

**TENNESSEE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION  
SPORT FISHING PROCLAMATION**

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 regulations effective March 1, 2007.

**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.

SPECIES	DAILY LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH
Rock bass.....	20	No length limit
Black bass (all species in combination).....	5	No length limit
Except as listed below and in Section V, VI, and VII.		
All species from Reelfoot Lake, Reelfoot Watershed Lake #18, Gooch Unit E.....		
		15"
All species from Indian Boundary Lake.....	2	14"
Largemouth and smallmouth bass from Watauga Reservoir.....		12"
Largemouth bass and smallmouth bass from Cheatham, Old Hickory, and Melton Hill Reservoirs.....		14"
Largemouth and smallmouth bass from Boone, Barkley, Center Hill, Cherokee, Kentucky, Percy Priest, Pickwick, and Normandy Reservoirs.....		15"
Largemouth bass from Dale Hollow, Chickamauga, Nickajack, Watts Bar, and Tims Ford Reservoirs.....		15"
Largemouth bass from Fort Loudoun, Tellico, Parksville, and Norris Reservoirs.....		14"
Smallmouth bass from Fort Loudoun, Norris, Tellico, Tims Ford, and Watts Bar Reservoirs .....		18"
Smallmouth bass from Dale Hollow.....	2	16-21" Slot*
*One smallmouth bass under 16" and one smallmouth bass over 21"		
Smallmouth bass from Chickamauga, Nickajack, and Guntersville Reservoirs.....	1	18"
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"
Spotted bass from Norris, Cherokee, Fort Loudoun, Boone, Ft. Patrick Henry, South Holston, Melton Hill, Tellico, John Sevier, Davy Crockett, Watauga, Chilhowee, and Calderwood Reservoir.....	15	

NOTE: For this proclamation, a spotted bass is defined as any black bass that has patch of teeth on the center portion of the tongue.

\*See Special Definitions (Section XVI) for Reservoir boundary and specific area descriptions of Cherokee, Dale Hollow, Douglas, Norris, and Boone Reservoirs where size limits on smallmouth bass and largemouth bass apply.

SPECIES	DAILY LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH
Sauger except as listed below.....	10	15"
From Kentucky Lake.....		14"
Walleye except as listed below.....	5	16"
Walleye from South Holston and Watauga Lakes.....		18"
Walleye from Tellico Reservoir .....		15"*
*only one walleye can be 24" or longer		
Walleye or sauger or in combination From Cherokee, Chilhowee, Douglas, Fort Loudoun, Melton Hill, and Tellico Reservoirs and their tributaries.....	10	15"
Walleye or sauger or in combination From Norris Reservoir and its tributaries (upstream to Grissom Island on the Clinch River).....	5	15"
Walleye, sauger or saugeye or in combination From Normandy Reservoir and its tributaries.....	15	15"

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

Striped bass or Cherokee bass (striped bass x white bass hybrid), or in combination. Except as listed below:...	2	15"
On Norris Reservoir during April through October statewide regulations apply. Effective through February 2008, during November through March the creel and size limits are.....	1	36"
On Cordell Hull and Melton Hill Reservoirs.....		32-42" slot*
*only 1 striped bass per day can be over 42"		
On Cherokee Reservoir-see SECTION II. WATERS WITH CLOSED SEASONS		
Muskellunge except as listed below .....	1	36"
Muskellunge from Melton Hill Reservoir.....		44"

Crappie (white and black combined) except as listed below.....	15	10"
From private waters and State Park Lakes.....	15	No length limit
From Norris Reservoir.....	10	10"
From Pickwick and Gunterville reservoirs.....	30	9"
From the Mississippi (river proper, sloughs and oxbows), Hatchie, Loosahatchie, Forked Deer, Wolf, and Obion rivers and their tributaries; Reelfoot Lake, Indian Boundary Reservoir, and Davy Crockett Reservoir, .....	30	No length limit
From Barkley, Cheatham, J. Percy Priest, Kentucky, and Old Hickory reservoirs.....	30	10"
White bass.....	15	No length limit
Northern pike.....		No limits
Yellow bass.....		No limits
Bluegill and other bream (except as listed below).....		No limits
From Norris Lake.....	30	No length limit
Pickereel.....		No limits
Yellow perch.....		No limits
Trout (combined daily creel limit-all trout) except as listed below.....	7	
Brook trout.....	7	6"
Lake trout.....	2	
Redear Sunfish except as listed below .....	20	No length limit
From Kentucky Reservoir.....	30	No length limit

