

TENNESSEE FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION
PROCLAMATION 24-03
SPORT FISHING

Pursuant to the authority granted by Title 70, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-4-107, the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission (TFWC) proclaims the following regulations effective March 1, 2024.

SECTION I. GENERAL SEASONS, AND STATEWIDE CREEL, POSSESSION, AND LENGTH LIMITS.

A. 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. The mouth of the fish may not be manipulated or extended.

Unless stated otherwise a slot limit is a protected length range within which no fish may be harvested.

Statewide daily creel and length limits for fish species are listed in the table below which includes exceptions for specific waterbodies. Additional exceptions are listed in Sections III, IV, V, VI, VII and XIV. See Special Definitions (Section XV) for reservoir boundary and specific area descriptions.

Species	Daily Creel Limit	Length Limit (minimum unless otherwise stated)
Rock bass and shadow bass (both species in combination)	20	None
From Calderwood Reservoir	None	None
Black bass (all species in combination) except as listed below	5	None*
*Smallmouth bass from reservoirs: 18" minimum length limit		
All black bass from Mississippi River	10	None
All black bass from Calderwood Reservoir	5	14"
*Only 2 black bass less than 14" allowed		
Largemouth bass from Watauga Reservoir	5	12"
Largemouth bass from: Cheatham, Chilhowee, Fort Loudoun, Melton Hill, Norris, Old Hickory, and Tellico reservoirs	5	14"
Largemouth bass from: Barkley, Boone, Center Hill, Cherokee, Chickamauga, Cordell Hull, Dale Hollow, Great Falls, Kentucky, Nickajack, Normandy, Parksville, Percy Priest, Pickwick, Tims Ford, and Watts Bar reservoirs, Reelfoot Lake, Reelfoot Watershed Lake #18, and Gooch Unit E	5	15"
Largemouth and Smallmouth bass from Douglas Reservoir		
June 1 through September 30	5	None*
October 1 through May 31	5	None
*Only one Largemouth or smallmouth bass over 16" per day		
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 and Cherokee reservoirs		
June 1 through October 15	1	18"
October 16 through May 31	5	15"
Smallmouth bass in French Broad River from Hwy 168 Bridge to Douglas Dam	5	18"
Smallmouth bass from Barkley, Boone, Kentucky, South Holston, Pickwick, Fort Patrick Henry, and Watauga reservoirs	5	15"
Smallmouth bass from: Davy Crockett and John Sevier reservoirs	5	13-17" Slot*
*Only one smallmouth bass over 17" per day		
Smallmouth bass from: Pigeon River (from Hwy 321 bridge in Newport to 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 321 Bridge upstream to state line), Holston River (I-40 Bridge upstream to North Fork Holston River, excluding Cherokee Reservoir), Clinch River (Hwy 25E Bridge 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)	5	13-17" Slot*
*Only one smallmouth bass over 17" per day		
Spotted and Alabama bass from: Boone, 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), Tellico, and Watauga reservoirs (harvested Spotted and Alabama bass limit do not count towards aggregate black bass limit from these reservoirs.)	15	None
Spotted and Alabama bass from Norris, Parksville, and South Holston reservoirs (harvested Spotted and Alabama bass creel limit do not count towards aggregate black bass limit from Norris, Parksville, and South Holston reservoirs)	None	None
Sauger except as listed below	10	15"
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		
From Calderwood Reservoir	8	15"
Any walleye-sauger hybrid (saugeye) is considered the same as a sauger.		
Walleye except as listed below	5	16"
From Douglas Reservoir including all tributaries	5*	15"
*Walleye or sauger in combination		
From Fort Patrick Henry, South Holston, and Watauga reservoirs	5	18"
From Calderwood Reservoir	8	None
Walleye or sauger in combination from Cherokee, 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"
Dale Hollow Reservoir – see Section XIV.D.2 for seasonal length restrictions on East Fork Obey River.		

Yellow perch (except as listed below)	None	None
From Chilhowee and Parksville reservoirs	15	None
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, Norris, and Watts Bar reservoirs during November 1 through March 31 (statewide regulations apply during April 1 through October 31 and to Cherokee bass year round)	1	36"
Striped bass from Boone Reservoir	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
From Calderwood Reservoir	10	14"
South Holston Reservoir – no harvest allowed	0	
White bass, Striped bass or Cherokee bass (striped bass x white bass hybrid), or in combination from Douglas Reservoir	15	None
Yellow bass	None	None
Northern pike	None	None
Muskellunge (except as listed below)	1	36"
From Melton Hill, Great Falls, Center Hill and Dale Hollow reservoirs; and from Caney Fork, Collins, Calfkiller, and Rocky rivers and their tributaries.	1	50"
From Calderwood Reservoir	1	42"
Pickereel	None	None
Crappie (white and black combined; except as listed below)	15	10"
From Norris Reservoir	10	10"
From Calderwood Reservoir	20	8"
From Pickwick and Guntersville reservoirs	30	9"
From the Mississippi (river proper, sloughs and oxbows)	50	None
From Hatchie, Loosahatchie, Forked Deer, Wolf, and Obion rivers and their tributaries, and Davy Crockett Reservoir.	30	None
From Kentucky and Barkley reservoirs	20	10"
From Reelfoot Lake, Cheatham, J. Percy Priest, and Old Hickory reservoirs	30	10"
Bluegill and other bream (except as listed below)	None	None
From Norris Reservoir	30	None
From the Mississippi (river proper, sloughs and oxbows)	50	None
Bluegill from South Holston Reservoir	50	None
Redear sunfish	20	None
From Calderwood Reservoir	None	None
Trout (all trout combined; except as listed below)	7	None
Lake trout	2	None
From Calderwood Reservoir	7*	None

