



NEW HAMPSHIRE FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT
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COMPLIMENTARY FISHING PERMIT

RSA 214:14h

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Complimentary fishing permits may be issued upon application to a person who is a resident of the state of New Hampshire and who qualifies under the following categories:

- a patient at a state or county institution
- a patient at a nursing home facility or veterans hospital
- a person who is developmentally disabled as defined in RSA 171-A:2, V or
- a patient in a head injury treatment program.

The group fishing permit for state or county institutions, nursing home facilities or veteran's hospitals shall be requested by letter to the Department. The letter shall include name and address of facility, name and phone number of the contact person, number of patients or residents to be included and signature of applicant.

In addition to the fishing rules and regulations of the Fish and Game Department, the following rules apply to persons holding a complimentary fishing permit.

FIS 1104.06

Permittee shall be under the direct supervision at all times while fishing.

The person supervising the permittee shall not assist in the taking of fish without a fishing license as required by RSA 214:1.

Patients or residents in alcohol or drug abuse programs shall not be eligible for complimentary fishing permits.

The complimentary fishing permit shall be permanent except for permits issued to persons participating in a head injury treatment program. These permits shall be valid while the person is in a full time, residential head injury treatment program.

RSA 171-A:2

V. "Developmental disability" means a disability:

- (a) Which is attributable to an intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, or a specific learning disability, or any other condition of an individual found to be closely related to an intellectual disability as it refers to general intellectual functioning or impairment in adaptive behavior or requires treatment similar to that required for persons with an intellectual disability; and
- (b) Which originates before such an individual attains age 22, has continued or can be expected to continue indefinitely, and constitutes a severe disability to such individual's ability to function normally in society.

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214:14-h Residents and Patients at Certain Institutions; Complimentary Fishing Permits –

I. The executive director may issue, upon application, a complimentary fishing permit to a state or county institution, nursing home facility, or veterans hospital, or to a person who is both a resident of the state and is:

- (a) A resident or patient at a state or county institution, nursing home facility, or veterans hospital, or a person who is developmentally disabled, as defined by RSA 171-A:2, V; or
- (b) A patient at a head injury treatment program.

II. The executive director may adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A, including, but not limited to:

- (a) Criteria for establishing medical need.
- (b) The basis of institutionalization, form of treatment, and applicable facilities.
- (c) The number and form of the permits.
- (d) The supervision and use of the permit.
- (e) The time periods and other conditions of the permit.
- (f) Reporting requirements.
- (g) Any definitions.
- (h) Fee schedules for group or facility permits.

Pursuant to FIS 1104.06 Complimentary Fishing Permit; the following information shall be submitted on application:

- Name of parent or guardian, when applying for persons developmentally disabled; and
- Telephone number of applicant or parent or guardian.

- Permittee shall be under direct supervision at all times while fishing. The person supervising the permittee(s) shall not assist in the taking of fish without a fishing license as required by RSA 214:1.
- Patients or residents in alcohol or drug abuse programs shall not be eligible for complimentary fishing permits.
- The complimentary fishing permit shall be permanent except for permits issued to persons participating in a head injury program. These permits shall only be valid while the person is in a full-time, residential head injury program.