

# GROUP FISHING PRIVILEGES FOR THE MENTALLY OR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED INFORMATION



NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF GAME & FISH  
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Dear Applicant:

The Field Operations Division is responsible for the Special Use Permits Program, which includes issuing group-fishing privileges for the mentally or physically handicapped. It is our responsibility to ensure the permits for free group fishing are issued only to those persons eligible by the criteria set in state statute:

*"The director of the department of game and fish is authorized to issue a fishing permit without a license to any group of mentally or physically handicapped persons who participate in a field trip of less than one week's duration under the supervision provided by a special institution or school for handicapped persons." 17-3-18 NMSA 1978*

Handicapped persons entitled to hold this permit are those individuals who are in a special institution or school for handicapped persons, only while on a field trip supervised by the staff on the specific date and location requested and who meet the following criteria stated in A or B below:

## A. Adult (18 and older):

Physically handicap persons with an impairment that limits mobility to a walker, wheelchair or two crutches or an impairment that severely restricts the movement in both arms or have a combination of disabilities that cause comparable substantial functional limitations; [NMDGF Rules & Information Booklet – Mobility-Impaired]

Mentally handicapped persons; excerpt from the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code: H. "developmental disability" means a disability of a person which is attributable to mental retardation, cerebral palsy, autism or neurological dysfunction which requires treatment or habilitation similar to that provided to persons with mental retardation; [43-1-3 NMSA 1978]

## B. Children (17 and younger):

As used in the Children's Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Act: Definitions [32A-6A-4 NMSA 1978]

H. "developmental disability" means a severe chronic disability that:

- (1) is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or a combination of mental or physical impairments;
- (2) is manifested before a person reaches twenty-two years of age;
- (3) is expected to continue indefinitely;
- (4) results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of major life activities:
  - (a) self care;
  - (b) receptive and expressive language;
  - (c) learning;
  - (d) mobility;
  - (e) self-direction;
  - (f) capacity for independent living, or
  - (g) economic self-sufficiency;
- (5) reflects a person's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary or other supports and services that are of lifelong or extended duration that are individually planned or coordinated.

If this group does not meet the specified criteria above, the following options are available:

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| 1. Junior Annual Fishing (age 12-17) | \$5.00 | + | \$10.00 Habitat Stamp* |
| 2. Handicapped Annual Fishing        | \$8.00 | + | \$10.00 Habitat Stamp* |

\*A Habitat Improvement Stamp (habitat stamp) is required for all anglers from age 12 through 69 who fish on US Forest Service and BLM lands in New Mexico and must be purchased additionally.

3. Those participants under the age of 12 are not required to have a fishing license.
4. Residents aged 70 and older may obtain a free fishing license from the department of game & fish.
5. Two free fishing days each year on the first weekend of June & last weekend of September; any person may **fish for free** in the State of New Mexico, no license required; (bag limits, possession limits and quality water rules apply).

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<b>FACILITY DIRECTOR</b>	
<b>FIELD TRIP COORDINATOR</b>	
<b>ADDRESS</b>	
<b>CITY, STATE, ZIP</b>	
<b>TELEPHONE</b>	
<b>EMAIL</b>	

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**Please attach detailed information regarding the clients and required care and services provided by your institution or school, along with a brochure.** This permit does not authorize staff or volunteers to fish without the regularly required fishing license.

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**I CERTIFY THAT THE CLIENTS OF THIS FACILITY MEET THE SET CRITERIA STATED ABOVE.**

Director of facility	(Signature)	Date
Field Trip Coordinator	(Signature)	Date