



**CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA**

Date: _____

RESOLUTION NO.: _____ (2026)

A resolution to change the fees for fishing permits.

13 WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is duly authorized to establish and regulate its
14 natural resources under its sovereign powers as a federally recognized Indian Tribe;
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17 WHEREAS, Chapter 113 of the Cherokee Code sets out the Tribe's laws for hunting, fishing, and
18 for other topics involving wildlife and natural resources; and

20 WHEREAS, Cherokee Code Section 113-1 authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to
21 administer tribal laws for managing the natural environment of the Eastern Band of
22 Cherokee Indians; and

24 WHEREAS, the Fisheries and Wildlife Management Program is responsible for managing the
25 Cherokee Trout Program, including the enforcement of fishing permit fees; and

27 WHEREAS, the Fisheries and Wildlife Management Program is an economically self-sustaining
28 program that operates with revenues generated from the sale of fishing permits; and

30 WHEREAS, the Fisheries and Wildlife Management Program has utilized updated technology to
31 operate its fishing permit system electronically as of March 2024; and

33 WHEREAS, the Fisheries and Wildlife Management Program allows for the sale of fishing
34 permits by local vendors, who receive commissions therefrom; and

36 WHEREAS, there is a need to increase fishing permit fees in order to generate more revenue for
37 the Cherokee Trout Program and the local vendors who sell fishing permits.

39 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee
40 Indians, in council assembled at which a quorum is present, that the fishing permit
41 fees shall be increased as follows:

Current Fishing Permit Fees	Current Vendor Commission	NEW Fishing Permit Fee	NEW Vendor Commission
Special Permit for Family Members - Free *	N/A	Special Permit for Family Members - Free *	N/A
Other Federally Recognized Tribe Members - \$50.00	\$4.00	Other Federally Recognized Tribe Members - \$75.00	\$6.00
Annual Catch & Release - \$75.00	\$6.00	Annual Catch & Release - \$100.00	\$8.00
Annual Enterprise - \$250.00	\$20.00	Annual Enterprise - \$300.00	\$24.00
1 Day - \$10.00	\$0.80	1 Day - \$15.00	\$1.20
2 Day - \$17.00	\$1.36	2 Day - \$25.00	\$2.00
3 Day - \$27.00	\$2.16	3 Day - \$40.00	\$3.20
5 Day - \$47.00	\$3.76	None - Discontinued	N/A
1-3 Day Catch & Release - \$25.00**	\$2.00	1-3 Day Catch & Release - \$30.00 **	\$2.40

* To include spouses, 1st descendants and adopted children.

** Plus applicable daily permit(s).

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3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there is no charge for enrolled members, spouses of enrolled

4 members, and children of enrolled members, including first descendants and adopted

5 children.

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7 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that all resolutions inconsistent with this resolution are rescinded,

8 and this resolution shall become effective upon ratification by the Principal Chief.

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11 *Submitted by the Fisheries and Wildlife Management Program.*