Course Prefix and Number: PED 189    Credits: 1

Course Title: Saltwater Fishing

Course Description (including lecture hours, lab hours, total contacts)
Teaches saltwater fishing techniques including casting and trolling, rig making, live bait catching, and use of artificial and live bait. Presents selection and care of equipment, fish habits, conservation, and safety. Lecture 1 hour per week.

General Course Purpose
Students are able to gain insights into fishing in large bodies of salt water and the types of fish that can be caught and the means to do so.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites (Entry-level competencies required for enrollment): NONE

Course Objectives (Each item should complete the following sentence.)

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

a. Identify the 40 species of fish available in Virginia
b. Outline the techniques to catch the various categories of fish.
c. Tie 4 knots
d. Summarize how to use various rigs.
e. Recall how to use live and natural baits.
f. Demonstrate a casting technique.
g. Throw a cast net.
h. Outline the techniques for filleting a fish.
i. Plan a trip including tide, current, and wind factors.
j. Apply the principles of bottom fishing, trolling, jigging, and chumming in order to catch fish.
k. Apply the rod, reel, and line appropriate for the species of fish being targeted.

Major Topics to be Included

a. Salt water fish identification
b. Fishing techniques including bottom fishing, trolling, jigging, and chumming
c. Surf casting
d. Knot tying
e. Fishing various types of rigs
f. Casting a throw net
g. Trip planning
h. Fish cleaning
i. Rod, reel, and line combinations for boat, pier, and surf fishing

Effective Date of Course Content Summary (Month, Date Year): August 1, 2008