

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to modify the recreational harvest regulations for largemouth bass on Black Bayou Lake, Chicot Lake, Cross Lake, Lake Rodemacher, Spanish Lake, and Vernon Lake, Louisiana.

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

§149. Black Bass Regulations—Daily Take and Size Limits

A. The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission establishes a statewide daily take (creel limit) of 10 fish for black bass (*Micropterus spp.*). The possession limit shall be the same as the daily take on water and twice the daily take off water.

B. In addition, the commission establishes special size and daily take regulations for black bass on the following water bodies:

1. Caney Creek Reservoir (Jackson Parish)

a. Size Limit—15-inch to 19-inch slot. A 15 to 19-inch slot limit means that it is illegal to keep or possess a black bass whose maximum total length is between 15 inches and 19 inches, both measurements inclusive.

b. Daily Take—8 fish of which no more than 2 fish may exceed 19 inches maximum total length.*

c. Possession limit:

i. on water—same as daily take;

ii. off water—twice the daily take.

2. ~~Black Bayou Lake (Bossier Parish), Chicot Lake (Evangeline Parish), Cross Lake (Caddo Parish), John K. Kelly-Grand Bayou Reservoir (Red River Parish) Lake Rodemacher (Rapides Parish) and Vernon Lake (Vernon Parish)~~

a. Size Limit—14-inch to 17-inch slot. A 14-to 17-inch slot limit means that it is illegal to

keep or possess a black bass whose maximum total length is between 14 inches and 17 inches, both measurements inclusive.

b. Daily Take-eight fish of which no more than four fish may exceed 17 inches maximum total length.*

c. Possession limit:

i. on water-same as daily take;

ii. off water-twice the daily take.

3. False River (Pointe Coupee Parish)

a. Size Limit-14-inch minimum size limit.

b. Daily Take-5 fish.

c. Possession limit:

i. on water-same as daily take;

ii. off water-twice the daily take.

4. Poverty Point Reservoir (Richland Parish)

a. Size Limit-15 inch-19inch slot. A 15-19 inch slot limit means that it is illegal to keep or possess a black bass whose maximum total length

is between 15 inches and 19 inches, both measured inclusive.

b. Daily Take—8 fish with only one fish over 19 inches per person:

i. on water possession—same as daily limit per person.

5. Louisiana-Texas Border Waters—Toledo Bend Reservoir, Caddo Lake, and Sabine River:

a. The size, daily take, and possession limits for black bass for water bodies located on the Louisiana-Texas border (Toledo Bend Reservoir, Caddo Lake and the Sabine River) are established in §110 of this Chapter.

*Maximum total length—the distance in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the most posterior point of the depressed caudal fin as measured with mouth closed on a flat surface.

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1988), amended LR 17:277 (March 1991), repromulgated LR 17:488 (May 1991), amended LR 17:1122 (November 1991), LR 20:796 (July 1994), LR 23:1168 (September 1997), LR 24:505 (March 1998), LR 26:97 (January 2000), LR 28:104 (January 2002), LR 29:373 (March 2003), LR 30:2339 (October 2004), repromulgated LR 30: (October 2004), repromulgated LR 30:2495 (November 2004), amended LR 37:2440 (August 2011), amended LR 40:

~~§191. Black Bass Regulations—Spanish Lake~~

~~A. The harvest regulations for black bass (*Micropterus spp.*) on Spanish Lake, located between the cities of New Iberia and Lafayette, in Iberia and upper St. Martin Parishes, Louisiana is as follows.~~

- ~~1. Size Limit—16-inch—21-inch slot. A 16—21-inch slot limit means that it is illegal to keep or possess a black bass whose maximum total length is between 16 inches and 21 inches, both measurements inclusive.~~
- ~~2. Daily Take—eight fish of which no more than two fish may exceed 21 inches maximum total length.~~

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~~HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:2263 (November 1999).~~

Section 191 repealed in its entirety. LR 40 2014

The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the Final Rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statements, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

In accordance with Act #1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Interested persons may submit written comments of the Notice of Intent to Mr. Mike Wood, Director, Inland Fisheries Section, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 p.m., March 6, 2014

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