

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 451 of 1994**

**324.48734 Permit to remove fish from waters or donate fish taken during fishing tournament; exception for game fish; issuance.**

Sec. 48734. (1) The department may issue permits for the removal of fish, except for game fish, from all the waters over which this state has jurisdiction to manage fish and sell or authorize the sale of those fish to pay the expense of the removal on terms that are in the best advantage of this state.

(2) The department may issue a permit to a person that has registered with the department as a fishing tournament or event authorizing that any fish taken under a sport fishing license, except for game fish, during a registered tournament may be donated, not for pecuniary profit, to a person. Fish donated under this subsection are not subject to section 48723 and the person accepting the donated fish may process, utilize, and sell any fish or fish product resulting from the donation.

(3) The person taking the fish or accepting the donated fish must retain a copy of the permit with the fish for transport and final disposition. The department shall incorporate regulations and restrictions in the permits as the department considers advisable, including the authorized method of take. Any person taking fish under a permit issued under this section shall conform to all the regulations and restrictions specified in the permit and any reporting standards established by the department.

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