

FISHING LICENSE AMENDMENTS

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill authorizes a person under the age of 16 to fish without a license under certain circumstances.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ authorizes a person under the age of 16 to fish without a license during a youth organization or school activity; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

23-19-14.5, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 270

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **23-19-14.5** is amended to read:

23-19-14.5. Persons participating in youth organization or school activity authorized to fish without license.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "School" means an elementary school or a secondary school that:

- 30 (i) is a public or private school located in the state; and
31 (ii) provides student instruction for one or more years of kindergarten through grade 9.
32 (b) "Youth organization" means a local Utah chapter of:
33 (i) the Boy Scouts of America;
34 (ii) the Girls Scouts of the USA; or
35 (iii) an organization that:
36 (A) is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code; and
37 (B) promotes character building through outdoor activities.
38 (2) The Division of Wildlife Resources shall permit a person to fish without a license
39 during a youth organization or school activity if:
40 (a) the person is:
41 (i) (A) a member of the youth organization; or
42 (B) a student enrolled in the school; and
43 (ii) younger than [~~14~~] 16 years old;
44 (b) the fishing is in compliance with all fishing statutes and rules;
45 (c) the activity is part of a recreational or instructional program of the youth
46 organization or school; and
47 (d) an adult leader of the activity obtains from the youth organization or school:
48 (i) a valid tour permit; or
49 (ii) documentation that specifies:
50 (A) the date and place of the fishing activity;
51 (B) the name of the adult leader that will supervise the fishing; and
52 (C) that the activity is officially sanctioned or authorized by the youth organization or
53 school.
54 (3) (a) The adult leader shall:
55 (i) possess a valid Utah fishing or combination license; and
56 (ii) instruct the activity participants on fishing statutes and rules.
57 (b) The division shall provide educational materials on its website to assist the adult

58 leader in complying with Subsection (3)(a).

59 (4) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the

60 Wildlife Board shall adopt rules specifying the form of the documentation required under

61 Subsection (2)(d)(ii).