License Information

This is not the full law. Consult the Division of Fish and Wildlife for further details. All persons are reminded that the statutes, code and regulations are the legal authorities. Regulations in red are new this year. Purple text indicates an important note.

License Information

Licenses

- A valid fishing license is required for residents at least 16 years and less than 70 years of age (plus all non-residents 16 years and older) to fish the fresh waters of New Jersey, including privately owned waters.
- Resident anglers age 70 and over do not require a fishing license. A driver's license or other acceptable proof of age containing date of birth and physical description will serve as the actual fishing license.
- License must be visibly displayed on outer clothing.
- License and trout stamp are both valid from date of purchase to Dec. 31.
- A person must reside in New Jersey for at least six months to obtain a resident fishing license.
- Farmers and immediate family members who live on the farm do not need a license to fish on their own farm, but must obey all fishing regulations.
- Anyone convicted of a second fish or wildlife violation in this or another state within a period of five years will have his or her New Jersey sporting licenses revoked for a minimum of two years.

Trout Stamps

For all anglers (residents and non-residents) 16 and over, and residents under the age of 70, a valid fishing license and trout stamp are both required to fish for or possess trout. No trout stamp is required for residents 70 years and over.

Purchasing a License

Licenses may be purchased by phone at (888) 773-8450, online at www.wildlifelicense.com/nj/ or at license agents such as sporting goods stores plus bait and tackle shops. Visit our Web site at NJFishandWildlife.com for details, or call (609) 292-2965. The Trenton Fish and Wildlife office is no longer open to the public for license or permit sales.

2010 License Information & Fees

Licenses and fishing-related permits are valid from date of purchase to Dec. 31 of each year.

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<td>Non-resident 7-Day Vacation Fishing</td>
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<td>All-Around Sportsman (includes resident fishing, firearm hunting and bow/arrow hunting licenses)</td>
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| Permits |
| Available online or through license agents: |
| Boat Ramp Permit | $15 |
| Available through the Lebanon Field Office (908) 236-2118: |
| Water Lowering, Fish Stocking, Baitfish Collecting, Fish Tagging | $2 |
| Turtle & Frog Collecting | $2 |
| Scientific Collecting | $22 |

Replacement — Lost License or Stamp

A license, permit or stamp can be replaced at any license agent or online at Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site, www.wildlifelicense.com/nj/ also linked through our regular Web site at NJFishandWildlife.com or by phone at (888) 773-8450.

Special Licenses

Servicemen and Servicewomen

A person who is on active duty in the armed services of the United States is entitled to fish with a resident license.

National Guard Members

Eligible National Guard personnel are entitled to free licenses, permits, and stamps. Further information can be obtained by writing to NJ Department of Military/Veteran Affairs, 101 Eggerts Crossing Rd., Lawrenceville, NJ 08648. Or call (609) 530-6866 for 1st Sgt. Turrian.

Disabled Veterans Licenses, Stamps and Permits

Free hunting and fishing licenses, stamps and permits are available for resident disabled veterans.

For the purposes of this program, a disabled veteran is a New Jersey resident who has been honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active service from any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces who has a service-connected disability of any degree.

New applicant disabled veterans may obtain their hunting and fishing licenses and stamps at the following Fish and Wildlife field offices:

- Central Region Office, Upper Freehold Twp., Monmouth Co., (609) 259-2132
- Southern Region Office, Sicklerville, Camden Co., (856) 629-0090

Once disabled veteran status is established with Fish and Wildlife, veterans may obtain a license, stamp or permit at any license agent or online at www.wildlifelicense.com/nj/.

All licenses, stamps and permits for which the veteran is eligible will be free of charge. This does not give preferential treatment in any lottery.

Disabled Veteran Applicants:

1. Documentation of current benefits for a service-connected disability and proof of honorable discharge (such as a copy of your DD-214, VA card or monthly check stub) must be presented to obtain a free disabled veteran license.

2. Applicant must provide a hunter education course (archery, shotgun or rifle) certificate applicable to the license for which he or she is applying or a previously issued resident archery or firearms license or rifle permit. Resident licenses from other states issued to hunters prior to establishing residency in New Jersey will be accepted if the license indicates the sporting arm for which it was valid. Non-resident licenses from other states are not acceptable.

