

WDFW Help

Can I fish for salmon and steelhead on free fishing weekend?

- Yes, unless your fishing license is revoked and your fishing privileges are suspended due to non-payment of child support or an order from WDFW or a court. When your fishing privileges are suspended, it means no fishing, even during free fishing weekend.
- On “Free Fishing Weekend,” fishing licenses are not required.
- However, [catch record cards](#) are required to fish for salmon, sturgeon, steelhead, Puget Sound Dungeness Crab, and halibut.
- Free fishing days are valid for everyone.
- All other fishing rules apply, including area and lure or bait restrictions and size and catch limits.
- Each year the free fishing weekend will be the first weekend in June, after the first Monday in June.
- Check the [Sportfishing Rules Pamphlet](#) to determine if a [Discover Pass or Vehicle Access Pass](#) is required to park your vehicle on lands owned or controlled by WDFW during free fishing weekend.

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