

Is a fishing license required in Belize?

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If you're going fishing, you need a license. Even if you're going to be in a boat with someone who is fishing, but you're not fishing yourself, you still need a license. Even if you'll be fishing from shore, you need a license. You need a license to catch a fish. Period.

The law is supposed to be in the process of being re-written to eliminate from the licensing requirements fishing from shore, children under a certain age or senior citizens over a certain age, and the requirement that everybody in a boat on which fishing gear is located needs a license. (Right now, the way the law is written if 6 snorkelers go out on a boat and the guide brings along fishing gear to catch fish for lunch, all 6 snorkelers should have a fishing license.)

Even if they eliminate some stupid things in the law, you'll still always need a license for sportfishing, particularly for catch and release.

Get your Sport Fishing license online at CoastalZoneBelize.org

Get a fishing license here:

<https://apps.coastalzonebelize.org>

Or call the CZMA at 223-0719/ 5739

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