**C. NONGAME FISH SPECIES**

	DAILY LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH	MAXIMUM LENGTH
Non-game species except as listed below and in Section V, VI and VIII.....		No limits	
Catfish (blue, channel, and flathead) *only 1 catfish per day greater than 34"			34"*
Catfish (blue and channel) when taken from Allen Branch Pond, and Indian Boundary Lake.....	5		
Beech River Watershed Lakes.....	5	15"	
Paddlefish may be harvested from April 24 to May 31, no culling.....	2	No length limit	
Paddlefish exception: Cherokee Reservoir, March 1 through March 15 only .....	1	30"	

**SECTION II. WATERS WITH CLOSED SEASONS**

**A. Land Between the Lakes Wildlife Management Area:**

All waters open year-round, except the following:

- (a) Farm ponds – Open to fishing except those ponds posted as closed.
- (b) Bards Lake – Trotlines and limb lines prohibited. Jugs permitted from October 1 through March 21 with a limit of 10 per person.

**B. Catoosa Wildlife Management Area**

All streams and ponds are open from April 1 through December 31, except on dates of managed big game and turkey hunts.

- C. Woods Reservoir: See Proclamation 74-17 for areas closed to fishing
- D. Buffalo Creek (Grainger County): Closed to all fishing and minnow seining from the mill dam upstream.
- E. Doakes Pond (Norris Reservoir) – That portion of Norris Reservoir known as Doakes Pond (a subimpoundment), located adjacent to Highway 63 approximately 9 miles NE of Lafollette, is closed to fishing.
- F. South Holston Reservoir: Closed to trout fishing December 1 through the last day of February.
- G. Center Hill Lake and Tributaries – Closed to taking or possessing of paddlefish.
- H. Clear Creek (tributary to the Clinch River, Anderson County) – closed to all fishing including minnow seining from Highway 441 upstream to the second dam (adjacent to the City of Norris Water Tower), as posted, from November 1 through March 31.
- I. All TWRA and USFWS hatchery ponds and raceways are closed to fishing year-round.
- J. South Holston Tailwater – Closed to all fishing from November 1 through January 31 in the following areas:
  - (1) Hickory Tree Bridge upstream to the confluence with Bottom Creek.
  - (2) Downstream point of Boy’s Island (the first island downstream of Weaver Pike Bridge) upstream to the top of the first island above Webb Road Bridge.
- K. On Cherokee Reservoir, a closed fishing zone will be in effect from July 15 through September 15. This zone is enclosed by lines from the boat ramp at the south end of the dam across the lake to Point 2, from Point 2 to Point 3, and from Point 3 back across the lake to the TWRA boat ramp at the north end of the dam. All bank fishing will be open and the coves along the southeast shoreline will be open to boat fishing, but no fishing for any species will be allowed in the described zone from July 15 through September 15.
- L. Douglas Reservoir – Henderson Island WMA rearing pond closed to fishing year-round.

**SECTION III. CHEROKEE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA – SPECIAL REGULATIONS**

- A. Tellico Area – Daily Permit Required
  - Tellico River from its confluence with Turkey Creek upstream to the Tennessee-North Carolina state line during the period March 15 through September 15.
  - Citico Creek upstream from its confluence with Little Citico Creek during the period March 15 through September 15.
  - Green Cove Pond (See Section III-F)
- 1. Fishing permitted year-round. Closed on Thursday and Friday during the period March 15 through September 15 (except when national or state holidays fall on Thursday and Friday). From September 16 through March 14 fishing is allowed every day and no permit is required.
- 2. Daily limit – 7 trout; possession limit – 14 trout.
- 3. Fishing permitted from ½ hour before official sunrise to ½ hour after official sunset. The possession of fishing equipment and/or tackle is prohibited on stream banks except during legal fishing hours.

4. Each fisherman permitted only one rod or pole.

B. Wild Trout Streams

Group I

- North River and tributaries
  - Bald River and tributaries
- North Fork of Citico Creek and tributaries
  - South Fork of Citico Creek and tributaries
  - Laurel Fork and tributaries on Cherokee WMA beginning at the cable crossing ½ mile upstream from the USFS Dennis Cove Recreation Area and extending upstream
  - Gee Creek and tributaries in Polk County
  - Wolf Creek and tributaries in Polk County
  - Beaverdam Creek and tributaries from its confluence with Birch Branch downstream to Tank Hollow Road (USFS Rd. 300)
  - Paint Creek and tributaries in Greene County-from USFS campground upstream to U.S. Forest Service Boundary line south of Highway 70 near Munday Gap.

