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Free Fishing Days Established for June 1-3

NEWPORT NEWS, VA. – You may fish without a license during the first weekend in June. Take advantage of the free fishing days, June 1, 2 and 3, 2012 and enjoy the great outdoors with your family and friends without having to spend money for a saltwater license.

Jack G. Travelstead, head of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, has declared that weekend to be free saltwater fishing days, as permitted by state law.

“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.”

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.

“I hope everyone takes advantage of free fishing days,” said Travelstead, Commissioner of the agency that manages the state’s saltwater fisheries. “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.”

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The state Department of Game and Inland Fisheries has declared the same days (June 1,2 and 3, 2012) 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

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