*Lake trout are included in all trout combination 7 fish limit

Catfish (all species in combination; except as listed below)	None*	34" Maximum
	*Only 1 catfish over 34" per day	
Blue and channel catfish from Allen Branch Pond, and Green Cove Pond.	5	None
South Holston Reservoir	20*	34" Maximum
	*Only 1 catfish over 34" per day	
Calderwood Reservoir	None	None

B. NONGAME 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.

Species	Daily Creel Limit	Length Limit (minimum unless otherwise stated)
Non-game species (except as listed below):	None	None
Paddlefish may only be harvested from April 24 through May 31. No culling. Exceptions for Cherokee and Watts Bar reservoirs:	2	None
Cherokee Reservoir - Paddlefish may only be harvested from April 1 through April 15. No culling.	1	None
Watts Bar Reservoir - Paddlefish may only be harvested from May 1 through May 15. No culling.	1	None
Shovelnose Sturgeon – No harvest allowed.	0	
Skipjack herring	100	None

SECTION II. WATERS WITH CLOSED SEASONS

- A. Land Between the Lakes Wildlife Management Area - All waters open year-round, except the following:
 1. Farm ponds – Open to fishing except those ponds posted as closed.
 2. 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): From the mill dam upstream — closed year-round to all fishing; harvest of bait and possession of bait harvesting gear is prohibited. Buffalo Creek and tributaries within the WMA boundary (Grainger County): From the mill dam downstream—open to fishing year-round by rod and reel method only; closed year-round to all harvest of bait and possession of seines, cast nets and minnow/crayfish traps is prohibited.
- E. Clear Creek (tributary to the Clinch River, Anderson County) From Highway 441 upstream to the second dam (adjacent to the City of Norris Water Tower)—closed from November 1 through March 31 to all fishing; harvest of bait and possession of bait harvesting gear is prohibited.

- F. Doakes Pond (Norris Reservoir) – That portion of Norris Reservoir known as Doakes Pond (a sub impoundment located adjacent to Highway 63 approximately 9 miles NE of LaFollette) is closed to fishing.
- G. Center Hill Lake and tributaries – Closed to taking or possessing of paddlefish.
- H. Emory River (Watts Bar Reservoir tributary) – Closed to snagging, taking, or possession of paddlefish or any parts thereof from the mouth of the Emory River upstream to Highway 299 Bridge at Oakdale.
- I. All TWRA and USFWS hatchery ponds and raceways are closed to fishing year-round.
- J. South Fork Holston River – 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.
- M. John Tully WMA (Lauderdale County) and Cove Lake State Park (Campbell County) – closed year-round to all sportfish methods for turtles.

SECTION III. TROUT FISHING – SPECIAL REGULATIONS

- A. Tellico River, Citico Creek and Green Cove (Tellico-Citico Permit Areas)
 - Tellico River from its confluence with Turkey Creek upstream to the Tennessee-North Carolina state line during the period March 1 through August 15; and
 - Citico Creek from its confluence with Little Citico Creek upstream to the confluence of North and South Forks of Citico Creek during the period March 1 through August 15.
 - 1. Tellico-Citico Permit required.
 - 2. Closed on Thursday and Friday during the period March 1 through August 15 (except when national or state holidays fall on Thursday and Friday). From August 16 through last day of February fishing is allowed every day and Tellico-Citico Permit is not required.
 - 3. Tellico River – Sourwood Campground upstream to the dam on Tellico River from ½ hour before official sunrise to 12 pm closed to fishing for individuals 17 and older on Free Fishing Day (which is the first Saturday after first Monday of the month of June).
 - 4. 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.
 - 5. Each angler permitted only one rod or pole.
 - Green Cove Pond
 - 1. Tellico-Citico Permit not required.
 - 2. Hours open – ½ hour before official sunrise to ½ hour after official sunset.
 - 3. Each angler permitted only one rod or pole.
 - 4. Use of boats is prohibited.
- B. Wild Trout Streams:
 - North River and tributaries.