1. Fishing permitted year-round.
2. Daily limit – 3 trout; possession limit – 6 trout.
3. Size limit – Rainbow and brown trout – 9 inches minimum length  
Brook trout – 6 inches minimum length
4. Only single-hook artificial lures are permitted. Use or possession of bait or multiple hook lures is prohibited. One single-hook artificial lure separated from a legal lure by a length of line (for example: a dropper fly) is also permitted.
5. Fishing permitted from ½ hour before official sunrise to ½ hour after official sunset.
6. Each fisherman permitted only one rod or pole.

Group II

- Rocky Fork Creek and tributaries on lands owned by SF Rocky Fork Holdings, Inc.
- Higgins Creek and tributaries
- Squibb Creek and tributaries
- Sarvis Cove and tributaries
- Dry Creek and tributaries (Greene County) upstream from the U.S. Forest Service boundary
- Sycamore Creek and tributaries
- Rough Ridge Creek and tributaries
- Little Jacob Creek (Sullivan County)
- Left Prong Hampton Creek (Carter County)

1. Fishing permitted year-round.
2. Daily limit – 7 trout; no more than 3 may be brook trout  
Possession limit – 14 trout; no more than 6 may be brook trout
3. Size limit – Rainbow and brown trout – no minimum length limit  
Brook trout – 6 inch minimum length limit
4. Only single-hook artificial lures are permitted. Use or possession of bait or multiple hook lures is prohibited. One single-hook artificial lure separated from a legal lure by a length of line (for example: a dropper fly) is also permitted.

5. Fishing permitted from ½ hour before official sunrise to ½ hour after official sunset.
6. Each fisherman permitted only one rod or pole.

C. Calderwood Reservoir

1. Appropriate licenses from Tennessee or North Carolina are legal on the entire reservoir while fishing from a boat.
2. Fishing permitted year-round.
3. Size limit – none.
4. Daily limit – 7 trout; possession limit – 14 trout
5. Trotlines and limblines prohibited.

D. Slickrock Creek

-- That portion of Slickrock Creek which constitutes the boundary between the states of Tennessee and North Carolina.

1. Appropriate licenses from Tennessee or North Carolina are valid on this portion of Slickrock Creek.
2. Fishing permitted year-round.
3. Daily limit – 4 trout; possession limit – 8 trout.
4. Size limit – Rainbow, brown, and brook trout – 7 inches minimum.
5. Fishing permitted ½ hour before official sunrise and ½ hour after official sunset.
6. Only single-hook artificial lures are permitted. Use or possession of bait or multiple hook lures is prohibited. One single-hook artificial lure separated from a legal lure by a length of line (for example: a dropper fly) is also permitted.
7. Each fisherman permitted only one rod or pole.

E. All other streams in the Cherokee Wildlife Management Area not listed above.

1. Fishing permitted daily.
2. Daily limit – 7 trout; possession limit – 14 trout
3. Each fisherman permitted only one rod or pole.

F. Green Cove Pond

Fishing permitted year-round. Closed on Thursday and Friday (except when national or state holidays fall on Thursday or Friday) year-round.

1. Fishing limited to handicapped individuals (see Section XVI), children under age 13 and adults 65 years of age and older.
2. Tellico-Citico daily permit required year-round.

3. Season is open year-round.
4. Days closed – Thursday and Friday (except open on all state and national holidays and scheduled special organized handicapped or children fishing events).
5. Creel limit – 7 trout per day.
6. Size limit – no restrictions.
7. Hours open – ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
8. Bait restrictions – no minnows.

**SECTION IV. TROUT FISHING – SPECIAL REGULATIONS**

A. Quality Trout Fishing Areas:

The areas listed below are designated as quality trout fishing areas and have regulations as described in a., b., c., and d. below.

1. Hiwassee River: That portion of the Hiwassee River from the L&N Railroad Bridge upstream to the U.S. Forest Service’s “Big Bend Parking Area”.
2. Watauga River: That portion of the Watauga River from Smalling Bridge downstream to the CSX Railroad bridge.
  - a. Daily limit – 2 trout; Possession limit – 2 trout.
  - b. Size limit – 14 inch minimum length.
  - c. Use or possession of any bait other than artificial lures is prohibited.
  - d. Trout less than 14 inches in length may not be possessed within quality trout fishing areas.

B. City of Gatlinburg:

1. Waters Open:

The taking of trout is permitted within the streams designated below and under the limits and during the times contained herein:

a. General Streams

- West Prong Little Pigeon River from Park Boundary to Gnatty Branch except those sections set aside as Children’s Streams.
- Dudley Creek from Park Boundary to West Prong Little Pigeon River, except those sections set aside as Children’s Streams.
- Roaring Fork upstream to the Park Boundary.
- Leconte Creek from Painter Branch to West Prong Little Pigeon River.

b. Children’s Streams (may only be fished by children 12 and under, unless otherwise posted)

- Leconte Creek from Painters Branch upstream to Park Boundary.
- West Prong Little Pigeon River from 100 yards above entrance of Herbert Holt Park downstream to Gatlinburg By-pass Bridge.
- Dudley Creek from Highway 441 Bridge to West Prong Little Pigeon River.

