

FISHING LICENSE AMENDMENTS

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Bruce R. Cutler

Senate Sponsor: Brian E. Shiozawa

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.



- 28 (1) As used in this section:
- 29 (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 instruct the activity participants on fishing statutes and
- 55 rules.
- 56 (b) The division shall provide educational materials on its website to assist the adult
- 57 leader in complying with Subsection (3)(a).
- 58 (4) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the

59 Wildlife Board shall adopt rules specifying the form of the documentation required under
60 Subsection (2)(d)(ii).

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