- Bald River and tributaries.
 - Sycamore Creek (tributary to Tellico River in Monroe County) and tributaries.
 - Rough Ridge Creek and tributaries.
 - Little Stony Creek and its tributaries upstream of the confluence with Plot Branch (1.3 miles upstream of Hwy 321 crossing).
 - Laurel Fork and tributaries beginning at the cable crossing ½ mile upstream from the USFS Dennis Cove Recreation Area and extending upstream to the USFS boundary.
 - Beaverdam Creek and tributaries from its confluence with Birch Branch downstream to Tank Hollow Road (USFS Rd. 300).
 - Paint Creek and tributaries from USFS campground upstream to USFS Boundary line south of Highway 70 near Munday Gap.
 - Rocky Fork and tributaries upstream of the junction of Rocky Fork Road and State Park Entrance Road.
 - Left Prong (tributary to Hampton Creek in Carter County).
 - The following restrictions apply to the wild trout waters listed above:
 1. Daily creel limit of 5 trout with no length limit.
 2. 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.
- C. 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. Daily limit of 4 trout, possession limit of 8 trout.
 3. Rainbow, brown, and brook trout – 7-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.
- D. Horse Creek (Greene County) - That portion from the U.S. Forest Service boundary line upstream to the junction of Squibb Creek.
1. Creel limit of 7 trout per day except from May 1 – September 30, when the limit is 2 trout per day.
- E. 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 North Park Lane Bridge (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.
 - From December 1 through March 31:
 - (1) Possession of any trout shall be prohibited
 - (2) All trout caught must be immediately returned to the water

- (3) 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.
 - From April 1 through November 30:
 - (1) Daily creel limit shall be five (5) trout.
 - (2) Total possession limit shall not exceed twice the daily creel limit
 - (3) 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 – creel limit is five (5) trout per day.
 - Children's Streams - creel limit is two (2) trout per day.
 - c. Methods: Fishing is permitted with one hand-held rod and single hook only.
 - d. Daily Fees: In addition to the State licensing requirement, all Tennessee Residents ages 13 through 64 must possess a special Gatlinburg daily permit. Non-residents under the age of 13 are exempt from the Gatlinburg daily permit.
- F. Delayed Harvest Areas: In the areas listed below, the harvest or possession of trout is 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 North River upstream to the Tennessee/North Carolina state line.
 - Catch-and-release season - October 1 through the last day of February.
 - 3. Hiwassee River – Appalachia Powerhouse downstream to L&N Railroad Bridge.
 - Catch-and-release season - October 1 through the last day of February.
 - From March 1 through September 30, trout creel limit is 7 trout of all species combined and only 2 may be brown trout and there are no gear restrictions.
 - 4. Piney River – Cumberland Trail State Park downstream to Highway 27 Bridge
 - Catch-and-release season - November 1 through the last day of February.
 - 5. Doe River within Roan Mountain State Park boundaries.
 - Catch-and-release season –October 1 through last day of February.
 - 6. Buffalo Creek from the mill dam downstream to Buffalo Springs WMA boundary.
 - Catch-and-release season – October 1 through January 31.
 - 7. Big Soddy Creek – Upstream of Back Valley Road
 - Catch-and-release season - October 1 through the last day of February.
- G. Watauga River: Quality Trout Fishing Area (That portion of the Watauga River from Smalling Bridge downstream to the CSX Railroad bridge).
 - 1. Daily limit of 2 trout, possession limit of 2 trout.
 - 2. Length limit – 14-inch minimum length.
 - 3. Use or possession of any bait other than artificial lures is prohibited.
 - 4. Trout less than 14 inches in length may not be possessed within quality trout fishing areas.
- H. South Fork Holston River and Boone Reservoir -- from the South Holston Dam to Boone Dam, including all of Boone Reservoir (upstream to the Highway 11E Bridge (DeVault/Bristol Hwy. Bridge) on the Watauga arm).
 - 1. 16-22 inch slot (protected length range); creel limit of 7 trout per day, only 1 of which can be over 22 inches.
- I. Fort Patrick Henry Reservoir – from Boone dam downstream to Louis Milhorn Bridge on Beulah Church Drive.
 - 1. 16-22 inch slot (protected length range) for rainbow and brown trout; only 1 of which can be over 22 inches.

2. Creel limit of 7 trout per day (all species in combination).
- J. Caney Fork River and its tributaries from Center Hill Dam downstream to Cumberland River.
1. 24-inch minimum length limit for brown trout, 1 fish daily limit.
 2. 14-20 inch slot (protected length range) for rainbow trout—only 1 of which can be over 20 inches.
 3. 14-20 inch slot (protected length range) for brook trout—only 1 of which can be over 20 inches.
 4. 14-20 inch slot limit (protected length range) for cutthroat trout – only 1 of which can be over 20 inches.
 5. Creel limit of 5 trout per day (all species in combination).
- K. Clinch River and its tributaries from Norris Dam downstream to Hwy 61 Bridge.
1. 14-20 inch protected length range (slot), 7 trout daily creel limit, only 1 trout greater than 20 inches may be harvested per day.
- L. Dillard Ponds (Cherokee National Forest, Greene County).
1. Creel limit of 4 trout per day.
 2. Each angler permitted only one rod or pole.
 3. Fishing permitted from ½ hour before official sunrise to ½ hour after official sunset.
- M. Elk River and its tributaries from Tims Ford Dam downstream to I-65 Bridge.
1. 20-inch minimum length limit for brown trout, 1 fish daily limit.
 2. Creel limit of 7 trout per day (all species in combination).

