

32-906. Fishing licenses. (a) Except as otherwise provided by law or rules and regulations of the secretary, a valid Kansas fishing license is required to fish or to take any bullfrog in this state.

(b) The provisions of subsection (a) do not apply to fishing by:

- (1) A person, or a member of a person's immediate family domiciled with such person, on land owned by such person or on land leased or rented by such person for agricultural purposes;
- (2) a person who is less than 16 years of age;
- (3) a resident of this state who is 75 years of age or more;
- (4) a person fishing in a private water fishing impoundment unless waived pursuant to K.S.A. 32-975, and amendments thereto;
- (5) a resident of an adult care home, as defined by K.S.A. 39-923, and amendments thereto, licensed by the secretary of aging [secretary for aging and disability services];
- (6) a person on dates designated pursuant to subsection (f);
- (7) a person fishing under a valid institutional group fishing license issued pursuant to subsection (g); or
- (8) a participant in a fishing clinic sponsored or cosponsored by the department, during the period of time that the fishing clinic is being conducted.

(c) The fee for a fishing license shall be the amount prescribed pursuant to K.S.A. 32-988, and amendments thereto.

(d) Unless otherwise provided by law or rules and regulations of the secretary, a fishing license is valid throughout the state.

(e) Unless otherwise provided by law or rules and regulations of the secretary, a fishing license is valid from the date of issuance and expires on December 31 following its issuance, except that the secretary may issue a:

- (1) Permanent license pursuant to K.S.A. 32-929, and amendments thereto;
- (2) lifetime license pursuant to K.S.A. 32-930, and amendments thereto;
- (3) nonresident fishing license valid for a period of five days; and
- (4) resident or nonresident fishing license valid for a period of 24 hours.

(f) The secretary may designate by resolution two days each calendar year during which persons may fish by legal means without having a valid fishing license.

(g) The secretary shall issue an annual institutional group fishing license to each facility operating under the jurisdiction of or licensed by the secretary for aging and disability services and to any veterans administration medical center in the state of Kansas upon application by such facility or center to the secretary of wildlife, parks and tourism for such license.

All applications for facilities under the jurisdiction of the secretary for aging and disability services shall be made with the approval of the secretary for aging and disability services and shall provide such information as the secretary of wildlife, parks and tourism requires. All applications for any veterans administration medical center shall be made with the approval of the director of such facility and shall provide such information as the secretary of wildlife, parks and tourism requires. Persons who have been admitted to and are currently residing at the facility or center, not to exceed 20 at any one time, may fish under an institutional group fishing license within the state while on a group trip, group outing or other group activity which is supervised by the facility or center. Persons fishing under an institutional group fishing license shall not be required to obtain a fishing license but shall be subject to all other laws and to all rules and regulations relating to fishing.

The staff personnel of the facility or center supervising the group trip, group outing or other group activity shall have in their possession the institutional license when engaged in supervising any activity requiring the license. Such staff personnel may assist group members in all aspects of their fishing activity.

(h) The secretary may issue a special nonprofit group fishing license to any community, civic or charitable organization which is organized as a not-for-profit corporation, for use by such community, civic or charitable organization for the sole purpose of conducting group fishing activities for handicapped or developmentally disabled individuals. All applications for a special nonprofit group fishing license shall be made to the secretary or the secretary's designee and shall provide such information as required by the secretary.

Handicapped or developmentally disabled individuals, not to exceed 20 at any one time, may fish under a special nonprofit group fishing license while on a group trip, outing or activity which is supervised by the community, civic or charitable organization. Individuals fishing under a special nonprofit group fishing license shall not be required to obtain a fishing license but shall be subject to all other laws and rules and regulations relating to fishing.

The staff personnel of the community, civic or charitable organization supervising the group trip, outing or activity shall have in their possession the special nonprofit group fishing license when engaged in supervising any activity requiring the special nonprofit group fishing license. Such staff personnel may assist group members in all aspects of their fishing activity.

(i) The provisions of paragraph (b)(3) shall expire on June 30, 2020.

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