3. To obtain the free disabled veteran deer/turkey permits one must first have a free disabled veteran hunting license.

For the Blind

Residents afflicted with total blindness may obtain a free license from Fish and Wildlife’s Trenton office. Call (609) 292-2965 for an application.
Summary of General Fishing Regulations

The season, size and creel limits for freshwater species apply to all waters of the state, including tidal waters.

- Fish may be taken only in the manner known as angling with line attached by the holder of a valid fishing license. See regulations for the Delaware River and its tributaries, including Neldon Brook, plus Monksville Reservoir and its tributaries, including the Wanaque River.

- Spear fishing is prohibited.

- Use set lines.

- Use cast nets in freshwater lakes or trout stocked waters. See Baitfish Regulations, page 28 for other exclusions.

- Use hooks as directed in the Fish and Game Code. Artificially-propagated trout, if properly tagged, may be sold by means of hooks, no more than three, directly attached to a rigid handle between December 1 and March 1.

- The Director of the Division of Fish and Wildlife, upon approval by the Fish and Game Council, issues an emergency closure notice. Such notification is effective and/or rescinded immediately upon public notification. Emergency closures shall be based upon imminent threat to the well-being of the fishery resources, and/or its users, and may include any exceptions to the total ban of fishing that the Director deems practical.

- It is illegal to sell any freshwater fish species except under commercial permits as prescribed in the Fish and Game Code. Artificially-propagated trout, if properly tagged, may be sold for food purposes.

- No person may tag or mark and then release fish of any species which are purposely killed for food purposes.

- It is illegal to attempt to catch or kill fish by any manner or means in any waters for which a permit or by special permit issued by Fish and Wildlife. Contact the Lebanon Field Office at (908) 236-2118.

- Waste of Fish: Fish of any species which are purposely killed become part of the angler's daily limit and must be returned to the water unharmed.

- Fish ladder entrance or exit from March 1 through June 30.

- Carp and suckers may be taken with net under special permit issued by Fish and Wildlife. Contact the Lebanon Field Office at (908) 236-2118.

- New Jersey Fish & Wildlife Digest

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<th>Type of Fishing</th>
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<tr>
<td>Echo Lake</td>
<td>Passaic</td>
<td>Boat &amp; Shoreline</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Permits available in person only at these locations: Newark Watershed Conserv. &amp; Dev. Corp 223 Echo Lake Road Newfoundland, NJ 07435 (973) 697-2850 40 Clinton Street, 4th Floor Newark, NJ 07102 (973) 622-4521</td>
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<tr>
<td>Clinton Reservoir</td>
<td>Passaic</td>
<td>Shoreline only</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Passaic Valley Water Commission 1525 Main Avenue, Clifton, NJ 07015 (973) 340-4309 Send stamped, self-addressed envelope. A daily permit will be mailed. Permit allows two people to fish.</td>
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<td>Oak Ridge Reservoir</td>
<td>Morris</td>
<td>Shoreline only</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>United Water Company 200 Old Hook Road Harrington Park, NJ 07640 (201) 767-9300 x3208</td>
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<td>Canisear Reservoir</td>
<td>Sussex</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
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- Artificial jiggling lure with not more than one burr of three hooks that measure not more than ½-inch from point to shaft;

- Natural bait may be used on the hooks of the artificial jiggling lures. All devices that are not hand-held must bear the name and address of the user and cannot be left unattended.

- Waste of Fish

- Emergency Closures

- Crossbows are NOT permitted for fishing.

- Bow and Arrow Fishing

- Any species of fish, except brook, brown, lake or rainbow trout, landlocked Atlantic salmon, largemouth or smallmouth bass, striped bass or any of its hybrids, pickerel, northern pike, walleye, muskellunge or any of its hybrids, may be taken at any time by use of a bow and arrow with line attached by the holder of a valid fishing license. See regulations for the Delaware River and Greenwood Lake, pages 26–27. Crossbows are NOT permitted for fishing.

