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Free Fishing Days Established for June 7-9

NEWPORT NEWS, VA. – You may fish without a license during the second weekend in June. Take advantage of the free fishing days, June 7, 8 and 9, 2013 and enjoy the great outdoors with your family and friends without having to spend money for a fishing license.

“I hope everyone takes advantage of free fishing days,” said Jack G. Travelstead, head of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC), the agency which manages saltwater fishing. “We work hard to create and maintain sustainable fisheries and to conserve the fisheries habitat so that anglers have good chances of landing some fish. This is what our conservation efforts are all about.”

No fishing license of any kind will be required for recreational rod and reel fishing during free fishing days, except in designated stocked trout waters. If fishing in designated stocked trout waters both a freshwater and trout license will be required. All fishing regulations including size, season, catch limits, and gear restrictions, will remain in effect.

“People are learning that fishing is a great way to spend time with family and friends. With our free HuntFishVA smartphone app available at HuntFishVA.com/app/ Virginians can easily find a lake, river or stream within an hour's drive from any location in the state, making it easy and economical to get away from it all for a day of fishing,” said Bob Duncan, Executive Director of

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the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) which manages freshwater fishing.

Fishing is one of the best bargains around and getting a license is very convenient. After you have enjoyed a day of free fishing, you may buy your annual license online at www.HuntFishVA.com/licenses/ or at any of more than 800 license agents across the state including all DMV Customer Service Centers, and many DMV select agents.

Both VMRC and VDGIF offer short-term licenses, ideal for out of state visitors, and a variety of combination licenses to benefit anglers.

“This is an excellent opportunity to discover, or rediscover, the joy of fishing and boating,” said Travelstead. “Fishing produces memories that can last a lifetime and can foster a deeper appreciation for our natural environment. Virginia is blessed with spectacular fishing opportunities.”

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

To purchase a fishing license online – and for freshwater fishing regulations and information on lakes, rivers, boating access and more – please go to www.HuntFishVA.com.

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