



FREE GROUP FISHING PERMIT

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Valid only upon approval by Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for the location, date, and maximum number of people in the group as specified below. Permit must be in possession of person in charge of group when the group is fishing.

Only the following persons may fish under authority of this permit without a valid sport fishing license:

- Mentally or physically disabled persons,
- Active-duty military personnel receiving inpatient care in a military or Veteran’s Administration hospital, and
- Veterans with service-connected disabilities.

Persons assisting members of the group are exempt from having to possess a valid California sport fishing license only while assisting disabled persons fishing under the authority of this permit.

Please read eligibility instructions on page 2. Complete and return this application with a copy of your organization’s eligibility documentation to a CDFW office. If your application is approved, you should receive your permit within 15 business days.

NOTE: Submission of incomplete applications or applications without a copy of the organization’s eligibility documentation could delay the issuance of your permit.

Please Type or Print Clearly in Ink All Information Requested Below

NAME OF FACILITY		FACILITY LICENSE NUMBER		EXPIRATION DATE	
TYPE OF FACILITY (SEE PAGE 2 FOR ELIGIBLE FACILITIES)					
NAME OF PERSON TO CONTACT IF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS NEEDED				TELEPHONE NUMBER	
ADDRESS		CITY		STATE	ZIP CODE
DATE(S) OF FISHING TRIP(S)		MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PERSONS IN GROUP			
NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON IN CHARGE OF GROUP WHEN FISHING					
LOCATION OF FISHING TRIP (BODY OF WATER AND NEAREST LANDMARK OR POINT OF LANDING)				COUNTY	

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<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVED		LICENSE YEAR	
NAME		<input type="checkbox"/> REGIONAL MANAGER <input type="checkbox"/> CHIEF, LICENSE AND REVENUE BRANCH	
CDFW OFFICE		DATE ISSUED	

COMMENTS

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The organization or person in charge of group must notify their local CDFW regional office before fishing and indicate where, when and how long the group will fish.



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR FREE GROUP SPORT FISHING PERMIT

ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS:

Fish and Game Code, Section 7151(e) provides that the Department of Fish and Game may issue a sport fishing permit to a nonprofit organization for day-fishing trips that provide recreational rehabilitation therapy for active-duty members of the United States military who are currently receiving inpatient care in a military or Veterans Administration hospital and veterans with service-connected disabilities.

ELIGIBLE COMMUNITY CARE FACILITIES:

Fish and Game Code, Section 7151(d) provides that the Department of Fish and Game may issue a sport fishing permit to groups of mentally or physically disabled persons under the care of: A) a certified federal, state, county, city, or private licensed care center; B) nonprofit organizations licensed under Section 501(c)(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code; or C) a school or school district. The care center shall provide evidence that it is a legitimate licensed care center. Nonprofit organization shall show proof of tax-exempt status.

For purposes of determining eligibility requirements, the following is a list of the types community care facilities (as defined in Sections 1502-1504, Health and Safety Code) which are eligible for this permit.

- **Residential facility** - family home, group care facility, or other facility providing 24-hour nonmedical residential care for mentally or physically disabled persons needing personal services, supervision, or assistance essential to daily living or protection of the individual.
- **Adult day care facility** - facility providing nonmedical care to mentally or physically disabled persons 18 years of age or older in need of personal services, supervision, or assistance essential to daily living or protection of the individual on less than a 24-hour basis.
- **Therapeutic day services facility** - facility providing nonmedical care, counseling, educational, or vocational support or social rehabilitation services on less than a 24-hour basis to mentally or physically disabled persons under 18 years of age who would otherwise be placed in foster care or who are returning to families from foster care.
- **Foster family agency** - individual or organization engaged in recruiting, certifying, and training of, and providing professional support to, foster parents for mentally or physically disabled children, or in finding homes or placing mentally or physically disabled children in temporary or permanent care who require that level of care as an alternative to a group home.
- **Foster family home** - residential facility providing 24-hour care for six or fewer mentally or physically disabled foster children which is owned, leased or rented and is the residence of the foster parent(s) in whose care the foster children have been placed.
- **Small family home** - residential facility providing 24-hour care for six or fewer children who have mental disorders or developmental or physical disabilities requiring special care and supervision as a result of their disabilities.
- **Social rehabilitation facility** - residential facility providing social rehabilitation services for no longer than 18 months in a group setting to adults recovering from mental illness, who temporarily need assistance, guidance, or counseling.
- **Community treatment facility** - residential facility providing mental health treatment services to children in a group setting and that has the capacity to provide secure containment.
- **Full-service adoption agency** means any licensed entity engaged in the business of providing adoption services, that does all of the following: (A) Assumes care, custody, and control of a child through relinquishment of the child to the agency or involuntary termination of parental rights to the child; (B) assesses the birth parents, prospective adoptive parents, or child; (C) places children for adoption; and (D) supervises adoptive placements.
- **Noncustodial adoption agency** means any licensed entity engaged in the business of providing adoption services, that does all of the following: (A) Assesses the prospective adoptive parents; (B) cooperatively matches children freed for adoption, who are under the care, custody, and control of a licensed adoption agency, for adoption, with assessed and approved adoptive applicants; and (C) cooperatively supervises adoptive placements with a full-service adoptive agency, but does not disrupt a placement or remove a child from a placement.
- **Transitional shelter care facility** means any group care facility that provides for 24-hour nonmedical care of persons in need of personal services, supervision, or assistance essential for sustaining the activities of daily living or for the protection of the individual.

FACILITIES NOT ELIGIBLE:

As defined in Section 1505, Health and Safety Code, the following are **NOT** considered community care facilities and are **NOT** eligible to receive this permit:

- Any health facility defined by section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code (General Acute Care Hospital, Acute Psychiatric Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facility, Intermediate Care Facility, Special Hospital, General Acute Care/Rehabilitation Hospital).
- Any clinic defined by section 1202 of the Health and Safety Code, providing special services including birthing services.
- Any juvenile placement facility approved by the California Youth Authority or any county juvenile hall.
- Any place where a juvenile is judicially placed pursuant to Section 727 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.
- Any child day care facility defined in Section 1596.750 of the Health and Safety Code (day care centers and family day care homes).
- Any facility conducted by and for adherents of any well-recognized church or religious denomination depending upon prayer or spiritual means for healing.
- Any house, institution, hotel, or similar place supplying board and room, or room only or board only, if no resident requires any element of care or supervision.
- Recovery houses or similar facilities providing group living arrangements for persons recovering from alcoholism or drug addiction where the facility provides no care or supervision.
- Any alcoholism recovery facility.