

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES

APPLICATION

FOR HAUL SEINE PERMIT TO CATCH MINNOWS AND CHUBS FOR SALE

(Under the Authority of § 29.1-412, § 29.1-416, Code of Virginia, 4 VAC 15-360-20)

Non-refundable Application Fee: \$45.00 each net in use

PERMIT (Circle one): NEW RENEWAL

Previous VDGIF Permit Number: _____

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ County _____

Home Phone () _____ - _____ Work Phone () _____ - _____

This permit authorizes the holder to take minnows and chubs (Cyprinidae) with a haul seine for sale according to the permit conditions.

Have you ever been convicted of violating any federal or state wildlife laws or wildlife-related regulations?

Yes _____ No _____ If "yes," year and nature of offense _____

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

By my signature above, I hereby certify that all entries made on this application are true and complete, and I agree and understand that any falsification of information herein, regardless of time of discovery, may result in denial or revocation of my permit.

Send this application with a check or money order for the non-refundable application fee made payable to the TREASURER OF VIRGINIA to:

Department of Game and Inland Fisheries
Permits Section
P. O. Box 11104
Richmond, Virginia 23230-1104

804-367-9588

PERMIT PERIOD IS OCTOBER 1st THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30th

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CONDITIONS OF PERMIT**

- A. "Haul seine" defined. "Haul seine," when used in the inland waters of the Commonwealth above where the tide ebbs and flows, shall mean a haul seine not exceeding four feet in depth by 15 feet in length, and when used in the public inland waters below where the tide ebbs and flows, shall mean a haul seine not exceeding four feet in depth by 100 feet in length. This definition shall also include umbrella type nets of any and all sizes and small minnow traps with throat openings no larger than one (1) inch in diameter.
- B. It shall be lawful to take minnows and chubs (Cyprinidae) for sale from the inland waters of the Commonwealth with a valid permit. No threatened or endangered species of fish may be taken
- C. It shall be unlawful to use seines, nets or traps in Lick Creek in Smyth and Bland counties, in Bear Creek and Hungry Mother Creek above Hungry Mother Lake in Smyth County , and Laurel Creek in Tazewell and Bland Counties. This shall not be construed to prohibit the use of hand landing nets for the landing of fish legally hooked (4 VAC 15-340-60).
- D. The holder of a permit to seine for minnows and chubs (Cyprinidae) must be present at all times when the seine is being operated to catch minnows and chubs (Cyprinidae). Persons assisting in the operation of the haul seine need not obtain permits.
- E. The holder of a permit to take minnows and chubs (Cyprinidae) for sale shall keep a record of the approximate number of minnows and chubs (Cyprinidae) taken or collected by location (name of water body and the county in which it is located) and the number sold, together with the amount received therefore. The report must be submitted by October 1st.

REPORT THE NUMBER TAKEN ON THE ATTACHED FORM.

- F. Commercial bait operations must have a Permit to Hold and Sell Certain Wildlife or a Permit to Propagate and Sell Certain Wildlife. With the exception of threatened and endangered species, these operations may possess and sell unlimited quantities of minnows and chubs (Cyprinidae), when possession is accompanied by a valid invoice or bill of sale from an individual permitted under subsection B of this section or from a properly permitted aquaculture facility in Virginia or out-of-state.
- G. It shall be unlawful in the inland waters of the Commonwealth to take game fish in a seine, net, pot or trap, and all game fish caught in such seines, nets, pots or traps shall immediately be returned without injury to the waters from which taken. (4 VAC 15-360-40)
- H. This permit does not absolve the permittee of any responsibilities or conditions of any other Federal, State or Local laws and regulations, including those that apply to Threatened/Endangered Species.
- I. Regulation 4 VAC 15-30-7 states that provided that the issuance of a permit renewal has been delayed past the expiration date of the permittee's previous permit at no fault of the applicant, the permittee may continue the specific activities authorized by the expired permit until the Department has acted on such person's application for renewal. To qualify for this allowance, applicants must submit a completed renewal application to the Department at least 30 days prior to the expiration date of the permit. The Department may deny renewal of a permit to any applicant who fails to meet the issuance criteria set forth by the Department. Renewal applications will be mailed approximately two months in advance of the permit's expiration date.

J. COMPLIANCE/VIOLATION/REVOCAION:

- A. Regulation 4 VAC 15-290-130 states that a permit holder shall comply with all terms and conditions of any permit issued by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries pursuant to Title 29.1 of the Code of Virginia and the regulations of the board pertaining to hunting, fishing, trapping, attempting to take, possession, sale, offering for sale, transporting or causing to be transported, importing or exporting, propagating, exhibiting, and rehabilitating of any wild bird, wild animal or fish. The penalty for violation of this section is a Class 3 misdemeanor unless another penalty is specified. Further, any violation of state or federal wildlife laws related to the permitted activities by the permittee, his/her agents or employees, or guests will constitute a violation of the conditions of the permit.

- B. As provided by 4 VAC 15-30-5, failure to comply with the provisions of a permit may result in the revocation or suspension of the permit for a period up to but not to exceed five (5) years. Any person whose permit is revoked, or suspended may appeal that decision in writing, to the Director, Department of Game & Inland Fisheries, 4010 W. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23230.

Voice: 804-367-9588 TDD (for hearing impaired):804-367-1278