2. Season and Creel Limits:

- a. Fishing permitted year-round, except on Thursday, from ½ hour before official sunrise to ½ hour after official sunset.
  - 1) From December 1 through March 31:
    - (a) Possession of any trout shall be prohibited
    - (b) All trout caught must be immediately returned to the water
    - (c) Use or possession of bait is prohibited. Use or possession of any artificial lures other than single hook artificial flies, spinners, and spoons is prohibited. The use of one dropper fly having a single hook which is separated from a legal lure by a length of line is permissible.
  - 2) From April 1 through November 30:
    - (a) Daily creel limit shall be five (5) trout.
    - (b) Total possession limit shall not exceed twice the daily creel limit
    - (c) While fishing or when afield, possession of more than the daily creel limit shall be prohibited, regardless of whether the trout are fresh, stored in an ice chest, in a vehicle, or otherwise preserved.

b. Creel Limits

- General Streams – the creel limit is five (5) trout per day.
- Children’s Streams - the creel limit is two (2) per day

c. Methods: Fishing is permitted with one hand-held rod and single hook only.

d. Daily Fees

- 1) In addition to the State licensing requirement, all Tennessee Residents ages 13 through 64 must possess a special Gatlinburg daily permit. The permit fee is \$2.00; provided that a non-resident may purchase a 1-day all inclusive permit, in lieu of the normal license/permit combination for a total fee of \$10.00. Non-residents under the age of 13 are exempt from the Gatlinburg daily permit.

C. Dale Hollow Reservoir

- 1. April 1- October 31 – Daily creel limit – 7 trout  
No more than 2 may be lake trout – no size limit
- 2. November 1 – March 31 – Daily creel limit – 2 trout  
Minimum size limit – 22 inches

D. Horse Creek (Greene County)

That portion from the U.S. Forest Service boundary line upstream to the junction of Squibb Creek.  
Creel limit: 7 per day except from May 1 – September 30, when the limit is 2 per day.

E. South Fork of the Holston River

From the South Holston Dam to Highway 37 Bridge at Bluff City  
-- 16-22 inch slot (protected length range) – 7 trout, only 1 of which can be over 22 inches.

F. Delayed Harvest Areas: In the areas listed below, the harvest or possession of trout will be prohibited during the catch-and-release season. During the catch-and-release season, only artificial lures are permitted and the use or possession of bait is prohibited.

- 1. Paint Creek – Paint Creek Campground downstream to mouth at French Broad River.  
Catch-and-release season – October 1 through the last day of February.
- 2. Tellico River – Mouth of Turkey Creek upstream to mouth of North River. Catch-and-release season will be from October 1 through March 14.

- G. Big Creek, Goforth Creek, and Spring Creek and their tributaries in Polk County.
  - Closed to fishing on Fridays from March 1 to July 1 (except state and national holidays)
  - Only a single hook lure or a baited single hook is allowed. Use or possession of multiple hook lures or bait is prohibited.
  - Fishing permitted ½ hour before official sunrise to ½ hour after official sunset.
  - The possession of fishing equipment or tackle is prohibited on stream banks except during legal fishing hours.
- H. Hiwassee River from Appalachia Powerhouse to U.S. Forest Service’s “Big Bend Parking Area”. 14 inch minimum length limit for brown trout, 2 fish daily limit. Does not affect current quality trout fishing area regulations.
- I. Caney Fork River and its tributaries from Center Hill Dam to Cumberland River – 18 inch minimum length limit for brown trout, 2 fish daily limit.

**SECTION V. WILDLIFE AGENCY LAKES AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS**

- A. Lakes in the Wildlife Agency Lakes Management System are: Coy Gaither, Bedford, Browns Creek, Carroll, Davy Crockett, Garrett, Gibson County, Graham, Herb Parsons, Laurel Hill, Maples Creek, Marrowbone, VFW, Whiteville, Williamsport, Glenn Springs, and Reelfoot-Indian Creek Watershed Lakes.
- B. Seasons, Creel Limits, Size Limits and Hours of Operation
  - 1. Unless noted in Section II, Wildlife Agency Lakes are open year-round. Lakes will be open ½ hour before official sunrise to ½ hour after official sunset. Only authorized personnel may be on Agency Lake property during closed hours, except that Garrett lake is open 24 hours.

