



CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE  
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO.: \_\_\_\_\_ (2026)

*A resolution to change the fees for fishing permits.*

WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is duly authorized to establish and regulate its natural resources under its sovereign powers as a federally recognized Indian Tribe; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 113 of the Cherokee Code sets out the Tribe's laws for hunting, fishing, and for other topics involving wildlife and natural resources; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<b>Current Fishing Permit Fees</b>	<b>Current Vendor Commission</b>	<b><u>NEW</u> Fishing Permit Fee</b>	<b><u>NEW</u> Vendor Commission</b>
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).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there is no charge for enrolled members, spouses of enrolled members, and children of enrolled members, including first descendants and adopted children.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that all resolutions inconsistent with this resolution are rescinded, and this resolution shall become effective upon ratification by the Principal Chief.

*Submitted by the Fisheries and Wildlife Management Program.*