

TENNESSEE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION
 PROCLAMATION 11-02
 AMENDMENT TO PROCLAMATION 10-16
 SPORT FISHING PROCLAMATION

03-14-11

Pursuant to the authority granted by Title 70, Tennessee Code Annotated, and Sections 70-4-107 and 70-4-119 thereof, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission proclaims the following amendments to Proclamation 10-16:

Section I. ENDANGERED SPECIES, GENERAL SEASONS, CREEL AND POSSESSION LIMITS, AND MINIMUM LENGTHS is amended as follows:

Delete the following from the table on page 1:

	Daily Creel Limit	Length Limit
Smallmouth bass from Norris Reservoir	2*	17-22" Slot*
*One smallmouth bass under 17" and one smallmouth bass over 22"		

Add the following to the table on page 1:

Smallmouth bass from Norris Reservoir		
June 1 through October 15	1	20"
October 16 through May 31	5	18"

So that, as amended, Section I reads:

SECTION I. ENDANGERED SPECIES, GENERAL SEASONS, CREEL AND POSSESSION LIMITS, AND MINIMUM LENGTHS

A. ENDANGERED SPECIES

All fish identified as endangered or threatened or listed as in need of management as proclaimed by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission may not be taken.

B. GAME FISH SPECIES

The season is open year-round on the following species, unless otherwise specified in this proclamation. The possession limit is twice the daily creel limit.

Only the daily creel limit may be possessed while afield. It shall also be unlawful to possess while afield any fish, which has been altered to the extent that its species and/or total body length cannot be determined. The length of a fish shall be determined with the fish laying on a flat ruler, the mouth closed, and the caudal (tail) fin lobes squeezed so as to produce the maximum length. Unless stated otherwise a slot limit is a protected length range within which no fish may be harvested.

See Special Definitions (Section XVI) for Reservoir boundary and specific area descriptions.

Species	Daily Creel Limit	Length Limit (minimum unless otherwise stated)
Rock bass	20	None
Black bass (all species in combination) except as listed below and in Section V, VI, and VII)	5	None*
*Smallmouth bass from reservoirs: 18" minimum length limit		
All black bass from Mississippi River	10	None
Largemouth bass from Watauga Reservoir		12"
All black bass from Indian Boundary Lake	2	14"
Largemouth bass from: Cheatham, Chilhowee, Fort Loudon, Melton Hill, Norris, Old Hickory, Parksville, and Tellico reservoirs		14"
Largemouth bass from: Barkley, Boone, Center Hill, Cherokee, Chickamauga, Dale Hollow, Great Falls, Kentucky, Nickajack, Normandy, Percy Priest, Pickwick, Tims Ford, and Watts Bar reservoirs, Reelfoot Lake, Reelfoot Watershed Lake #18, and Gooch Unit E		15"
Largemouth bass from Cordell Hull Reservoir	3*	17-23" Slot*
*Two largemouth bass under 17" and one largemouth bass over 23"		
Smallmouth bass from Dale Hollow Reservoir	2*	16-21" Slot*
*One smallmouth bass under 16" and one smallmouth bass over 21"		
Smallmouth bass from Norris Reservoir		
June 1 through October 15	1	20"
October 16 through May 31	5	18"
Smallmouth bass from Boone, Kentucky, South Holston, and Watauga reservoirs		15"
Smallmouth bass from: Davy Crockett and John Sevier reservoirs		13-17" Slot*
*Only one smallmouth bass over 17" per day		
Smallmouth bass from: Douglas Reservoir, Pigeon River (from the confluence with the French Broad River to North Carolina state line), and Little Pigeon River (including East and West Prongs) to GSMNP boundary	1	20"
Smallmouth bass from: Nolichucky River (ENKA Dam upstream to state line), French Broad River (HWY 168 upstream to state line, excluding Douglas Reservoir), Holston River (I-40 Bridge upstream to North Fork Holston River, excluding Cherokee Reservoir), Clinch River (HWY 25E upstream to state line), Powell River (confluence with Gap Creek upstream to state line), North Fork Holston River (confluence with South Fork Holston upstream to state line), South Fork Holston River (confluence with North Fork Holston upstream to Fort Patrick Henry Dam), Little River (from Rockford Dam upstream to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park boundary), and Tellico River (from Tellico Reservoir boundary up stream to state line)		13-17" Slot*
*Only one smallmouth bass over 17" per day		
Spotted bass from: Boone, Calderwood, Cherokee, Chilhowee, Davy Crockett, John Sevier, Fort Loudoun, Fort Patrick Henry, Melton Hill, Nickajack (upper end of reservoir only – South Chickamauga Creek upstream to dam), South Holston, Tellico, and Watauga reservoirs	15	

Spotted bass from Norris Reservoir	None	
Sauger except as listed below	10	15"
From Kentucky Lake	10	14"
From Mississippi River	6	None
From Douglas Reservoir including all tributaries	5*	16" Maximum**
	*Walleye or sauger in combination	
	**Only one sauger over 16" per day	
Walleye except as listed below	5	16"
From Douglas Reservoir including all tributaries	5*	15"
	*Walleye or sauger in combination	
From Cherokee, South Holston, and Watauga reservoirs	5	18"
Walleye or sauger in combination from Chilhowee, Fort Loudoun, Melton Hill, and Tellico reservoirs and their tributaries	10*	15"
	*Only 5 walleye per day (only one over 24") from Tellico Reservoir	
Walleye or sauger in combination from Norris Reservoir and its tributaries (upstream to Grissom Island on the Clinch River)	5	15"
Yellow Perch	None	None

NOTE: For this proclamation, any walleye-sauger hybrid (saugeye) is considered the same as a sauger.

Species	Daily Creel Limit	Length Limit (minimum unless otherwise stated)
Striped bass or Cherokee bass (striped bass x white bass hybrid), or in combination (except as listed below)	2	15"
From Mississippi River (river proper, sloughs and oxbows)	6	None
Striped bass from Boone (Boone dam upstream to Austin Springs Bridge), Norris, and Watts Bar reservoirs during November through March (statewide regulations apply during April through October and to Cherokee bass year round)	1	36"
From Cordell Hull and Melton Hill reservoirs (Melton Hill dam upstream to Hwy. 61 bridge at Clinton)	2	32-42" Slot*
	*only 1 striped bass per day can be over 42"	
From Cherokee Reservoir - see SECTION II. WATERS WITH CLOSED SEASONS		
White bass (except as listed below)	15	None
From Mississippi River (river proper, sloughs and oxbows)	30	None
South Holston Reservoir – no harvest allowed	0	
Yellow bass	None	None
Northern pike	None	None
Muskellunge except as listed below	1	.36"
Muskellunge from Melton Hill, and Dale Hollow	1	50"

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission

William L Brown
Chairman

I will certify that this is an accurate and complete copy of rules lawfully promulgated and adopted by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission on the 24 day of March, 2011.

Ed Carter
Secretary

Subscribed and sworn to before me the 25 day of March, 2011.

Lisa Crawford
Notary Public



My commission expires: 8-23-11

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Tre Hargett, Secretary of State

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