Lake Columbia Largemouth bass Proposed Regulation Changes

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**EXCEPTIONS:**

1. **LAGERMOUTH, SPOTTED, SMALLMOUTH (BLACK BASS):**
   1. **Ozark Zone (Baxter, Benton, Boone, Carroll, Cleburne, Fulton, Independence, Izard, Lawrence, Madison, Marion, Newton, Randolph, Searcy, Sharp, Stone, Van Buren, and Washington counties):**
      - Smallmouth bass minimum length limit 12 inches with a daily limit of 4, except Bull Shoals Lake, Beaver Lake, Lake Norfork, and Table Rock Lake (see exception 1(B) below).
      - Ozark Zone Blue Ribbon Streams (Crooked Creek and Buffalo River): smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 14 inches with a daily limit of 2. Smallmouth bass minimum length limit on Crooked Creek 18 inches with a daily limit of 1: from 101 bridge downstream to the confluence with the White River; between the Hwy 62-412 and Hwy 62 Spur bridges at Pyatt.
Ozark Zone Catch and Release Area – Crooked Creek, along boundary of Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation property near Kelly’s Slab Access.

Ozark Zone Quality Streams (Kings, Spring, South Fork/Spring and Eleven Point rivers) - smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 14 inches with a daily limit of 2, except on Kings River from Trigger Gap to Hwy 62 bridge: minimum length limit 18 inches and daily limit of 1.

Ouachita/Boston Zone (all Arkansas counties not included in the Ozark Zone) - smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 10 inches with a daily limit of 4.

Ouachita/Boston Zone Quality Streams (Mulberry, Caddo above DeGray Lake, DeGray Lake, Ouachita River upstream from Lake Ouachita, Saline River, including its four headwater forks in Saline, Perry and Garland counties, South Fork/Ouachita, Little Missouri above Lake Greeson and Lake Greeson) - smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 12 inches with a daily limit of 2.

Ouachita/Boston Zone Catch-and-Release Area - all smallmouth bass caught in Lake Ouachita including the Ouachita River upstream to the River Bluff access area and Little Missouri River from Lake Greeson Dam to the Ouachita River must be immediately returned to the stream.

(B) Black Bass daily limit - six (6) on Beaver Lake, Bull Shoals, Norfork Lake, Lake Ouachita and Table Rock Lake, five (5) on Lake Lou Emma - Crawford County, and four (4) on Lake Atkins and Lake Cargile; Largemouth bass daily limit – five (5) on Grandview Lake #2, eight (8) in Lower White Oak Lake and Lake Columbia; (Reference Code 31.02A (12), Black Bass Length Limits and Protective Slot Limits on Certain Lakes).

(C) Largemouth bass caught must be immediately returned to the water in Lake Greenlee in Monroe County, Lake Sylvia in Perry County, Lake SWEPCO, Bois d’Arc Lake and Lake Ashbaugh in Greene County.

2. BREAM
   (A) No limit on bream four (4) inches or less in length.

3. CATFISH
   (A) No limit on catfish on Grand Lake - Chicot 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) and between the main levees of the Mississippi River.

   (B) Catfish daily limit five (5) on DeWitt City Park Lake – Arkansas County; Lake Atalanta and Lake Bentonville - Benton County; Hidden Lake - Carroll County; Big Timber
Lake and Gurdon Lake - Clark County; Hubble Lake - Clay County; Lake Bailey - Conway County; Craighead Forest Lake - Craighead County; Lake Cambadelle and Lake Lou Emma - Crawford County; West Memphis City Parks Lake and Marion City Park Lake - Crittenden County; Village Creek State Park Lakes - Cross and St. Francis Counties; Lake Bennett - Faulkner County; Lake Clearfork - Garland County; Crowley Ridge State Park Lake and Reynolds Park Lake - Greene County; Newark City Lake – Independence County; Ward City Park Lake – Lonoke County; Hindsville Lake - Madison County; Blytheville City Park Lake - Mississippi County; Donald Branch Fishing Pond – Monroe County; Lake Sylvia - Perry County; Shady Lake - Polk County; Twin Lakes A & B, Camp Ferncliff, Paradise Lake, and all Little Rock and North Little Rock City Park lakes - Pulaski County; Old Davidsonville State Park Lake - Randolph County; Forrest City Park Lake – St. Francis County; Truman Baker Lake - Scott County; Cave City’s Lakes - Sharp County; Gunner Pool and Hayden Bend Pond - Stone County; Devils Den State Park - Washington County; Spring Lake - Yell County; Kingfisher, Clubhouse Lakes in Petit Jean WMA, Yell County and posted U.S. Forest Service ponds and lakes.

(C) In addition to daily limit, ten (10) channel catfish under 16 inches may be taken on the Arkansas River.

(D) In addition to daily limit, ten channel catfish of any size may be taken in Lake Erling and Millwood Lake.

(4) CRAPPIE

(A) Crappie daily limit - 15 in Beaver, Table Rock, Bull Shoals, Norfork reservoirs, Cane Creek Lake in Lincoln County and **Gurdon Lake in Clark County**.

(B) Crappie daily limit - 30 east of a line beginning at the Arkansas - Missouri State Line on U.S. Hwy 63 and described as follows: following U.S. Hwy 63 south to Hardy, continuing on U.S. Hwy 62 west to Ash Flat, continuing on U.S. Hwy 167 south to Little Rock, continuing on U.S. Hwy 67 south to Texarkana to Arkansas - Texas state line.

(C) Crappie daily limit - 50 between the main levees of the Mississippi River and on Horseshoe Lake in Crittenden County.

(D) Crappie daily limit – 20 in Lake Chicot and Lake Monticello.

(5) WALLEYE

(A) Walleye daily limit - 4 with an 18 inch minimum length limit in Beaver **Lake, including all its tributaries**, Bull Shoals **Lake**, Norfork **Lake** and Table Rock Lake, **including all its tributaries** to the Beaver Dam on the White River;
Greers Ferry Lake including all its tributaries, daily limit – 6, only one of which may be 28 inches or over, with a protected slot limit from 20 to 28 inches.

(6) In compliance with Commission Code 31.02 (Game Fish Limits and Protective Slot Limits on Certain Lakes and Rivers).

(7) In compliance with Commission Code Section 35.00 (Spear Fishing).

(8) In compliance with Commission Code Section 42.00 (Fish Farmer).

(9) WHITE BASS, STRIPED BASS, HYBRID STRIPED BASS

(A) White Bass daily limit of 50 and possession limit of 100 while fishing between the main levees of the Mississippi River.

(B) Striped Bass or Hybrid Combination daily limit – 3 on Beaver Lake, Bull Shoals Lake, Lake Greeson, Lake Maumelle, Norfork Lake and Lake Ouachita; 10 when taken from the Arkansas River and connecting lakes.

(C) No limit on White Bass on Lake Ashbaugh and Beaver Lake and all tributaries including Lake Sequoyah.

PENALTY: $100.00 to $1,000.00.

31.02 GAME FISH LENGTH LIMITS AND PROTECTIVE SLOT LIMITS ON certain LAKES AND RIVERS

10-05

(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, Norfork Lake and Table Rock Lake.

(3) Less than 15 inches in length on smallmouth bass in Beaver Lake, Bull Shoals Lake, Norfork 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, Norfork 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, Lake Maumelle (Pulaski County), 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 and Lake Columbia.**

(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 Norfork 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.