- Waste of Fish

- Sale of Fish

- Stocking Fish

- Tagging Fish

- Summary of Water Supply Reservoirs

- Permits must be obtained from the specific reservoir owner listed below.

- A valid fishing license is also required.

- New Jersey Fish & Wildlife Digest

- Division of Fish and Wildlife at (609)292-2965

- 2010 Freshwater Fishing Issue

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For more information contact New Jersey

Division of Fish and Wildlife at (609)292-2965
Certain waters are closed to fishing for all species from March 22 to April 10, 2010 at 8 a.m. because of trout stocking. Refer to pages 16–17 for complete lists and exceptions. For Delaware River and Greenwood Lake, see regulations on pages 26–27.

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<td>LARGEMOUTH &amp; SMALLMOUTH BASS</td>
<td>Jan. 1 – April 14 April 15 – June 15 Catch &amp; Release only (all waters) June 16 – Dec. 31</td>
<td>Statewide (exceptions below)</td>
<td>12 inches</td>
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<td>Lunker Bass Lakes: Assunpink, Parvin, Delaware lakes, Splitrock Reservoir</td>
<td>15 inches</td>
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<td>Conservation Regulations: Ryker Lake</td>
<td>15 inches</td>
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<td>Year-Round</td>
<td>Lake Audrey</td>
<td>Catch &amp; Release only 0</td>
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<td>NORTHERN PIKE, TIGER MUSKY, MUSKELLUNGE</td>
<td>Open year round March 20 – May 20 are Catch &amp; Release only for Echo Lake Reservoir, Mercer Lake, Mountain Lake, Monksville Reservoir</td>
<td>Statewide Northern Pike: 24 inches</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Statewide (exceptions below) Tiger Musky &amp; Muskellunge: 36 inches</td>
<td>1 combined</td>
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<td>Trophy Musky Waters: Mountain &amp; Echo Lake reservoirs Tiger Musky &amp; Muskellunge: 40 inches</td>
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<td>CHAIN PICKEREL AND REDFIN PICKEREL</td>
<td>Open year round</td>
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<td>15 inches</td>
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<td>WALLEYE</td>
<td>Jan. 1 – Feb. 28 March 1 – April 30 Catch &amp; Release only May 1 – Dec. 31</td>
<td>Statewide</td>
<td>18 inches</td>
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<td>STRIPED BASS (freshwater only)</td>
<td>March 1 – Dec. 31</td>
<td>Statewide</td>
<td>28 inches</td>
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<td>HYBRID STRIPED BASS (freshwater only)</td>
<td>Open year round</td>
<td>Statewide (exceptions below)</td>
<td>16 inches</td>
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<td>March 1 – Dec. 31</td>
<td>Raritan River (downstream of Duke Island Park dam)</td>
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<td>8 inches</td>
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<th>BANDED, BLACKBANDED, BLUESPOTTED AND MUD SUNFISH</th>
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<td>Conservation Regulation Rainbow Lake (Salem Co.)</td>
<td>Yellow Perch: No minimum size</td>
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<th>FRESHWATER BAITFISH (See page 28 for complete description of gear types and restrictions)</th>
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<td>Open year round</td>
<td>Statewide</td>
<td>No minimum size</td>
<td>35 combined, of which no more than ten may be alewife or blue-back herring</td>
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**Exceptions**

- Baitfish may not be taken in trout stocked waters from March 22 to June 15

* Illustrations by Ted Walke, PA Fish and Boat Commission
New Jersey and Pennsylvania fishing licenses are both recognized when fishing the Delaware River from a boat or either shoreline. This applies to the main stem of the river only. Anglers may launch a boat from either shore and on return, may have in possession any fish which may be legally taken according to the regulations of the state where the landing is made. No more than two rods, each with one line, or two hand lines—or one of each—may be used. No more than three single hooks or three treble hooks per line. To protect spawning striped bass, from the Calhoun Street bridge near Trenton downstream to the Commodore Barry Bridge at Bridgeport, non-offset circle hooks must be used when using bait with a #2 sized hook or larger, from April 1 to May 30.