SECTION IV. TWRA LAKES ON STATE FISHING AREAS AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

- A. TWRA Lakes are: Coy Gaither-Bedford, Browns Creek, Carroll, Davy Crockett (Crockett County), Garrett, Gibson County, Graham, Herb Parsons, Laurel Hill, Maples Creek, Marrowbone, VFW, Whiteville, Williamsport, Glenn Springs, Lake Halford, and Reelfoot-Indian Creek Watershed Lakes.
- B. Unless noted in Section II, TWRA 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 TWRA Lake property during closed hours, except that Garrett Lake is open 24 hours.
- C. Creel and length limits - Statewide limits apply except as listed below:

Species	Daily Creel Limit	Length Limit (minimum unless otherwise stated)
Catfish (blue and channel combined; except as listed below)	5	None
From Coy Gaither-Bedford, Laurel Hill, VFW, and Williamsport lakes	5	14"
From Lake Halford and Herb Parsons lakes	5	16"
Black bass (all species; except as listed below)	5	None
From Williamsport Lakes	1	20"
From Lake Halford	10	18" Maximum* Only 2 bass over 18" per day
From Laurel Hill Lake	5	13-18" slot*
	*Only one bass over 18" per day	
From Marrowbone and Coy Gaither-Bedford lakes	5	14-18" slot*
	*Only one bass over 18" per day	

From Herb Parsons Lake	10	16-20" slot*
	*Only one bass over 20" per day	
From Lake Graham, Carroll, Garrett, Glenn Springs, Maples Creek, and Whiteville lakes	None	18" Maximum*
	*Only one bass over 18" per day	
From Davy Crockett Lake (Crockett County)	10	None
From Browns Creek Lake	10	18-25" slot*
	*Only one bass over 25" per day	
From Gibson County Lake	10	18-24" slot*
	*Only one bass over 24" per day	

Bluegill and Redear Sunfish (combined)

From Laurel Hill, Coy Gaither-Bedford, Carroll Lake, Gibson County, Glenn Springs, VFW, and Williamsport lakes	20	None
From Lake Halford, Herb Parsons, and Browns Creek lakes	10	None
Crappie (white and black combined; except as listed below)	30	10"
From Coy Gaither- Bedford, Laurel Hill, Marrowbone, VFW, and Williamsport lakes	15	10"
From Lakes Halford and Graham, Browns Creek, Garrett, Glenn Springs, Herb Parsons, Maples Creek, Carroll, and Whiteville lakes	None	None
Walleye	5	16"
Hybrid Striped Bass	2	15"

D. Williamsport Lakes: Whippoorwill Lake is "youth fishing" area; only youths 16 and under and an accompanying adult may fish.

E. Laurel Hill Lake: The embayment above the road that lies between the concession building and the campground is a "youth fishing" area; only youths 16 and under may fish.

F. Methods for TWRA Lakes:

1. Except for jug fishing as listed below, only rods and reels, poles, and hand-held lines may be used. Snagging is prohibited.
2. Jug fishing will be permitted daily from April 1 through September 30 except Saturday, Sunday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day, and daily from October 1 through March 31. Jugs are limited to ten (10) per boat. Jugs must be marked with the owner's name and address, or TWRA Identification Number.
3. Jug fishing is prohibited on Lake Halford.

G. Bridgestone/Firestone Centennial Wilderness WMA Ponds

1. Fishing is permitted during daylight hours only.
2. Daily creel limits:
 - Bluegill: 10
 - Channel catfish: 5, no length limit
 - Largemouth bass: 5, only one over 16" per day
 - Crappie (all species): No creel or length limits

H. Egret and Heron Ponds at Williamsport, and the nursery ponds at Laurel Hill Lake are closed to fishing.

Section V. TWRA Community Fishing Program

- A. Community Fishing Program Lakes are: Jack Dickert Pond, Cedar Hill Pond, Greenbelt Lake, Pistol Creek (East Harper Avenue upstream to West Lamar Alexander Parkway), Fountain City Lake, and Cameron Brown Park Pond.
- B. Creel and length limits – statewide limits apply except as listed below:

Species	Daily Creel Limit	Length Limit (minimum unless otherwise stated)
Black Bass (all species)	1	None
Bluegill and redear sunfish (combined)	20	None
Catfish (blue, channel, hybrids combined)	5	None
Crappie (white and black combined)	30	None
Trout (all trout combined)	5	None

- C. Methods for Community Fishing Lakes:
- Only rods and reels, poles, and hand-held lines may be used. Snagging is prohibited.
 - Trotlines, jugs, seines, cast nets not allowed.