2. Creel and Size Limits:

Statewide limits apply except as listed below:

	DAILY LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH
Catfish (blue and channel combined).....	5	
From Bedford, Laurel Hill, VFW, and Williamsport lakes.....	5	14”
Black bass (all species)		
from Williamsport Lakes.....	1	20”
from Glenn Springs, Marrowbone, Bedford, and Gibson County .....	5	14-18” slot*
*only 1 bass per day greater than 18”..		
from Lake Graham, Herb Parsons, Laurel Hill.....	10	14-18” slot
*only 1 bass per day greater than 18”..		
from Davy Crockett Lake.....	10	
from Browns Creek Lake.....	5	16-21” slot*
*only 1 bass per day greater than 21”		
Bluegill and redear sunfish (combined):		
From Laurel Hill, Bedford, Gibson County, Glenn Springs, VFW, and Williamsport lakes.....	20	
Crappie (white and black combined) except as		



Black bass fishing on the following lakes is restricted to catch-and-release only; i.e., all black bass caught must be immediately released unharmed:

- Lake Woodhaven, Montgomery Bell State Park

Channel or blue catfish or in combination:

- Daily creel limit of 5

Crappie (white and black combined):

- No minimum size limit

Bluegill and redear sunfish in combination:

- Poplar Tree Lake, Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park – Daily creel limit of 20 fish

**SECTION VII. SPECIAL REGULATIONS ON LAKES CONTROLLED BY NON-STATE GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES**

- A. Casper Lake (Shelby County) – the minimum size limit on black bass is 16” and the daily creel limit is 2.
- B. New Lake (Lewisburg) – Black bass: Creel limit – 5; minimum length – 13”. No minimum length limit on crappie. Open ½ hour before official sunrise to ½ hour after official sunset. Only rods and reels and cane poles are permitted.
- C. Campbell Lake (Maury County) – Anglers must follow regulations as posted at the lake.
- D. Lewisburg and Dickson city lakes – Catfish: Creel limit – 5
- E. Kefauver Park (Madisonville) lake – Catfish: Creel limit – 5  
Black bass: Creel limit – 2; Minimum length – 14”

**SECTION VIII. MINNOWS**

- A. The catching of minnows for the purpose of sale is prohibited in Cannon, Lincoln, Macon, Moore, Smith, Sumner, and Trousdale counties. The possession limit for minnows taken from streams in the above counties is 150 in Cannon, Macon, Smith, Sumner, and Trousdale; 250 in Lincoln and Moore. It shall be unlawful to sell, take for sale, or offer for sale hornyhead minnows (stonerollers) in Carter, Unicoi, Washington, Johnson, Sullivan, and Morgan Counties.
- B. Minnow traps and seines as defined below may be used to catch minnows subject to all laws and regulations governing the catching of minnows.
  - 1. A minnow trap is hereby defined as a device used for the purpose of catching minnows. The mouth opening or openings shall not exceed one and one-half (1 ½”) inches in diameter.
  - 2. A minnow seine is hereby defined as a net having a mesh size no greater than three-eighths (3/8) of an inch on the square, and no greater than ten (10) feet in length.

**SECTION IX. TURTLES**

- A. Species, Creel and Size Limits, and Seasons
  - 1. Only the Common Snapping Turtle – *Chelydra serpentina serpentina* – may be legally taken.
  - 2. All turtles listed as endangered or threatened or listed as “In Need of Management” as proclaimed by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission may not be taken, and include:

- Bog Turtle – *Clemmys muhlenbergi*
- Alligator Snapping Turtle – *Macroclemys temmincki*
- Cumberland Slider – *Trachemys (Pseudemys) scripta troosti*

3. The season is open year-round.
4. The daily limit is 5. The possession limit is twice the daily creel limit. Only the daily creel limit may be possessed while afield.
5. The minimum legal length for the common snapping turtle is 12 inches. For purposes of this proclamation, the length of a turtle is determined by measuring the carapace (upper shell) from front to back.
6. Turtles may be taken by all legal sport fishing methods except archery and spear guns.

Additionally, sport fishermen may take turtles by the use of up to three hoop nets having a minimum mesh size of three-inches (3”) on the square in Benton, Carroll, Chester, Crockett, Decatur, Dyer, Fayette, Gibson, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Henry, Houston, Humphreys, Lake, Lauderdale, McNairy, Madison, Obion, Perry, Shelby, Stewart, Tipton, and Weakley counties. Each net must be marked with the name and address of the owner. Each net must be set so that a portion of the catch area is above the water.

7. It shall be unlawful to possess while afield any turtle which has been altered to the extent that its species and/or length cannot be determined.

