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## ***Free Fishing Weekend June 2 and 3, Free Saltwater Sport Fishing Day July 4***

BILOXI, Miss. – The first weekend of National Fishing and Boating Week in June of each year is designated as Free Fishing Weekend. On June 2 and 3, the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources would like anglers to know that any person may saltwater sport fish without a license in the marine waters of Mississippi (waters south of Interstate 10) during Free Fishing Weekend.

In addition, July 4 of each year is designated as Free Saltwater Sport Fishing Day on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Any person may saltwater sport fish without a recreational saltwater fishing license on July 4 in the marine waters of Mississippi.

Although anglers are not required to have a recreational saltwater license for Free Fishing Weekend and Free Saltwater Sport Fishing Day, they still need to adhere to all size and possession limits.

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 [dmr.ms.gov](http://dmr.ms.gov).

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