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<td>Jan. 1–April 17</td>
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<td>April 18–June 12</td>
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<td>Eel, American*</td>
<td>Open year round</td>
<td>Pennsylvania: 8 inches (but 6–8 inches for baitfish)</td>
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<td>New Jersey: 6 inches</td>
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<td>Herring, Alewife and Blueback</td>
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<td>Muskelunge &amp; Hybrids</td>
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<td>40 inches</td>
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<td>Pickerel, Chain</td>
<td>Open year round</td>
<td>12 inches</td>
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<td>Pike, Northern</td>
<td>Open year round</td>
<td>24 inches</td>
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<td>Shad, American</td>
<td>Open year round</td>
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<td>Striped Bass &amp; Hybrids (upstream of Calhoun St. Bridge)</td>
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<td>28 inches</td>
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<td>Striped Bass &amp; Hybrids (downstream of Calhoun St. Bridge)</td>
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<td>June 1–Dec. 31</td>
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<td>Sturgeon, Atlantic and Shortnose</td>
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<td>Trout</td>
<td>April 18–Oct. 15</td>
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<td>Walleye</td>
<td>Open year round</td>
<td>18 inches</td>
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<td>All Other Freshwater Species</td>
<td>Open year round</td>
<td>No minimum</td>
<td>No limit</td>
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<td>Baitfish*</td>
<td>Open year round</td>
<td>No minimum</td>
<td>50</td>
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- A listing of fishing access locations along the Delaware River is available at Fish and Wildlife’s Web site, NJFishandWildlife.com, under Freshwater Fishing. The newly updated Delaware River Basin Commission recreation maps are available for $25. An order form is available online at www.state.nj.us/drbc/recreation.htm.
- Information for the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area is available online at www.nps.gov/dewa/.
- Pennsylvania also enforces an 8-inch minimum on American Eel. Eel used as bait must be at least 6 inches and no greater than 8 inches in length.

* Regulations for American eel are different for Pennsylvania and New Jersey. In Pennsylvania, American eel must be 6 to 8 inches in length when harvested as baitfish; otherwise, the minimum size for Pennsylvania is 8 inches, with a limit of 50 for both uses. In New Jersey, American eel must be at least 6 inches in length, with a limit of 50. American eels brought to shore must conform to the regulations of the state (NJ or PA) in which they are landed.
Greenwood Lake

- New York and New Jersey fishing licenses are both recognized anywhere on the lake or along the shoreline.
- Fishing is permitted 24 hours a day.
- In compliance with New York regulations, only certified virus-free baitfish may be transported to, or used on, the portion of Greenwood Lake owned by the State of New York. Anglers are urged to use only certified virus-free baitfish when fishing any portion of Greenwood Lake.
- Bow and arrow fishing for all carp, sucker, herring, catfish and eel is permitted. A valid fishing license is required.
- No more than five tip-ups and two hand-held devices may be used when ice fishing. All devices that are not hand held must be plainly marked with the name and address of the angler.

### Fishing Regulations

**Species** | **Open Seasons** | **Minimum Length** | **Daily Limit**
--- | --- | --- | ---
Bass, Largemouth & Smallmouth | Jan. 1–June 15 | Catch and release only |  
| | June 16–Dec. 1 | 12 inches | 5 combined  
| | Dec. 1–Dec. 31 | Catch and release only |  
Catfish, Channel | Open year round | 12 inches | 5  
Crappie, Black & White | Open year round | 8 inches | 10 combined  
Muskellunge & Hybrids | Open year round | 36 inches | 1  
Perch, Yellow | Open year round | No minimum | 50  
Pickerel, Chain | Open year round | 15 inches | 5  
Sunfish | Jan. 1–Feb. 28 | 18 inches | 3  
| March 1–April 30 | Catch and release only |  
| May 1–Dec. 31 | 18 inches | 3  
Walleye | Open year round | No minimum | No limit  
All Other Species | Open year round | No minimum | No limit

### Freshwater Fisheries Forums

- **1st Forum:**
  - Feb. 27, 2010; 10 a.m.
  - Batsto Village Visitor’s Center in Wharton State Forest

- **2nd Forum:**
  - Dec. 4, 2010; 10 a.m.
  - Hackettstown Hatchery, Warren County

Come and share your views and recommendations for the future of freshwater fisheries in New Jersey and learn about current research, management and fish culture activities!