**SECTION X. GIGGING, GRABBLING, GRAB HOOKING, SNAGGING, TUBBING, ARCHERY, SPEAR-GUN FISHING, DIPPING, AND CAST NETTING.**

- A. Season open year-round except as noted below.
- B. All waters open except:
  1. Within 100 yards below dams except at Pickwick the closed area will extend downstream to the first moorage cell located across from the boat launching ramp. At John Sevier Steam Plant the discharge channel is also closed. Dipping and cast netting are excluded from this restriction.
  2. Those areas closed to fishing listed in Section II.
  3. All waters closed by separate proclamation.
  4. Norris Reservoir between River mile 32 (Point 15) and the highway 25E Bridge on the Powell River Arm and between River Mile 137 (Point 31) and the Highway 25E Bridge on the Clinch River Arm from January 1 through April 30. Cast netting is excluded from this restriction.
  5. Watauga Reservoir Tributaries – Closed from January 1 to April 30. The Elk River in Carter County from the Highway 321 Bridge downstream to RM3.0 (Point 11) on the Elk River Arm of Watauga Reservoir, Doe Creek (Old Cabin Private Road downstream to Roan Creek), Roan Creek (Mountain Lake Estates Bridge downstream to Doe Creek), and Watauga River (NC line downstream to end of Cownstown Road). Cast netting is excluded from this restriction.
  6. Snagging prohibited year-round on the South Holston tailwater (from South Holston Dam to the headwaters of Boone Reservoir), Center Hill Reservoir, and the Cumberland Fossil

Plant discharge channel into Barkley Reservoir.

7. All streams in the following counties closed year-round to gigging, but are open to all other methods identified in Section X.

-- Bedford	-- Lawrence	-- Maury
-- Giles	-- Lewis	-- Wayne
-- Hickman	-- Marshall	

8. East Fork Obey River and tributaries closed January 1 through April 30.

C. Species which may be taken:

1. Non-game species – See Section I.C.

D. Methods Defined:

1. Gigging: The taking of fish by means of hand-held pole or spear with a tip consisting of a single sharpened point or one or more sharpened barbed points; including, but not limited to gear known as the Hawaiian Sling.
2. Grabbling: The taking of fishes with the hands.
3. Grab Hooking: The taking of fishes using one more single, double, or treble hooks fastened directly to a pole or rod in such a manner that they are not separated from pole or rod by a length of line.
4. Snagging: The taking of fishes using one or more single, double, or treble hooks which are manipulated or jerked through the water in such a manner as to impale or hook fishes.
5. Tubbing: The taking of fishes using a tub or like device which has neither top or bottom.
6. Archery: The taking of fishes using long, recurve, and compound bows using arrows with barbed points; crossbows are permitted.
7. Spear-gun Fishing: The taking of fishes using a spear-gun. A spear gun is any device designed to propel a spear through water and is drawn or held by mechanical device.
8. Dipping: Taking of fishes using a dip net.
9. Cast Netting: The taking of fishes by throwing and retrieving a cast net having a maximum radius of 10 feet and with a mesh size (square measure) of not less than one-fourth (1/4") and not greater than one (1) inch.

**SECTION XI. SLAT BASKETS**

- A. A slat basket is defined as a device used for taking non-game fish only. Slat baskets may have only one outside funnel opening, and may be made of wood, plastic, or cane slats which are placed lengthwise and so constructed that there must be a minimum of four (4) openings in the catching area, each being at least 1 ½" wide and 6" long.
- B. Slat baskets as defined above and properly tagged shall be legal in all public waters except TWRA Managed Lakes.
- C. Season open year-round.

- D. Only non-game fish may be taken. See Section I.C.
- E. Only one basket tag will be issued to an individual.
- F. Possession or use of more than one slat basket is prohibited.