SECTION VI. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION MANAGED LAKES

Statewide fishing regulations apply on lakes managed by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation except as listed below:

- A. Black bass from the following lakes must be a minimum of 15 inches in length:
- Lake Lindsey, David Crockett State Park
 - Sullivan's Pond, Ft. Pillow State Historic Area
 - Indian Mt. "B" Lake, Indian Mountain State Park
 - Creech Hollow Lake, Montgomery Bell State Park
- B. Black bass from Big Ridge Lake, Big Ridge State Park: 14-inch minimum length limit.
- C. Black bass from Poplar Tree Lake (Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park): Creel limit 10 bass per day, only one bass over 18 inches may be harvested.
- D. Black bass from Fall Creek Falls Lake: 10 bass per day, only one bass over 16 inches may be harvested per day.
- E. Black bass from Lake LaJoie and Lake Placid (Chickasaw State Park): 14"-18" PLR (slot limit), creel limit of 10 bass per day, only one bass over 18 inches may be harvested.
- F. Black bass from Travis McNatt Lake (Big Hill Pond State Park): No creel limit, only one bass over 16 inches may be harvested per day.
- G. Black bass from Pin Oak Lake (Natchez Trace State Park) and Woodhaven Lake (Montgomery Bell State Park): 18"-25" PLR (slot limit), creel limit 10 bass per day, only one over 25 inches may be harvested.

- H. Black bass from Acorn Lake (Montgomery Bell State Park):-Creel limit 10 bass per day, no length limit.
- I. Channel or blue catfish or in combination: creel limit of 5 fish per day, no length limit, exception:
 - 1. Travis McNatt Lake (Big Hill Pond State Park), Acorn Lake (Montgomery Bell State Park), Fall Creek Falls Lake: creel limit 5 fish per day, 16-inch minimum length limit
- J. Crappie (white and black combined): creel limit of 15 per day, no length limit, exceptions:
 - 1. Travis McNatt Lake (Big Hill Pond State Park) and Pin Oak Lake (Natchez Trace State Park), Acorn and Woodhaven lakes (Montgomery Bell State Park), Fall Creek Falls– no creel or length limits.
- K. Bluegill and redear sunfish in combination from Poplar Tree Lake, Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park; Byrd Lake, Cumberland Mountain State Park; Kelly (Standing Stone) Lake, Standing Stone State Park; Pickett Lake, Pickett State Park; Grundy Lakes, and South Cumberland State Park: creel limit of 20 fish per day
- L. Bluegill and redear sunfish in combination from Acorn, Fall Creek Falls, Travis McNatt, Woodhaven, and Pin Oak lakes: 10 fish per day.
- M. Trout from Acorn Lake (Montgomery Bell State Park): From April 1 through November 30, 5 trout per day, no length limit; no harvest from December 1 through March 31.

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

- A. All black bass from Casper Lake (Shelby County): Daily creel limit of 2 fish, 16-inch minimum length limit.
- B. New Lake (Lewisburg):
 - 1. Black bass: Daily creel limit of 5 fish; 15-inch minimum length limit.
 - 2. Crappie (white and black combined): No minimum length limit.
 - 3. Open ½ hour before official sunrise to ½ hour after official sunset.
 - 4. Only rods and reels and cane poles are permitted.
- C. Campbell Lake (Maury County):
 - 1. Largemouth Bass – creel limit of 1 per day, 12-inch minimum length limit
 - 2. Catfish – creel limit of 5 per day, 14-inch minimum length limit
 - 3. Bluegill and redear sunfish– creel limit of 20 per day in combination, no length limit
 - 4. Crappie (white and black combined): creel limit of 30 per day, no length limit
 - 5. Grass carp may not be harvested.
- D. All catfish from Lewisburg and Dickson city lakes: Daily creel limit of 5 fish, no length limit.
- E. Kefauver Park (Madisonville) Lake:
 - 1. All catfish - Daily creel limit of 5 fish, no length limit.
 - 2. All black bass - creel limit of 5 bass per day, only one bass over 16-inches per day.
 - 3. Bluegill and redear sunfish– creel limit of 10 per day in combination, no length limit
 - 4. Crappie (white and black combined): no creel limit or length limit
- F. Liberty Park Lake (Clarksville): All catfish – creel limit 5 per day, no length limit.
- G. Beech Watershed Lakes:
 - 1. All Beech Watershed Lakes:
 - a. Crappie (white and black combined) – Creel limit of 30 fish per day, no length limit.
 - b. Catfish – Creel limit of 5 fish per day, 15-inch minimum length limit.

2. Pine Lake: Largemouth Bass – Creel limit of 10 bass per day.
3. Dogwood and Redbud lakes: Largemouth Bass - 12"-16" PLR (slot limit), creel limit of 10 bass per day.

H. Indian Boundary Lake

1. All catfish - Daily creel limit of 5 fish, no length limit.
2. All black bass - creel limit of 5 bass per day, only one bass over 16-inches per day.
3. Bluegill and redear sunfish– creel limit of 10 per day in combination, no length limit.
4. Crappie (white and black combined): no creel limit or length limit.

SECTION VIII. BAIT

- A. Licensed sport anglers can harvest and use fish and other aquatic life for bait as provided by the Bait Proclamation.