The forum at Hackettstown will include a tour of the fish production facilities.

For more information or to pre-register (helpful, but not required) please call (908) 236-2118 or send an e-mail to njfwfish@earthlink.net. E-mails should include name, address, phone number and number of people attending.

Presented by NJ Department of Environmental Protection’s Division of Fish and Wildlife
Baitfish Regulations

Baitfish species: alewife (anadromous and landlocked forms), blueback herring, golden shiner, banded killifish, mummichog, spotfin killifish, rainwater killifish, American brook lamprey, fathead minnow, blunt-nose minnow, stonecat, tadpole madtom, margined madtom, all shiners, daces, minnows, chubs and the American eel.

Baitfish may be taken from the fresh waters of the state in numbers greater than 35 per day, in lakes over 250 acres, under a special permit issued by Fish and Wildlife at its discretion. Contact (908) 236-2118 for application information.

Notes: Any person with a valid fishing license (or those under 16 and those 70 years or older) may take baitfish in fresh waters. Possession limit is one day’s limit, regardless of the intent to use these fish. Baitfish may be taken from the fresh waters of the state in numbers greater than 35 per day, in lakes over 250 acres, under a special permit issued by Fish and Wildlife at its discretion. Contact (908) 236-2118 for application information.

Gear

Seine

Not over 50 feet long in ponds and lakes over 100 acres; in all other waters not over 30 feet in length, or half the width of the stream at point of use, whichever is less.

Exception: In trout-stocked waters and special regulation trout areas a seine may not be more than 10 feet in length and 4 feet in depth.

Minnow Trap

Not larger than 24 inches in length with a funnel mouth no greater than 2 inches in diameter.

Umbrella Net

No greater than 3.5 feet square.

Dip Net

No more than 24 inches in diameter; may be used only for alewife or blueback herring.

Cast Net

No greater than 8 feet in diameter; may be used only in streams that are not trout-stocked or special regulation trout areas (may not be used in lakes).

Hook And Line

Maximum of nine single hooks or three hooks with three burrs per contrivance on all waters except the Delaware River where only three single hooks are permitted.

Turtle and Frog Regulations

Species

Snapping Turtle

January 1 – April 30

June 16 – December 31

Statewide

No minimum

3 per day

Bull Frog and Green Frog

January 1 – March 31

July 1 – December 31

Statewide

No minimum

15 per day, combined

MEANS OF TAKE

Any person with a valid fishing license or those entitled to fish without a license may take snapping turtles, bull frogs, and green frogs by means of snares, hooks, dip nets (not more than 24 inches in diameter), traps or by hand. Snapping turtles may not be taken with a gun or bow and arrow.

Snapping turtles, bull frogs, and green frogs may be taken in numbers greater than the daily limit under a commercial harvest permit issued by Fish and Wildlife at its discretion. Contact (908) 236-2118 for application information.

Motor Boat Registration and Title Requirements

NJ Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC)

Registration

Most boats must be registered to operate on New Jersey waterways.

- All titled boats must be registered also.
- Any boat (including jet skis and non-titled watercraft), mechanically propelled (incl. electric motors), regardless of length, must be registered.
- Boats greater than 12 feet in length, regardless of propulsion means, must be titled and registered at an MVC office.

Boats and marine equipment which need not be registered:

- Those not based in New Jersey or operating here less than 180 consecutive days that are operating under a federally approved numbering system from another state
- Ship’s lifeboats
- Non-motorized vessels used exclusively on small lakes and ponds on private property
- Racing vessels with New Jersey State Marine Police permit
- Non-motorized inflatable device, surfboard, racing shell, dinghy, canoe or kayak
- Non-motorized vessel less than 12 feet in length

Title

For use on New Jersey waterways, all boats more than 12 feet in length must be titled, with the exception of ship’s lifeboat, canoe, kayak, inflatable, surfboard, rowing scull, racing shell, tender/dinghy used for direct transportation between a vessel and shore for no other purposes.

