

FRESHWATER FISHING LICENSE INFORMATION

Residency

A *resident* is defined as any person who has resided continuously in California for six months or more immediately before the date of application for a license, or persons on active military duty with the armed forces of the United States or an auxiliary branch or Job Corps enrollees.

License Provisions

Anyone 16 years of age and older must have a fishing license to take any kind of fish, mollusk, invertebrate, amphibian or crustacean in California, except for persons angling from a public pier in ocean or bay waters. A license is required to take reptiles, except for rattlesnakes.

Anyone 16 years or older fishing anywhere in Lake Tahoe or Topaz Lake must possess either a California fishing license or a Nevada fishing license. (Nevada also requires a trout stamp.)

Additional stamps and cards are required to fish in certain areas or to target certain species:

Report Card Requirements

Anglers who are not required to have a sport fishing license, such as anglers who are under 16 years of age and anglers who will be fishing on Free Fishing Days, are required to have report cards to fish for: salmon in Klamath-Trinity Rivers and their tributaries; steelhead; and sturgeon.

Report cards must be returned to the DFG at the address specified on the card by January 31 of the following year. (Section 1.74)

A Klamath-Trinity Salmon Report Salmon

Report Card is required for taking salmon in the Klamath and Trinity Rivers or their tributaries.

A **Steelhead Report Card** is required for taking steelhead in inland waters.

A free Sturgeon Fishing Report Card

is required for any person fishing for sturgeon. This includes anglers who are under 16 years of age, anglers who are fishing from a public pier, and anglers who hold a lifetime fishing license. Anglers who are under 16 years of age may obtain a sturgeon fishing report card without purchasing a sport fishing license. See Section 5.80 for more information.

A Bay Delta Sport Fishing Enhancement Stamp

is required to fish in San Francisco and San Pablo bays and associated tidalwaters, Carquinez Strait, the Delta, and the Sacramento-San Joaquin River system below the most downstream dam on major tributaries (see section 1.18). Anglers fishing under the authority of a one or two-day sport fishing license are exempt from the Bay-Delta Sport Fishing Enhancement Stamp requirement.

A **Second-Rod Stamp** is required to fish with two rods in inland waters in any sport fishery in which the regulations of the Commission provide for the taking of fish by angling, except those waters in which only artificial lures or barbless hooks may be used.

A Colorado River Special Use Stamp is required for anyone fishing from a boat or other floating device on the Colorado River or adjacent waters forming the California-Arizona border. The holder of a California license must have an **Arizona Use Stamp**, and the holder of an Arizona license must have a **California Use Stamp**.

Possession and Display of License

Section 700. (Title 14, California Code of Regulations).

(a) Display of Sport Fishing License: Every person, while engaged in taking any fish, amphibian or reptile, shall display their valid sport fishing license by attaching it to their outer clothing at or above the waistline so that it is plainly visible, except when diving as provided in Section 7145 of the Fish and Game Code. Persons diving from a boat or shore may have their license on the boat or within 500 yards of shore, respectively (see Fish and Game Code Section 7145).

Regulations provide that a person may purchase a hunting or sport fishing license, tags, or stamps for another person, as long as the application contains the licensee's true name and address. Regulations require that prior to using any license or license stamps, the licensee shall complete the application so that it contains the licensee's true name, residence address, date of birth, height, color of eyes and hair, weight and sex.

LICENSE INFORMATION

Information concerning license requirements and fees may be obtained from license agents, or from any Department of Fish and Game office.

A license or permit application shall indicate the correct mailing address of the applicant. The mailing of any notice required by law in connection with such license or permit shall be deemed sufficient if addressed to the last current address on file with the Department.

Fish, mollusks, crustaceans, amphibians and reptiles taken under authority of a sport fishing license may not be bartered or sold.

All fish, mollusks, crustaceans, amphibians and reptiles, and any device or apparatus capable of being used to take them, and all licenses, must be exhibited upon demand of any authorized officer.

REFUND POLICY

Refunds will not be issued for sport fishing licenses, stamps and report cards. These items are considered in use from the date issued and, therefore, are nonrefundable. For further information, contact the License and Revenue Branch at (916) 928-5805 or

LRB@dfg.ca.gov.

FREE AND REDUCED-FEE LICENSES

The Department offers free and reduced-fee fishing licenses to eligible persons. For example, reduced-fee fishing licenses are available to certain low-income seniors at least 65 years of age, and honorably-discharged veterans with a service-connected disability of at least 50 percent. Free fishing licenses are available to eligible persons who are blind; low-income American Indians; developmentally disabled persons; and residents who are so severely physically disabled that they are permanently unable to move from place to place without the use of a wheelchair, walker, forearm crutches, or a comparable mobility-related device. Proof of eligibility for all free and reduced-fee licenses is required. For more information about reduced-fee and free fishing licenses, contact the nearest Department of Fish and Game office.

2009 FRESHWATER FISHING LICENSE FEES

Resident sport fishing license.....	\$41.20
Nonresident sport fishing license.....	110.80
Ten-day nonresident sport fishing license*.....	41.20
Two-day sport fishing license**.....	20.75
One-day sportfishing license (resident or nonresident).....	13.40
Second-Rod Stamp (Valid in inland waters , except for waters in which only artificial lures or barbless hooks may be used.).....	12.85
Klamath-Trinity Salmon Report Card (all waters of the Klamath River system).....	5.50
Colorado River Special Use Stamp.....	3.00
Steelhead Report Card.....	6.30
Bay-Delta Sport Fishing Enhancement Stamp.....	6.30
Sturgeon Report Card.....	(No Fee)

NOTE: *Valid for ten consecutive calendar days. **Can be purchased by residents or nonresidents, and valid for two consecutive calendar days. If you lose your annual fishing license, then take your Department-issued receipt (the one that came with your license) to any agent selling fishing licenses. Give them your receipt, pay the appropriate fee, and you can get a duplicate fishing license. *If you lose your receipt or your duplicate fishing license, you must purchase another license at full-fee.*

Lifetime Sport Fishing Licenses

Age 9 years or younger.....	\$459.25
Age 10 to 39 years.....	\$754.75
Age 40 to 61 years.....	\$679.50
Age 62 years or older.....	\$459.25

Additional Lifetime Fishing Privileges (includes: Second-Rod Stamp, Bay-Delta Sport Fishing Enhancement Stamp, Ocean Enhancement Stamp, Klamath-Trinity Salmon Report Card and Steelhead Report Card).....\$308.50