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### ***July 4 Is Free Saltwater Sportfishing Day***

BILOXI, Miss. – July 4 is a free saltwater sportfishing day in Mississippi. Anyone may fish without a recreational saltwater license in the marine waters (waters south of Interstate 10) of the State of Mississippi on this one day each year. Although anglers are not required to have a recreational saltwater license on this day, they still need to adhere to all size and possession limits.

“Creel limits and size limits of fish are still in effect,” said Walter Chataginer, chief of Marine Patrol with the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR). “This just entitles recreational anglers to fish on July 4 without a recreational fishing license.”

Saltwater sportfishing licenses expire one year after date of sale.

For more information, contact the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources at (228) 374-5000 or visit [www.dmr.ms.gov](http://www.dmr.ms.gov).

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the state by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at [www.dmr.ms.gov](http://www.dmr.ms.gov).

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