SECTION IX. CRAYFISH

- A. Licensed sport anglers can harvest for use as food any crayfish species not identified by the TFWC as endangered, threatened, or in need of management.
- B. The harvest, use, and possession of crayfish is prohibited in the following streams, in all their tributaries, and on all adjacent banks:
1. Mill Creek in Davidson and Williamson counties;
 2. East Fork Stones River in Cannon County;
 3. Hurricane Creek in Cumberland, Fentress, Overton, and Putnam counties;
 4. Roaring Paunch Creek in Scott County;
 5. South Chickamauga Creek in Hamilton County;
 6. Caney Fork River in Cumberland and Van Buren counties;
 7. Robinson Creek, Beason Creek (upstream of confluence of North Fork and South Fork), and Owl Creek (upstream of Highway 142) in Hardin and McNairy counties;
 8. Flint River in Lincoln County;
 9. Long Fork, White Oak Creek, and Salt Lick Creek in Macon County. Garrett Creek, Little Trammel Creek, and Middle Fork Drakes Creek in Sumner County;
 10. Shoal Creek in Lawrence and Wayne counties;
 11. Puncheon Branch in Giles County;
 12. Cypress Creek in Wayne County;
 13. Gassaway Creek, Little Gassaway Creek, Laurel Creek, and Rogers Branch in Polk County;
 14. Hiwassee River and tributaries upstream of Appalachia powerhouse in Polk County;
 15. Conasauga River in Bradley and Polk counties;
 16. Big Brush Creek in Sequatchie County;
 17. Bullpen Branch in Cannon County;
 18. Mountain Creek in Warren County;
 19. Blood River in Henry County; and
 20. North Fork Obion River in Henry County.
- C. Crayfish harvested from the following streams and their tributaries shall not be possessed alive away from the waterbody from which they were harvested:
1. French Broad River and its tributaries outside Great Smoky Mountains National Park;
 2. Holston River and its tributaries;
 3. Clinch River and its tributaries;
 4. Clear Fork and its tributaries in Claiborne and Campbell counties; and
 5. Big South Fork of the Cumberland River in Scott County.

- D. Licensed sport anglers can harvest crayfish as food by legal gear defined in the bait proclamation. Live crayfish shall not be released alive.

SECTION X. TURTLES

- A. Only the Common Snapping Turtle (*Chelydra serpentina serpentina*) may be legally taken.
 - 1. Season: open year-round.
 - 2. Daily creel limit: 5; possession limit is twice the daily creel limit. Only the daily creel limit may be possessed while afield.
 - 3. Minimum length limit: 12 inches. For purposes of this proclamation, the length of a turtle is determined by measuring the carapace (upper shell) in a straight line from the scute directly behind the turtle's head (nuchal scute) to the base of the notch where the two most posterior scutes meet.
 - 4. 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.
 - 5. 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 (3) inches 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 owner's name and address or TWRA Identification Number. Each net must be set so that a portion of the catch area is above the water.

SECTION XI. GIGGING, GRABBLING, GRAB HOOKING, SNAGGING, ARCHERY, AND SPEAR-GUN FISHING.

- 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.
 - 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.
 - 5. Watauga Reservoir Tributaries – Closed from January 1 to April 30. The Elk River in Carter County from the Highway 321 Bridge downstream to Row Branch 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 Cowanstown Road).
 - 6. Snagging prohibited year-round on the South Holston tailwater (from South Holston Dam to Highway 390 bridge at Bluff City), Center Hill Reservoir, and the Cumberland Fossil Plant discharge channel into Barkley Reservoir.
 - 7. East Fork Obey River and tributaries closed January 1 through April 30.
 - 8. Cherokee Reservoir- Holston River from Malinda Ferry Road (Hwy. 344) bridge upstream to John Sevier Dam is closed to snagging from March 1 through March 31 and April 16 through May 31.
 - 9. Watts Bar Reservoir- Tennessee River from US- 321 Bridge upstream to Fort Loudoun Dam is closed to snagging from March 15 through April 30 and May 16 through May 31.
 - 10. Emory River (Watts Bar Tributary) – Closed from January 1 to April 30 from the Highway 27 Bridge at Harriman upstream to Highway 299 Bridge at Oakdale.

C. Species which may be taken:

1. Nongame species may be taken according to Section I.B.
2. Catfish may be taken according to Section I.A.

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. Archery: The taking of fishes using long, recurve, and compound bows using arrows with barbed points; crossbows are permitted.
6. 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.

SECTION XII. SLAT BASKETS

- A. A slat basket is defined as a device used for taking nongame fish and catfish. 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.
1. Slat baskets may be fished on all public waters, except on TWRA Lakes (Section IV), and slat baskets may not be fished within 100 yards of the mouth of a river, creek or slough.
 2. A TWRA-issued metal slat basket tag must be attached to the frame of the slat basket.
 3. Season: open year-round.
 4. Only nongame fish and catfish may be taken. See Sections I.A. and I.B.
 5. Only one slat basket tag will be issued to an individual.
 6. Possession or use of more than one slat basket is prohibited.
 7. Must check slat basket at least every 72 hours.

SECTION XIII. TROT LINES, LIMBLINES AND JUGS

- A. Season: open year-round except as noted in Section II and Section IV.
- 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 Steam Plant 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.
 6. South Holston Reservoir is limited to 15 limblines.

