



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2015 Wisconsin Act 363
[2015 Senate Bill 298]

**Trolling Permits for Visually
Impaired**

State law requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to issue trolling permits, without a fee, to persons who have an amputation or other loss of an arm or who have a permanent substantial loss of function in one or both arms or hands. A trolling permit allows a person who holds a fishing license to fish or troll using an electric motor, regardless of any local ordinances that prohibit the use of motor boats.

2015 Wisconsin Act 363 also requires the DNR to issue a trolling permit to a person who produces a certificate from a licensed physician or optometrist stating that the person's sight is impaired to the degree that he or she cannot read ordinary newspaper print with or without corrective reading glasses.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.