

Grades 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Topic for 2012 Reel Art Competition is

### **The Sport of Freshwater Fishing in South Carolina**

Artwork **must illustrate** some **element of the sport of fishing**, whether it is a family fishing from a boat or bank or a woman fly fishing in the stream, **and a freshwater fish** whether a bass chomping down on an artificial lure or a crappie swallowing up a minnow.

Get creative! This is a very broad topic and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources is excited to see each participant's piece of artwork and their perspective on fishing. Encourage your students to shadow an angler to get a feel for fishing and learn about the types of equipment and tackle used to fish for species. Have students imagine what a morning on the lake would be like or an evening fishing along the river. Who would they want to fish with? What fish species would they want to catch? What would their favorite aspect of going fishing be—spending time with friends, reeling in the big one or just observing nature?

**Reminder, All artwork must depict the following:**

- **Element of the sport of fishing**
- **At least one freshwater fish**

**Here are some links that may help you learn more about your subject:**

Freshwater Fish Identification Guide (contact [aquaticed@dnr.sc.gov](mailto:aquaticed@dnr.sc.gov) for hard copies)  
<http://www.dnr.sc.gov/aquaticed/pdf/FreshwaterFishPocketGuide.pdf>

Fish Identification Poster (contact [aquaticed@dnr.sc.gov](mailto:aquaticed@dnr.sc.gov) for hard copies)  
<http://www.dnr.sc.gov/aquaticed/pdf/fishchart.pdf>

Fish External Anatomy <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/aquaticed/pdf/LargeMouthBassID.pdf>

Beginner's Guide to Fishing  
<http://www.dnr.sc.gov/aquaticed/pdf/FishingGuide.pdf>

[www.enature.com](http://www.enature.com)

[www.fishbase.org](http://www.fishbase.org)