**SECTION XII. TROT LINES, LIMBLINES AND JUGS**

- A. Season open year-round except as noted in Section II and Section V.
- B. All waters open except as follows:
  - 1. Sport fishing trotlines, limblines, and jugs prohibited within 1,000 yards below any TVA or Corps of Engineers dam.
  - 2. Allen Branch Pond, Indian Boundary Lake, and Chilhowee (McKamy Pond) in Cherokee Wildlife Management Area closed to jug fishing and trotlines. Indian Boundary Lake is also closed to limblines.
  - 3. Trotlines prohibited in the Beech River Watershed Development Authority lakes, in the New Johnsonville Steamplant Harbor, and within 50 yards of the Danville Railroad Bridge dikes.
  - 4. Bards Lake on Land Between the Lakes closed to trotlines and limblines.
  - 5. Trotlines, limblines, and jugs prohibited on Norris Reservoir between River Mile 32 (Point 15) and the Highway 25E Bridge on the Powell River Arm between River Mile 137 (Point 31) and the Highway 25E Bridge on the Clinch River Arm from January 1 through April 30.
- C. Methods Defined:
  - 1. Trotline: A main line with drop lines to which single hooks are attached and baited in order to catch fish. Such drops must not be closer than 24 inches.
  - 2. Limblining: The use of no more than one hook on a single line suspended from a tree or shrub limb, or from a pole imbedded in or braced on the bank, with a maximum of 25 limblines per licensed angler.
  - 3. Jug Fishing: The use of a hook connected by a length of line to a floating buoy (jug).
- D. All species may be taken.
- E. Creel limit on game fish same as statewide; non-game species – no limit (except that no paddlefish may be harvested).
- F. Other Restrictions:
  - 1. Sport fishing trotlines, limblines, and jugs must be tagged and/or marked with the owner's name and address. On trotlines, the tag must be placed on the line within 5 feet of the bank, if the trotline is attached to a bank. On floating trotlines the information shall be marked on the floats. In all situations, the tag must be placed within 5 feet of either end. On limblines, the tag must be affixed to the line above the water level.
  - 2. Sport fishing trotlines, limblines, and jugs must be run at least once each day.
  - 3. Sport fishermen limited to 50 jugs or blocks each except New Johnsonville Steam Plant Harbor

and Bards Lake, where the limit is ten (10) jugs or blocks per sport fisherman and on Beech River Watershed Development Authority Lakes where the limit is twenty (20) jugs or blocks per boat. On Bards Lake, jugs are permitted only from October 1 through March 21.

4. Sport fishing trotlines, limblines, and jugs not fished according to these regulations are subject to be removed by Agency personnel.

**SECTION XIII. SHAD TRAWLING**

- A. Season: Year-round.
- B. Waters Open – All waters except within 1,000 yards below any dam.
- C. Method Defined: The taking of threadfin or gizzard shad using a trawl having a mesh size no larger than 1 inch, a hoop diameter no larger than 48 inches, and a net length no longer than 72 inches.
- D. Shad collected cannot be sold.

**SECTION XIV. SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS**

- A. Reelfoot Lake. During April and May, the use of gasoline engines to propel boats in selected areas of Reelfoot Lake as posted by TWRA signs is prohibited.
- B. Center Hill Reservoir
  1. On the upper end of Center Hill Reservoir including Caney Fork River beginning at Rock Island State Park boat launching ramp and extending upstream to Great Falls Dam, anglers are restricted to the use of one hook having a single point or one lure having no more than one hook with a single point (artificial or bait) during the period from January 1 through April 30. No more than 3 rods and reels or poles may be used.
- C. Dale Hollow Reservoir
  1. Compton Boat Ramp upstream to Hwy 52 bridge on the East Fork Obey River Arm, anglers are restricted to the use of one hook having a single point or one lure having no more than one hook with a single point (artificial or bait) during the period from January 1 through April 30.
  2. No more than 3 rods and reels or poles per boat angler and 6 rods and reels or poles per bank angler may be used.
- D. Watauga Reservoir Tributaries
  1. Anglers are restricted to the use of one hook having a single point or one lure having no more than one hook with a single point (artificial or bait) during the period from January 1 through April 30. The Elk River in Carter County from the Highway 321 Bridge downstream to RM 3.0 (Pt. 11) on the Elk River Arm of Watauga Reservoir, Doe Creek (Old Cabin Private Road downstream to Roan Creek), Roan Creek (Mountain Lake Estates Bridge downstream to Doe Creek), and Watauga River (NC line downstream to the end of Cownstown Road).
- E. Umbrella Rig Restriction – Umbrella rigs are defined as an array of more than 3 artificial lures or baits (with or without hooks) used by a single rod and reel combination. If the hook size is 6 or larger, then only one lure or bait may have a hook and that hook must be a single hook.

**SECTION XV. SPECIAL DEFINITIONS**

- A. Game Fish:

The following fish are designated as game fish:

Family – Centrarchidae

All fish in the family Centrarchidae, including those listed below and all hybrids, are designated as game fish.