7. Pin Oak Lake - Trotlines and limblines are prohibited. From April 1st through September 30th jug fishing is prohibited on Fridays after 12 noon, and all day on Saturdays and Sundays. Jug fishing is also prohibited on Memorial Day, July 3rd through July 5th, and Labor Day. On days open to jug fishing, each boat is limited to 10 jugs per day.

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. Except limited to 15 limblines on South Holston Reservoir.
3. Jug Fishing: The use of a hook connected by a length of line to a floating buoy (jug).

D. Game fish may be harvested according to limits listed in Section I.A.

E. Nongame fish may be harvested according to limits listed in Section I.B., except that paddlefish may not be harvested.

F. Other restrictions:

1. Sport fishing trotlines, limblines, and jugs must be tagged and/or marked with the angler's name or current TWRA identification number. 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 checked at least once every twenty-four (24) hour period.
3. Trotlines cannot extend more than three-quarters (0.75) across any stream, river, chute, or embayment.
4. Sport fishers 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 angler 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.
5. Sport fishing trotlines, limblines, and jugs not fished according to these regulations are subject to be removed by Agency personnel.

SECTION XIV. SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS

A. Statewide hook restriction – Unless otherwise restricted in this proclamation, anglers are restricted to a maximum of 3 hooks per rod, pole, or hand-held line. Single, double and treble hooks each count as one hook. The statewide hook restriction does not apply when using a sabiki rig (also known as piscatore rig) to take shad or herring. A sabiki or piscatore rig is a set of small lures attached along a single line typically used to catch baitfish.

B. Reelfoot Lake - During April 1 through May 31, the use of gasoline engines to propel boats in selected areas of Reelfoot Lake as posted by TWRA signs is prohibited.

C. Center Hill Reservoir:

1. During January 1 through April 30, on Caney Fork River beginning at Rock Island State Park boat launching ramp and extending upstream to Great Falls Dam:
 - a. 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), and
 - b. no more than 3 rods and reels or poles may be used by each angler.

D. Dale Hollow Reservoir:

1. No more than 4 rods and reels may be used by each angler.
2. During January 1 through April 15, from Compton Boat Ramp upstream to Hwy 52 bridge on the East Fork Obey River Arm:
 - a. 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), and
 - b. harvest of walleye is limited to 5 fish per day with a 16-inch minimum length limit, and only one walleye of the five fish may be over 20 inches.

E. Watauga Reservoir Tributaries:

1. During January 1 through April 30, 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) in the following areas:
 - The Elk River in Carter County from the Highway 321 Bridge downstream to Row Branch 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)
 - Watauga River (NC line downstream to the end of Cowanstown Road).

F. Melton Hill Reservoir:

1. Muskellunge that are not intended to be harvested must be released immediately in a manner that promotes survival of fish.
2. Culling of muskellunge is not allowed.

G. Calderwood Reservoir:

1. Appropriate licenses from Tennessee or North Carolina are legal on the entire reservoir.
2. Trotlines and limblines are prohibited.

H. Watts Bar Reservoir:

1. During January 1 through April 30, on Emory River beginning from the Highway 27 Bridge at Harriman upstream to Highway 299 Bridge at Oakdale.
2. 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), and no more than 3 rods and reels or poles may be used by each angler.

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.

Black bass	<i>Micropterus spp.</i>
Largemouth bass	<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>
Smallmouth bass	<i>Micropterus dolomieu</i>
Spotted bass	<i>Micropterus punctulatus</i>
Redeye bass	<i>Micropterus coosae</i>
Alabama bass	<i>Micropterus henshalli</i>
White crappie	<i>Pomoxis annularis</i>
Black crappie	<i>Pomoxis nigromaculatus</i>
Rock bass	<i>Ambloplites rupestris</i>
Shadow bass	<i>Ambloplites ariommus</i>
Warmouth	<i>Lepomis gulosus</i>
Bluegill	<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>
Redear sunfish	<i>Lepomis microlophus</i>
Longear sunfish	<i>Lepomis megalotis</i>
Green sunfish	<i>Lepomis cyanellus</i>

Flier	<i>Centrarchus macropterus</i>
Redbreast sunfish	<i>Lepomis auritus</i>
Pumpkinseed	<i>Lepomis gibbosus</i>
Orangespotted sunfish	<i>Lepomis humilis</i>
Redspotted Sunfish	<i>Lepomis miniatus</i>
Spotted Sunfish	<i>Lepomis punctatus</i>
Dollar Sunfish	<i>Lepomis marginatus</i>
Bantam Sunfish	<i>Lepomis symmetricus</i>

Family –Moronidae

Striped bass	<i>Morone saxatilis</i>
White bass	<i>Morone chrysops</i>
Cherokee bass*	<i>Morone sp.</i>
Yellow bass	<i>Morone mississippiensis</i>

*Striped bass- White bass hybrid

Family – Percidae

Walleye	<i>Sander vitreus</i>
Sauger	<i>Sander canadensis</i>
Saugeye*	<i>Sander sp.</i>
Yellow perch	<i>Perca flavescens</i>

