

Allow trotlines in designated areas in Lake Maumelle

Lake Maumelle is an 8,900 acre impoundment of the Big Maumelle River, and is the principle water supply lake for Central Arkansas. Lake Maumelle is managed under the authority of Central Arkansas Water (CAW), a public utility company. Because of some concern from anglers, CAW and the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) have teamed up to conduct activities aimed at improving the fishery. Among a variety of improvements that will occur, CAW and AGFC have agreed to open the lake to trotlining in the western two thirds of the lake, in CAW designated areas. Below is the proposed recommended code book language.

- 31.11** **TROTLINE, SETLINE AND LIMBLINE FISHING REQUIREMENTS.** It shall
08-06 be unlawful to use any trotline, setline and limblime with drops or hooks less than twenty-four (24) inches apart statewide, or to use any trotline or snagline below any Lock and Dam on the Arkansas River from the Dam to the nearest arrival point navigation marker downstream, or to fail to run any line and remove catch daily. All trotlines, setlines and limblines must be clearly labeled with the name and address, or vehicle operator's license number, or current vehicle license number of the person using such equipment. Information must be attached on each line at the bank end. Unlabeled lines shall be removed and destroyed by Commission Officers. It shall also be unlawful for an angler to fish any more than 100 hooks at any time between the main levees of the Mississippi River. (Refer to Code 32.08, Waters Restricted to Certain Fishing Tackle.)
- EXCEPTION:**
(1) Trotlines that otherwise comply with the provisions of this regulation may be used on Lake Maumelle, except in areas where signs prohibiting use of trotlines are posted by the Commission or the lake owner, Central Arkansas Water.
- PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.