may not use the gear above or have more than 4 dozen male hard crabs and 1 dozen soft or male peeler crabs on board the vessel unless either the boat is licensed or one of the individuals on board has an individual license. Valid for one year from date of purchase.

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 DECAL

Only 1 Bay & Coastal Fishing Boat decal can be replaced per season.

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

160 Harry S Truman Pkwy
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

251 Tilghman Rd Rm #2
Salisbury, MD 21804
410-713-3840
1-866-812-1678 (Toll Free in MD)

Essex SERVICE CENTER

1338 Eastern Blvd. A
Essex, MD 21221
667-401-0760
1-866-535-8319 (Toll Free in MD)
(Walk-In Only: M/W/F)
Located inside MVA

Western SERVICE CENTER

1601-A Bowmans Farm Rd
Frederick, MD 21701
240-679-0906
1-866-679-0906 (Toll Free in MD)

HOURS

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

CENTRAL SERVICE CENTER

501 W MacPhail Rd #2
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)

Non-Resident Nontidal Sportfishing License Fees

State	Annual	7-Day	3-Day
Alabama	\$52.00	\$29.25	\$29.25
Alaska	\$145.00	\$70.00	\$45.00
Arizona	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00
Arkansas	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$16.00
California	\$130.42	\$48.34	\$40.02
Colorado	\$56.00	\$39.00	\$21.00
Connecticut	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$22.00
Delaware	\$30.50	\$12.50	\$12.50
Florida	\$47.00	\$30.00	\$17.00
Georgia	\$50.00	\$31.00	\$17.00
Hawaii	\$30.50	\$10.00	\$10.00
Idaho	\$98.25	\$57.00	\$29.00
Indiana	\$35.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Iowa	\$41.00	\$32.00	\$17.50
Illinois	\$31.50	\$31.50	\$15.50
Kansas	\$52.50	\$52.50	\$27.50
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	\$76.00	\$70.00	\$30.00
Minnesota	\$51.00	\$43.00	\$36.00
Mississippi	\$60.00	\$38.00	\$15.00
Missouri	\$42.00	\$42.00	\$21.00
Montana	\$86.00	\$56.00	\$50.00

State	Annual	7-Day	3-Day
Nebraska	\$76.00	\$76.00	\$37.00
Nevada	\$80.00	\$60.00	\$32.00
New Hampshire	\$63.00	\$35.00	\$28.00
New Jersey	\$34.00	\$19.50	\$18.00
New Mexico	\$56.00	\$48.00	\$24.00
New York	\$50.00	\$28.00	\$28.00
North Carolina	\$36.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
North Dakota	\$45.00	\$35.00	\$25.00
Ohio	\$43.20	\$43.20	\$18.00
Oklahoma	\$55.00	\$50.00	\$35.00
Oregon	\$103.50	\$84.50	\$54.50
Pennsylvania	\$51.00	\$33.00	\$25.00
Rhode Island	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$16.00
South Carolina	\$35.00	\$11.00	\$11.00
South Dakota	\$67.00	\$67.00	\$37.00
Tennessee	\$50.00	\$30.50	\$20.50
Texas	\$58.00	\$58.00	\$48.00
Utah	\$75.00	\$40.00	\$24.00
Vermont	\$52.00	\$31.00	\$23.00
Virginia	\$47.00	\$37.00	\$21.00
Washington	\$84.50	\$84.50	\$35.55
West Virginia	\$37.00	\$21.00	\$9.00
Wisconsin	\$50.00	\$28.00	\$24.00
Wyoming	\$102.00	\$84.00	\$56.00
Washington DC	\$30.50	\$7.50	\$6.50
Out of Country	\$30.50	\$7.50	\$5.00