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## Blue and Flathead Catfish Finfish Trotline License Now Available

The Maryland General Assembly has reinstated the Blue and Flathead Catfish Finfish Trotline License under [Senate Bill 80](#) and [House Bill 386](#). This is a \$15 license that may be purchased by anyone not possessing an Unlimited Tidal Fish License (UTFL) or an Unlimited Finfish Harvester License (FIN) who wants to commercially harvest blue and flathead catfish with finfish trotlines. Those two license types already allow for the use of finfish trotlines for this activity, so holders of those licenses do not need to obtain the new license. In order to purchase this license, individuals will need to make an appointment at their local [Licensing Service Center](#).

Individuals harvesting under this license are required to report their harvest on their monthly finfish reports (printable version available [here](#)). For questions related to reporting your harvest, please contact staff at: [fisheriesharvestreport.dnr@maryland.gov](mailto:fisheriesharvestreport.dnr@maryland.gov).

For more information about the rules related to finfish trotlines, you can visit the [Code of Maryland Regulations](#).

Individuals who had received a Blue and Flathead Catfish Trotline Pilot Permit for the 2022-2023 commercial license year may continue to use that permit until September 1, 2023. After that date, all individuals will need to purchase the \$15 license to continue the activity.