

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0002

Free fishing day.

Sponsored by: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife and Cultural Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish licenses; authorizing the  
2 game and fish commission to designate one day each year  
3 during which fishing licenses and conservation stamps are  
4 not required for resident and nonresident sport fishermen;  
5 and providing for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-2-209 is created to read:

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11 **23-2-209. Wyoming sport fishing day; fishing exempt**  
12 **from licensure.**

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14 The commission may annually designate not more than one (1)  
15 day each calendar year as a free sport fishing day.

16 Residents and nonresidents may during the designated free

1 sport fishing day, without payment of any fee and without  
2 acquiring a license pursuant to W.S. 23-2-201 or a  
3 conservation stamp under W.S. 23-3-306, exercise the  
4 privileges of sport fishing licensees subject to  
5 limitations imposed upon licensees by law and commission  
6 rule and regulation.

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8 **Section 2.** W.S. 23-2-202 is amended to read:

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10 **23-2-202. Age restrictions; fishing.**

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12 Except as provided by W.S. 23-2-209, no person fourteen  
13 (14) years or older nor any nonresident person less than  
14 fourteen (14) years shall fish in or on any Wyoming waters,  
15 except a catch-out pond located on a licensed fish hatchery  
16 or a fishing preserve, without first obtaining a proper  
17 license. A nonresident person less than fourteen (14) years  
18 need not obtain a proper fishing license if accompanied by  
19 an adult possessing a valid unexpired Wyoming fishing  
20 license in which case the nonresident person's bag limit as  
21 established by law or by commission orders shall be applied  
22 to and limited by the fishing license held by the adult  
23 person in his company.

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1           **Section 3.**   This act is effective immediately upon  
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
4 Constitution.

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