

(4) All fees collected on behalf of the Department pursuant to this section shall be remitted to the Department in accordance with its rules and regulations for deposit with the State Treasurer to the credit of the Fisheries Research and Development Fund to be used for the replenishment, protection, and conservation of fish stocks caught by recreational fishermen, for enhancement of recreational fishing opportunities, and for research concerning tidal fishery resources. The Department shall publicly report annually the amounts collected and the expenditures.

(5) In the preparation of plans for the expenditure of license receipts, the Secretary annually shall solicit the advice and opinions of the Department's Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission, representative fishing and boating associations, and other interested parties.

(c) A person may fish for finfish in the Chesapeake Bay or its tidal tributaries without a Chesapeake Bay sport fishing license if the person:

(1) Is under the age of 16

(2) Possesses a valid commercial license;

(3) Is fishing from private real property as an owner, family member of an owner, or nonpaying guest of an owner;

(4) Is fishing with a hook and line from a public bridge or public pier which has been designated by the Department as a free fishing area;

(5) Holds a valid tidal water sport fishing license issued by the State of Virginia, Potomac River Fisheries Commission, or District of Columbia, provided that this exemption shall not take effect until the Secretary has published notice in the Maryland Register of the Secretary's determination that the Virginia, Potomac River Fisheries Commission, or District of Columbia requirements for a tidal water sport fishing license are substantially similar to and reciprocal with the Chesapeake Bay sport fishing license requirements of this section;

(6) Is fishing pursuant to any special license issued under subsection (d) of this section;

(7) (i) Is on active duty with the armed forces of the United States;

(ii) Is a resident of this State;

(iii) Is on leave from the armed forces; and

(iv) Has, while fishing, a copy of the person's official leave orders;

(8) Fishes on a free fishing day designated by the Secretary; or

(9) Holds a current consolidated senior sport fishing license issued under § 4-216 of this title.

(d) (1) The Department may provide by regulation for issuance of a special charterboat license that would be valid for all individuals on a charterboat operated by a licensed fishing guide. The fee shall be: