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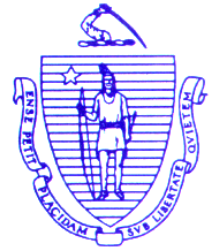
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### **Free Saltwater Fishing Days: July 4 & 5**

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Celebrate Independence Day by fishing with family and friends! This year, Massachusetts's Free Saltwater Fishing Days will be Saturday, July 4 and Sunday, July 5. On these two days, no permit is required to fish recreationally in our marine waters, out to 3 miles.

If you're looking for a spot to drop a line from shore or a boat ramp to put in your kayak, canoe, or larger vessel, check out the Office of Fishing & Boating Access' directory of [access points](#).

All other days of the year, saltwater anglers over the age of 15 are required to possess a Massachusetts [Recreational Saltwater Fishing Permit](#), unless fishing under the authority of a recreational license from New Hampshire, Rhode Island, or Connecticut, or unless otherwise exempt. Your purchase of a Recreational Saltwater Fishing Permit directly funds [improvements](#) to saltwater fishing access projects and other programs that support marine recreational fishing in the state.

This year's Free Freshwater Fishing Weekend is June 6–7; no license is required to fish any public freshwater lake, pond, reservoir, river, or stream statewide on these two days.

For more information on fishing in saltwater, contact Matt Ayer (Division of Marine Fisheries) at 978-282-0308 x107 or [matt.ayer@state.ma.us](mailto:matt.ayer@state.ma.us); for freshwater, contact Jim Lagacy (Division of Fish and Wildlife) at (508) 389-6309 or [jim.lagacy@state.ma.us](mailto:jim.lagacy@state.ma.us).

