

Notice: Completion of this form is required to obtain authorization under O.C.G.A. 27-2-14 to possess and release tournament caught fish into public waters from a live-release boat in quantities that are otherwise made unlawful by this title. Application must be received by DNR a minimum of 30 days prior to the scheduled tournament starting date. **No fee required.**

Applicant Information (Contact person)				
Name - Last	First	MI	<u>DNR Use Only</u>	
Street Address			Application Received (Date)	
City	State	ZIP Code	Telephone/Cell Number	

Tournament Information	
Tournament Name	
Tournament Date(s)	
Water(s) to be Fished (list all specific waters)	
Location of Weigh-In Site	GPS Coordinates
County	
Location of Tournament Headquarters (if different than above)	
Fish Species Allowed into Competition	Estimated # of Competitors:

"Live-Release" Boat(s) Information			
<input type="checkbox"/> Tournament-Sponsored Vessel(s)	Boat Registration # (state)	Length (ft)	Horsepower
	Holding Capacity (gallons)	No. of Holding Tanks	Quick Release Tank Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Oxygen Injection? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Chemical Therapeutants? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Agitation Aeration? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Lake Water Replacement? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tournament Angler Vessels	Boats Restocking Fished Waters		
	Operator's Name		Boat Registration # (state)
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Applicant Certification

As required by O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1, I hereby verify that I am lawfully present in the United States as follows [Place your initials in the applicable block below]:

_____ I am a United States citizen or legal permanent resident eighteen (18) years of age or older; or
 _____ I am a qualified alien or nonimmigrant under the federal Immigration and Nationality Act, Title 8 U.S.C., as amended; I am eighteen (18) years of age or older; and I am lawfully present in the United States. My alien number issued by the Department of Homeland Security or other federal immigration agency is: _____.

This application becomes your permit upon being signed and returned to you by the approving authority. All vessels transporting fish should carry a copy of this permit when restocking fish. Be certain to add angler vessels not previously listed with application. The permit expires at midnight on the last day of the tournament. **SUBMIT A COPY OF TOURNAMENT RULES AND ENTRY FORM ALONG WITH THIS APPLICATION.**

Signature of Applicant or Authorized Representative	Date Signed
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This permit authorizes the above identified tournament sponsor or authorized representative to possess the fish species listed above in excess of the legal possession limit set forth in Chapter 391-4-3-.05 in the waters listed above for the period specified under "Tournament Dates". Possession in excess of the limit is for the express purpose of restocking tournament caught fish at various points around the waters where fish were caught.	
Wildlife Resources Division Division Director	Signed _____ Date _____

Permit Application Procedures for Tournament “Live-Release” Boat(s)

Any waterborne vessel carrying fish to locations on a lake or river and releasing them away from a tournament weigh-in area should be considered a “Live-Release” vessel. As long as this vessel does not carry a quantity of fish that exceeds the possession limit of the persons on-board, this is not a problem. Carrying numbers of fish in excess of the possession limit puts the vessel’s occupants in violation of the law without express permission from the Department of Natural Resources in the form of a contract or permit.

Procedures to obtain a “Live-Release” vessel permit (**no fee required**) are as follows:

1. Download and print the permit application or call 770-761-3011/3014 to request one to be mailed.
2. Complete the application, sign and return to:

Wildlife Resources Division
Fisheries Management Section
2065 U. S. Hwy. 278, SE
Social Circle, GA 30025-4743

Applications should be **received at least 30 days prior to the start of the proposed tournament**. Remember to also submit a copy of the tournament rules and angler entry form with your application.

Incomplete applications will be returned if sufficient time exists for re-submission prior to a scheduled tournament. No application will not be considered less than 6 business days prior to a tournament.

Applications will be reviewed to determine suitability of your vessel(s) as a “Live-Release” platform based on the information provided. Once approved, your permit and will be mailed to the “Applicant Address” listed on the application. A copy of the “Live-Release” permit should be maintained on-board each vessel transporting and restocking tournament fish.