Boat Operator License (MVC)

An operator license is required to operate power vessels on fresh, non-tidal waters such as lakes, creeks and rivers. (Minimum age 16 years; with certain exceptions.)

For More Information:

New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission
(888) 486-3339 toll free in NJ or (609) 292-6500 from out-of-state
www.nj.gov/mvc/

Boat Safety Certificate (NJSF)

A boat safety certificate (from an approved boat safety course, see NJSF Web site, below) is required to operate a personal watercraft or power vessel, including electric motors, in NJ waters (tidal and non-tidal).

New Jersey State Police (NJSF)
(609) 882-2000 www.njsp.org/maritime
Fishing License Lines

2010 Regulations

A fishing license is required to fish the fresh waters of the state. Locations listed below mark the change from salt water (license not required) to fresh water. A fishing license is required at and upstream of these locations.

ATLANTIC COUNTY
Absecon Creek—Dam at Lower Atlantic City Reservoir
Great Egg Harbor River—Power lines at confluence of Gravelly Run
Middle River—None—all saline water
Mullica River—Line between Seventh Ave., Sweetwater, and ramp at Crowleys Landing
Nacote Creek—Port Republic dam
Patcong Creek—Bargaintown Lake dam
South River—Power lines immediately below Rt. 50
Tuckahoe River—First northerly tributary downstream of Rt. 49 bridge (McNeils Branch)

BERGEN COUNTY
Hackensack River—Cedar Lane Bridge between Hackensack and Teaneck
Hudson River—None—all saline water
Passaic River—Required whole length

BURLINGTON COUNTY
Assicunk Creek—Required whole length
Bass River State—Fire Bridge on Stage Rd. in Bass River State Forest
Batsto River—Required whole length
Blacks Creek—Required whole length
Crosswicks Creek—Required whole length
Delaware River—Required whole length
Mullica River—Line between Seventh Ave., Sweetwater, and ramp at Crowleys Landing
Pennsauken Creek—Required whole length
Pompeyton Creek—Required whole length
Rancocas Creek—Required whole length
Sewards Run—Required whole length
Wading River—Charcoal Landing, Chips Polly Campground

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CAPE MAY COUNTY
Bidwell’s Creek—None—all saline water
Cedar Swamp Creek—None—all saline water
Dennis Creek—None—all saline water
East Creek—100 ft. below East Creek Lake dam, Eldora
Tuckahoe River—First northerly tributary downstream of lower Rt. 49 bridge (McNeils Br.)
West Creek—100 feet below West Creek Lake dam (Pickle Factory Pond)

CUMBERLAND COUNTY
Andrews Creek—None—all saline water
Back Creek—None—all saline water
Cedar Creek—100 ft. downstream of Cedar Creek Lake dam
Cohansey River—Rt. 49 bridge at Bridgeton
Dividing Creek—Rt. 555 bridge
Fishing Creek—None—all saline water
Fortescue Cr./Branch of Oranoker Cr.—None—all saline water
Manumuskin Creek—Required whole length
Maurice River—Mouth of Manumuskin Creek near Port Elizabeth
Menantico Creek—Required whole length
Mill Creek—Tributary of Cohansey—Rt. 553 bridge, Fairton
Muske Creek—S. side of bridge on Weathersby Rd.
Nantucket Creek (Pages Run)—Rt. 553 north of Frames Corner
Oranoker Creek—Whitear Mill, North of Beaver dam

Oyster Creek—None—all saline water
Riggins Ditch—Rt. 47 bridge
Sow and Pigs Branch Nantuxent—None—all saline water
Stow Creek—Buckhorn Rd. bridge, Jericho
Straight Creek—None—all saline water
West Creek—100 ft. below West Creek Lake dam (Pickle Factory Pond)

ESSEX COUNTY
Passaic River— Erie Railroad bridge between Newark (at Verona Ave.) and Kearny
Peddie Ditch—None—all saline water

