Allow an assistant to help a disabled person fish.

People with significant disabilities cannot always fish independently and often require assistance in order to participate in the sport of fishing. The assistance needed can include everything from baiting the hook to reeling in the fish. According to current law a person helping someone with a disability fish needs to have their own fishing license if they are assisting with the baiting, casting, reeling and taking off the fish. This proposed change would waive the license requirement for an assistant who is helping a person with a disability with the process of fishing, including baiting, casting, retrieving and handling of the fish. The assistant would need to be in direct contact with the person with a disability at all times and the person with the disability would need to have a valid fishing license.

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