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EXEMPTION FROM FISHING LICENSE
2007 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Dennis E. Stowell
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LONG TITLE
General Description:
This bill authorizes residents younger than 14 years old to fish without a license during
a youth organization activity.
Highlighted Provisions:
This bill:
 authorizes residents younger than 14 years old to fish during a youth organization
activity without a fishing license if the organization receives proper documentation;
 requires the adult leader to instruct the youth members on fishing laws;
 requires the Division of Wildlife Resources to provide educational materials on
fishing laws; and
 authorizes the Division of Wildlife Resources to make rules to implement this
section.
Monies Appropriated in this Bill:
None
Other Special Clauses:
None
Utah Code Sections Affected:
ENACTS:
23-19-14.5, Utah Code Annotated 1953

30	<u>23-19-14.5.</u> Persons participating in youth organization activity authorized to fish
31	without license.
32	(1) As used in this section, "youth organization" means:
33	(a) the Boy Scouts of America;
34	(b) the Girls Scouts of the USA; or
35	(c) an organization that:
36	(i) is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code; and
37	(ii) promotes character building through outdoor activities.
38	(2) The Division of Wildlife Resources shall permit a resident to fish without a license
39	during a youth organization activity if:
40	(a) the resident is:
41	(i) a member of a youth organization; and
42	(ii) younger than 14 years old;
43	(b) the fishing is in compliance with all fishing statutes and rules; and
44	(c) the adult leader obtains from the youth organization:
45	(i) a valid tour permit; or
46	(ii) official documentation that specifies:
47	(A) the date and place of the fishing;
48	(B) the name of the adult leader that will supervise the fishing; and
49	(C) that the activity is officially sanctioned by the youth organization.
50	(3) (a) The adult leader shall instruct the members on fishing statutes and rules.
51	(b) The division shall provide educational materials on its website to assist the adult
52	leader in complying with Subsection (3)(a).
53	(4) By following the procedures and requirements of Tile 63, Chapter 46a, Utah
54	Administrative Rulemaking Act, the Wildlife Board shall adopt rules specifying the form of the
55	official documentation required by Subsection (2)(c)(ii).