



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 1533.51 Fishing guide license.

Effective: December 29, 2023

Legislation: Senate Bill 131

---

(A) No person shall be or serve as a fishing guide in the Lake Erie fishing district without a license from the chief of the division of wildlife. The application for a license, and the license, shall be in such form as the chief prescribes.

(B) The chief, with the approval of the wildlife council, may establish the qualifications for such a license and the terms, conditions, and restrictions thereof. Such qualifications when applicable shall include that the applicant possesses a power boat operator's license from a department, agency, commission, or instrumentality of the United States.

(C) The chief shall issue a fishing guide license in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a fishing guide in a state that does not issue that license.

(D) Fishing guide licenses shall expire each year on the fifteenth day of April. Such a license shall be carried on the person or the person in command of the boat or person in charge when such service is being performed, and shall be exhibited upon demand to any wildlife officer or other law enforcement officer who has authority to enforce the wildlife, hunting, and fishing laws.

(E) The license fee for a fishing guide license is fifty dollars per person.

(F) The license fee for other services or devices, as approved by the chief, not mentioned in this section shall be an amount set by the chief with the approval of the wildlife council, not to exceed twenty-five dollars.



(G) All license fees collected from fishing guides shall be deposited in the state treasury pursuant to section 1533.33 of the Revised Code.

(H) No person shall fail to comply with any provision of this section or division rule adopted pursuant to it.

---