Largemouth bass	<u>Micropterus salmoides</u> (Lacepede)
Smallmouth bass	<u>Micropterus dolomieu</u> (Lacepede)
Spotted bass	<u>Micropterus punctulatus</u> (Rafinesque)
Redeye bass	<u>Micropterus coosae</u> (Hubbs and Bailey)
White crappie	<u>Pomoxis annulris</u>
Black crappie	<u>Pomoxis nigromaculatus</u> (Lesueur)
Rock bass	<u>Ambloplites rupestris</u> (Rafinesque)
Warmouth	<u>Lepomis gulosus</u> (Cuvier)
Bluegill	<u>Lepomis macrochirus</u> (Rafinesque)
Redear sunfish	<u>Lepomis microlophus</u> (Gunther)
Longear sunfish	<u>Lepomis megalotis</u> (Rafinesque)
Green sunfish	<u>Lepomis cyanellus</u> (Rafinesque)
Flier	<u>Centrarchus macropterus</u> (Lacepede)
Redbreast sunfish	<u>Lepomis auritus</u> (Linnaeus)
Pumpkinseed	<u>Lepomis gibbosus</u> (Linnaeus)
Orangespotted sunfish	<u>Lepomis humilis</u> (Girard)

Family – Percichthyidae

Striped bass	<u>Morone saxatilis</u> (Walbaum)
Cherokee bass (Striped bass- White bass hybrid)	<u>Morone chrysops</u> (Rafinesque)
Yellow bass	<u>Morone mississippiensis</u> (Jordan and Eigenmann)

Family – Percidae

Walleye	<u>Stizostedion vitreum</u> (Mitchill)
Sauger	<u>Stizostedion canadense</u> (Smith)
Walleye-Sauger hybrid (Saugeye)	<u>Stizostedion</u> sp.
Yellow perch	<u>Perca flavescens</u> (Mitchill)

Family – Esocidae

All fish in the family Esocidae, including those listed below and all hybrids, are designated as game fish.

Muskellunge	<u>Esox masquinongy</u> (Mitchill)
Northern Pike	<u>Esox lucius</u> (Linnaeus)
Chain pickerel	<u>Esox niger</u> (Lesueur)
Grass pickerel	<u>Esox americanus</u> (Lesueur)

Family – Salmonidae

All fish in the family Salmonidae, including those listed below and all hybrids, are designated as game fish.

Rainbow trout	<u>Oncorhynchus mykiss</u>
Brown trout	<u>Salmo trutta</u> (Linnaeus)
Brook trout	<u>Salvelinus fontinalis</u> (Mitchill)
Lake trout	<u>Salvelinus namaycush</u> (Walbaum)
Ohrd trout	<u>Salmo letnica</u>

B. Non-Game Species:

All species except those listed as game fish and those proclaimed by the TWRC to be endangered, threatened, or in need of management.

C. Hooks Defined:

Hooks are defined as follows:

- Single hook – 1 point
- Double hook – 2 points
- Treble hook – 3 points

D. The use of rods and reels, poles, hand-held lines, and other devices and methods described in this proclamation are the only legal means of sport fishing.

E. Reservoir full pool level is the reservoir/stream boundary for harvest restrictions, unless otherwise noted.

F. Norris Reservoir:

For purpose of size restrictions on largemouth and smallmouth bass, extends upstream to the Highway 25E bridge on the Clinch River Arm and upstream to Gap Creek on the Powell River Arm.

G. Boone Reservoir:

For purpose of size restrictions on largemouth and smallmouth bass, extends upstream to the 11E Bridge at Bluff City on the South Fork Holston River Arm and upstream to the new Austin Springs Bridge on the Watauga River.

H. Cherokee Reservoir:

For purpose of size restrictions on largemouth and smallmouth bass, shall extend upstream to the John Sevier Dam.

I. Douglas Reservoir:

For purpose of size and creel restrictions on smallmouth bass and crappie, extends upstream to the ENCA dam on the Nolichucky River and to the mouth of the Pigeon River on the French Broad River.

J. Dale Hollow Reservoir:

For purpose of size and creel restrictions on smallmouth bass, extends upstream on the Wolf River arm to the South Ford Road Bridge near Sulphur Springs.

K. Handicapped – any person who is mentally impaired or physically impaired (including blindness) because of injury or disease, congenital or acquired, which permanently renders him/her so severely disabled as to be unable to move without aid of crutches or a wheelchair, or a person who has 80% permanent impairment of a hand or arm as determined by a physician using the standards outlined in the “Guide to Evaluations of Permanent Rating”, published by the AMA or other acceptable rating system.

L. Bait – any living or dead organism, or prepared substance designed to attract fish by taste or odor.

For the purpose of this proclamation, bait includes, but is not limited to, fish, fish eggs, crayfish, worms, grubs, crickets, corn, cheese, bread, pork rinds, putty or paste-type products, and flavors or scents applied to or impregnated into artificial lures.

**SECTION XVI. SHOOTING FISH AND TURTLES**

Shooting fish and turtles with firearms is prohibited.

**SECTION XVII. SALE OF FISH AND TURTLES**

It is illegal to sell or offer for sale fish and turtles taken under authority of this proclamation.

**SECTION XVIII. REPEAL OF PRIOR PROCLAMATIONS**

This proclamation repeals Proclamation 05-26, dated October 28, 2005.

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