GLOUCESTER COUNTY
Big Timber Creek—Required whole length
Delaware River—Commodore Barry bridge at Bridgeport
Mantua Creek—Required whole length
Oldmans Creek—Rt. 295 bridge
Raccoon Creek—Required whole length
Woodbury Creek—Required whole length

HUDSON COUNTY
Hackensack River—None—all saline water
Hudson River—None—all saline water
Passaic River—Railroad bridge between Newark (at Verona Ave.) and Kearny

HUNTERDON COUNTY
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MERCER COUNTY
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MIDDLESEX COUNTY
Cheesequake Creek—Dam at Cheesequake Lake, Cheesequake State Park
Lawrence Brook—N.J. Turnpike bridge, East Brunswick
Raritan River—Landing Lane bridge, New Brunswick
South River—Rt. 527 bridge (New Brunswick Old Bridge Tp.)
Woodbridge River—N.J. Turnpike bridge

MONMOUTH COUNTY
Black Creek—Spillway at Ocean Rd.
Branchport Creek—Mouth of Turtle Mill Brook
Deal Lake—Top of dam
Hockhockson (Pine) Brook—Garden State Parkway northbound bridge
Little Silver Creek—Little Silver Creek Brook
Manasquan River—Bennetts bridge, Manasquan
Wildlife Management Area
Matawan Creek—Lefferts Lake dam
Oceanport Creek—Mouth of Husky Brook
Parker’s Creek—Mouth of Parker’s Creek Brook
Shark River—Rensens Mills Rd.
Swimming River—Swimming River Rd. bridge
Wreck Pond Creek—Rt. 71 bridge

MORRIS COUNTY
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OCEAN COUNTY
Beaver Dam Creek—Rt. 88 bridge
Cedar Creek—Rt. 9 bridge
Cedar Run—Rt. 9 bridge
Dinner Point Creek—None—all saline water
Double Creek—None—all saline water
Forked River—All branches Rt. 9
Gunning River—None—all saline water
Jakes Branch—Above Atlantic City Blvd.
Jeffreys Creek—Ocean Gate Rd. to Ocean Gate
Kettle Creek—Rt. 549 bridge
Lake of the Lilies—Entire lake
Long Swamp Creek—Washington St. bridge, Toms River
Manahawkin Creek—Dams for Manahawkin WMA impoundments bayside
Metedeconk River—Rt. 70 bridge, Laurelton
Mill Creek—Mouth of Creek at lagoons in Beach Haven West
Mill Creek—Pine Beach—Ocean Gate Road
Oyster Creek—Rt. 9 bridge
Parkers Run—None—all saline water
Potters Creek—None—all saline water
Stouts Creek—None—all saline water
Stouts Creek S. Br.—Bayside East Parkway
Toms River—Garden State Parkway, northbound bridge
Tuckerton Creek—Dam at Rt. 9 bridge
Waretown Creek—Rt. 9 bridge
West Creek—Rt. 9 bridge

PASSAIC COUNTY
License required on all waters

SALEM COUNTY
Alloway Creek—Rt. 540 bridge at Alloway
Black Ditch—None—all saline water
Delaware River—None—all saline water
Fishing Creek—None—all saline water
Hope Creek—None—all saline water
Mad Horse Creek—None—all saline water
Mill Creek—None—all saline water
Oldmans Creek—Rt. 295 southbound bridge
Salem River—Dupont dam near Cedar Crest Manor
Salem Canal—Dam at Deepwater
Stow Creek—Buckhorn Rd. bridge, Jericho
Straight Ditch—None—all saline water

SOMERSET COUNTY
License required on all waters

SUSSEX COUNTY
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UNION COUNTY
Elizabeth River—West Grand St., Elizabeth
Great Ditch—None—all saline water
Morses Creek—Old Morses Mill Rd.
Oyster Creek—None—all saline water
Peddie Ditch—None—all saline water
Piles Creek—None—all saline water
Rahway River—Lawrence St. (Rt. 514), Rahway

WARREN COUNTY
License required on Delaware River and all other waters

IMPORTANT FOOTNOTES:
1. Absence of a river, creek, brook or other waterway from this list does not make it exempt from requiring a license to fish the fresh waters.