



*Do you need a*  
**SALTWATER  
FISHING LICENSE?**

**BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 2009, A SALTWATER FISHING LICENSE WILL BE REQUIRED FOR FLORIDA RESIDENTS WHO FISH FROM SHORE.**

- Shore includes: pier, jetty, bridge, floating dock or similar structure.
- The annual resident shoreline fishing license will cost \$9.00.
- Resident anglers may also purchase a \$17.00 one-year saltwater license which covers both shoreline and watercraft recreational fishing.

**YOU DO NOT NEED A SALTWATER FISHING LICENSE IF YOU ARE:**

- Drawing food stamps, temporary cash assistance or Medicaid and carrying an issued ID card while fishing.
- A resident fishing in your home county with live or natural bait using a cane pole or other gear that does not depend on mechanical retrieval.
- Under 16 years of age.
- Florida resident over 65 years of age.
- Fishing from a for-hire vessel.
- Fishing from a pier with a valid pier saltwater fishing license.
- Florida resident who is a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, home on leave for 30 days or less.
- Florida resident who possesses a Florida Resident Disabled Person Hunting and Fishing Certificate.



**BENEFITS OF NEW SHORELINE LICENSE FOR ANGLERS:**

- Anglers avoid paying for more expensive federal license.
- All of the revenue from these new sales will go directly to improving marine fisheries in Florida. Programs supported by these dollars include fisheries management, research, enhancement, boating access, fish health and angler outreach.
- Florida receives money from Sport Fish Restoration based on the number of recreational licenses sold.

*Additional information may be obtained by visiting the following websites:*

**[www.catchandrelease.org](http://www.catchandrelease.org) or [www.myfwc.com](http://www.myfwc.com)**

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