

License cost is changing next month

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The license for Florida residents to catch saltwater fish from shore or a structure affixed to shore cost \$9 last year. But beginning July 1, the license is free.

Other license and permit fees will increase on that date.

The Florida Legislature repealed the shoreline license fee during its past session. However, legislators retained the license requirement to prevent a more costly federal registration fee from taking effect in Florida.

Please note this processing fee will not be charged if licenses are purchased in person at a tax collector office or an authorized outlet (see list on website).

Resident anglers who order the shoreline license — or other licenses or permits — over the phone or Internet still will have to pay a processing fee to the vendor. The processing fee is \$2.31 for Internet sales at www.fl.wildlifelicense.com or \$3.33 for phone sales at 888-FISH FLORIDA (888-347-4356).

Effective July 1, the cost of a turkey permit will increase from \$5 to \$10 for Florida residents and from \$100 to \$125 for non-residents. In addition, Florida waterfowl permits will increase from \$3 to \$5.

There also is a new deer permit that will be required whenever hunting deer in Florida, beginning during the upcoming 2010-2011 hunting season. The permit will cost \$5 and will not be available for purchase until July 1.

There are some exemptions for license requirements. More information is available at www.MyFWC.com/License.