*Walleye - Sauger hybrid

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

Muskellunge	<i>Esox masquinongy</i>
Northern pike	<i>Esox lucius</i>
Chain pickerel	<i>Esox niger</i>
Grass pickerel	<i>Esox americanus</i>

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

Rainbow trout	<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>
Brown trout	<i>Salmo trutta</i>
Brook trout	<i>Salvelinus fontinalis</i>
Lake trout	<i>Salvelinus namaycush</i>
Cutthroat trout	<i>Oncorhynchus clarkii</i>

Family – Ictaluridae

Blue catfish	<i>Ictalurus furcatus</i>
Channel catfish	<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>
Flathead catfish	<i>Pylodictis olivaris</i>
Bullhead catfish	<i>Ameiurus sp.</i>

- B. Nongame Species: All species except those listed as game fish and those identified by the TFWC 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. For the purpose of this proclamation, reservoir full pool elevation is the boundary between reservoir and tributary streams or rivers, unless otherwise noted.

- F. Reservoirs on Tennessee River: Kentucky Reservoir includes the Tennessee River from the Tennessee/Kentucky State line upstream to Pickwick Dam. Pickwick Reservoir includes the Tennessee River from Pickwick Dam upstream to the Tennessee/Mississippi/Alabama state line. Guntersville Lake includes the Tennessee River from the Tennessee/Alabama State line upstream to Nickajack Dam. Nickajack Reservoir includes the Tennessee River from Nickajack Dam to Chickamauga Dam. Chickamauga Reservoir includes the Tennessee River from Chickamauga Dam to Watts Bar Dam. Watts Bar Reservoir includes the Tennessee River from Watts Bar Dam upstream to Fort Loudoun Dam and Melton Hill Dam on the Clinch River. Fort Loudoun Reservoir includes the Tennessee River upstream of Fort Loudoun Dam to the I-40 Bridge on the Holston River and the Hwy 168 Bridge on the French Broad River.
- G. Reservoirs on the Cumberland River: Barkley Reservoir includes the Cumberland River from the Tennessee/Kentucky State line upstream to Cheatham Dam. Cheatham Reservoir includes the Cumberland River from Cheatham Dam upstream to Old Hickory Dam and J. Percy Priest Dam on the Stones River. Old Hickory Reservoir includes the Cumberland River from Old Hickory Dam upstream to Cordell Hull Dam to Center Hill Dam on the Caney Fork River. Cordell Hull Reservoir includes the Cumberland River from Cordell Hull Dam upstream to the Tennessee/Kentucky State line and Dale Hollow Dam on the Obey River.
- H. Norris Reservoir: For purpose of this proclamation, extends upstream to the Highway 25E bridge on the Clinch River arm and upstream to Gap Creek on the Powell River arm.
- I. Boone Reservoir: For purpose of this proclamation, extends upstream to the Highway 390 Bridge at Bluff City on the South Fork Holston River arm and upstream to the new Austin Springs Bridge on the Watauga River arm.
- J. Cherokee Reservoir: For purpose of this proclamation, extends upstream to the John Sevier Dam.
- K. Douglas Reservoir: For purpose of this proclamation, extends upstream to Hwy 321 Bridge at Newport on the Pigeon River, upstream to Hwy 321 Bridge on the French Broad River, and to ENKA dam on the Nolichucky River (excluding sauger and walleye which extend to the North Carolina State line).
- L. Dale Hollow Reservoir: For purpose of this proclamation, extends upstream on the Wolf River arm to the South Ford Road Bridge near Sulphur Springs.
- M. Barkley Reservoir: For the purpose of this proclamation, Barkley Reservoir includes the following dewatering areas- Barkley Unit 1 (also known as Dover Bottoms) and Bear Creek WMA.
- N. Kentucky Reservoir: For the purpose of this proclamation, Kentucky Reservoir includes the following dewatering areas- West Sandy, Big Sandy, Gin Creek, Camden Bottoms, Duck River Bottoms, Busseltown, Perryville, and Gumdale.
- O. Tellico Reservoir: For the purpose of this proclamation, extends upstream on Tellico River to Big Creek Boat Ramp.
- P. 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.
- Q. 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 infused into artificial lures.

- R. Gaff – A sharp hook attached to a handle or pole used to pierce the flesh of a fish in an effort to secure or land that fish. A fish that is landed with a gaff must be of legal harvestable size for that waterbody, and it is considered to be harvested and becomes part of the angler's daily creel limit.
- S. Culling – The removal of a fish from the creel limit and replacing it with another fish of the same species. The released fish must be a live, healthy specimen which should be expected to survive once it is returned to its natural environment. Any fish that is landed with a gaff cannot be culled.

SECTION XVI. SHOOTING FISH AND TURTLES

- A. Shooting fish or turtles with firearms or air guns is prohibited.

SECTION XVII. REPEAL OF PRIOR PROCLAMATIONS

This proclamation repeals Proclamation 23-12.

TENNESSEE FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION

Thomas Woods

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Chairman

I certify that this is an accurate and complete copy of rules lawfully promulgated and adopted by the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission on the 16th day of February 2024.

Secretary

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 22 day of February 2024.

Elizabeth Uldrich

Notary Public

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