

RECREATIONAL FISHING

Recreational fishing activities are regulated by Law 20.256. The aim of this Law is to encourage recreational fishing activities, ensure the conservation of aquatic species and protect their ecosystem, promote economic and tourism activities associated to the activity and regional participation.

Recreational fishing is a non-profit activity carried out by natural persons with the objective to capture aquatic species with fishing gear for personal use, and for sport, tourism or entertainment purposes. Underwater fishing is also considered recreational fishing, only when it is performed as a non-profit activity with the above objectives.

The following matters, among others, are regulated by Law: fishing gear to perform the activity, that must consist in gear intended to be used by an individual fisherman; the personal and non-transferable fishing license; administration measures that regulate the activity, and sets closures, minimum sizes, quotas per fisherman, catch and return and; prohibition to trade species captured during recreational fishing activities.

ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

The National Fisheries and Aquaculture Service, The Police Service, the Chilean Navy, park rangers and ad honorem inspectors are tasked with enforcing recreational fishing activities, and taking the necessary actions to ensure the compliance of standing provisions.

FISHING GEAR FOR PERSONAL USE

Fishing gear is regulated by Supreme Decree Nº 103, 2012, issued by the Ministry of Economy, Development and Tourism. Fishing gear for personal use is defined as any system associated to recreational or underwater fishing techniques. It consists of a line, or weighted line, with hook(s), handled directly or by means of a structure to facilitate its use. For underwater fishing, fishing gear for personal use is comprised by a speargun or underwater harpoon, either pneumatic or elastic.

The use of nets, longlines, traps or any other gear, system, or device that are not described in the regulations.

Each recreational fisherman may not use more than a single fishing gear intended for personal use at a time. Without prejudice of the above, in the case of fishing in ocean waters with troll fishing devices, the number of devices towed may exceed the number of fishermen on board.

Hooks used to perform recreational fishing activities in continental waters, in which catch and release techniques are regulated, must be barbless.

Only artificial bait may be used in the case of salmonid and/or trout species. In no case may bait or lure be used to capture such species.

FISHING LICENSE

Every natural, chilean or foreign citizens that carry out recreatoinal fishing activities or underwater fishing in territorial waters, inland

waters, the territorial sea or exclusive economic zone, must carry a license issued by the National Fisheries and Aquaculture Service.

The recreational fishing license is personal and non-transferable. It must be carried during the practice of fishing activities, carriage of captured species and must be displayed jointly with the fisherman's identification card or Passport, as appropriate, at the request of enforcement officers.

In the case of Chilean and foreign citizens residing in Chile, the Price of the recreational fishing license is:

PRICE OF LICENSES IN U.F. AND ITS EQUIVALENT PRICE IN PESOS FOR THE YEAR 2015

PERIOD OF VALIDITY	CHILEAN CITIZENS / FOREIGN CITIZENS				FOREIGNS	
	MARINE WATERS		CONTINENTAL WATERS		MARINE WATERS AND CONTINENTAL WATERS	
	UF	\$	UF	\$	UF	\$
WEEK			0,1	2.500	0,5	12.400
MONTH			0,2	5.000	1,0	24.700
YEAR	0,2	5.000	0,3	7.400	1,5	37.000
YEAR	0,4 UF = \$ 9.900					

*To determine the price of the license, the UF value on the last day of the previous year is used and adjusted to the top 100 percent.

EXEMPTIONS

Chilean citizens and foreign citizens residing in Chile over 65 and under 12 years of age, and physically or mentally impaired and registered in the National Registry of Handicapped Persons are exempt from such payment.

WHERE CAN I OBTAIN A LICENSE?

The license can be obtained

Purchasing on line through the Recreational Fishing Web Page:

<http://pescarecreativa.sernapesca.cl/>

At points of sale authorized by the agency, listed here:

http://www.sernapesca.cl/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=44&Itemid=112

National Fisheries and Aquaculture offices

You can find a list of the various Fisheries Service Offices here:

http://www.sernapesca.cl/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=128&Itemid=293