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## **Free Fishing Days Established for June 3-5**

NEWPORT NEWS, VA. – You may fish without a license during the first weekend in June. Take advantage of the free fishing days, June 3-5, 2011, and enjoy the great outdoors with your family and friends without having to buy a saltwater license.

Virginia Marine Resources Commissioner Steven G. Bowman has declared that weekend to be free saltwater fishing days, as permitted by state law.

“This is an excellent opportunity to discover the joy of fishing and boating,” said Bowman, whose agency manages saltwater fishing in Virginia. “Fishing produces memories that can last a lifetime and can cultivate a deeper appreciation for our natural environment. We have some fabulous fishing in Virginia and its free for that weekend.”

No fishing license of any kind will be required for recreational saltwater rod and reel fishing during free fishing days. All fishing regulations, including size, season, catch limits and gear restrictions, will remain in effect.

A Virginia saltwater fishing license costs only \$17.50 a year for state residents. It’s a bargain, and the money supports valuable fisheries work across the state.

“We’re proud of the work we do to protect our natural resources, and we hope everyone takes advantage of free fishing days so that they may learn the joys of fishing in Virginia,” said Doug Domenech, Virginia’s Secretary of Natural Resources. “That is what our conservation efforts are all about.”

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The state Department of Game and Inland Fisheries has declared the weekend of June 3-5, 2011 to be free fishing days in the state's freshwaters as well, except in designated stocked trout waters.

For size, season and catch limits of saltwater species, please go to <http://www.mrc.virginia.gov/regulations/swrecfishingrules.shtm>

To purchase a fishing license online – and for freshwater fishing regulations and information on Virginia lakes, rivers, boating access and more – go to [www.HuntFishVA.com](http://www.HuntFishVA.com)

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