

Proposed Crappie Regulation Change on Lake Charles

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GAME FISH LENGTH LIMITS AND PROTECTIVE SLOT LIMITS ON CERTAIN LAKES AND RIVERS

- (A) BASS: It shall be unlawful to possess black bass as follows:
- (1) Less than 12 inches in length on largemouth bass in Lake Frierson.
 - (2) Less than 12 inches in length on spotted bass in Beaver Lake, Bull Shoals Lake, Norfolk Lake and Table Rock Lake.
 - (3) Less than 15 inches in length on smallmouth bass in Beaver Lake, Bull Shoals Lake, Norfolk Lake and Table Rock Lake.
 - (4) Less than 15 inches in length on largemouth bass only in Beaver Lake, Big Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Blue Mountain Lake, Bull Shoals Lake, Caddo Fishing Pond, Upper and Lower Lake Chicot (including that portion of Connerly Bayou downstream from Connerly Dam to the bayou's mouth and Ditch Bayou from the inlet on Lake Chicot to Ditch Bayou Dam) in Chicot County, Georgia Pacific Lake Lake Greenlee, Kingfisher Lake, Greers Ferry Lake, Mercer Bayou (Sulphur River WMA), Moss Creek Pond, Norfolk Lake, Shady Lake, Table Rock Lake, Lake Wright (Sebastian County), and Arkansas River:
 - (5) It shall be unlawful to possess largemouth bass from 13" to 16" in length on Lake Barnett (White County), Lake Austell (Cross County), Bear Creek Lake, Bob Kidd Lake, Lake Brewer, Lake DeGray, Dierks Reservoir (Howard and Sevier counties), Lake Hogue, Lee Creek Lake, Sugar Loaf Lake, and Lake Wilhelmina (Polk County); or to possess largemouth bass from 13" to 18" in length on DeQueen Reservoir.
 - (6) Less than 16 inches in length on largemouth bass only in Lake Millwood. Limit 3.
 - (7) It shall be unlawful to possess largemouth bass from 16" to 21" in length or to possess more than one (1) largemouth bass 21" or longer in **Lake Atkins (Pope County)**, Lake Cargile (Conway County), Lake Columbia, **Lake Monticello** and Mallard Lake. Limit 4.
 - (8) It shall be unlawful to possess largemouth bass from 16" to 21" in length in Lake Pickthorne; limit 2, only one of which may be 21" or longer.
 - (9) It shall be unlawful to possess largemouth bass from 16 inches to 21 inches in length in Lake #1 in Grandview WMA. Limit 2 largemouth bass (1 over 21" and 1 under 16", or 2 under 16"). Limit on other game fish is one half the statewide daily limit.

(10) Less than 13 inches in length on largemouth bass in Lake Ouachita.

(11) **It shall be unlawful to possess largemouth bass from 16" to 18" in length or to possess more than three largemouth bass longer than 18" in Lower White Oak Lake.**

- (B) CRAPPIE: It shall be unlawful to possess crappie as follows:
- (1) Less than 10 inches in length in Beaver, Table Rock, Bull Shoals and Norfolk Reservoirs, Cane Creek Lake in Lincoln County, Lake Chicot (including that portion of Connerly Bayou downstream from Connerly Dam to the bayou's mouth and Ditch Bayou from the inlet on Lake Chicot to Ditch Bayou Dam), ~~Lake Charles~~ and Lake Monticello.
 - (2) Less than 9 inches in length in Blue Mountain Lake and Harris Brake Lake.

EXCEPTION:

- (1) During the months of December, January and February, the minimum length limit is waived on Lake Monticello and the harvest is regulated by a 20-fish daily bag limit. The first 20 crappie caught, regardless of size, must be retained: culling is not permitted. From March through November, harvest is controlled by a 10-inch minimum length, 20-fish daily bag limit.

(C) **CATFISH (Channel, Blue and Flathead): It shall be unlawful to possess more than one catfish (channel, blue or flathead) greater than 34 inches in length from the Mississippi River along the common border with the state of Tennessee, including oxbow lakes between the main levees of the Mississippi River.**

EXCEPTION:

- (1) Sportfish may be snagged (except in catch and release areas) in accordance with Code 31.05, Hogging, Noodling and Snagging Game Fish Prohibited, and within the restrictive size limits as specified in Code 31.02.

NOTE: Measure all fish from the front end of the lower jaw to the tip of the tail with fish laid flat on rule, mouth closed and tail lobes pressed together.

PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.