

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Yo-Yo and Trotline Regulations (LAC 76:VII.134)

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to modify the yo-yo and trotline regulations to include Lake Bruin in Tensas Parish, Louisiana.

Title 76

Wildlife and Fisheries

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sport and Commercial Fishing

§134. Black Lake, Clear Lake, Prairie Lake, Caddo Lake, Chicot Lake, D'Arbonne

Lake, ~~and~~ Lake St. Joseph, ~~and~~ Lake Bruin

A. The following regulations are applicable to the use of yo-yo and trigger devices when used in Black Lake, Clear Lake and Prairie Lake (Natchitoches Parish), Caddo Lake (Caddo Parish), Chicot Lake (Evangeline Parish), D'Arbonne Lake (Union Parish), ~~and~~ Lake St. Joseph (Tensas Parish), ~~Louisiana.~~ and Lake Bruin, including the portion known as Brushy Lake (Tensas Parish), Louisiana.

1. No more than 50 yo-yos or trigger devices shall be allowed per person.
2. Except for those devices that are attached to a privately owned pier, boathouse, seawall, or dock, each yo-yo or trigger device shall be clearly tagged with the name, address, and telephone number of the owner or user.
3. When in use, each yo-yo or trigger device shall be checked at least once every 24 hours, and all fish and any other animal caught or hooked, shall be immediately removed from the device.

4. Except for those devices that are attached to a privately owned pier, boathouse, seawall, or dock, each yo-yo or trigger device must be re-baited at least once every 24 hours.

5. Except for those metal objects located above the water that are affixed to a private pier, dock, houseboat, or other manmade structure which is designed for fishing, no yo-yo or trigger device shall be attached to any metal object.

6. Except for an object used strictly in the construction of a pier, boathouse, seawall, or dock, no object which is driven into the lake bottom, a stump, tree, or the shoreline shall be used to anchor a yo-yo or trigger device.

*Object---*rebar or other metal material, cane, PVC tubing, construction material, or any other type of material.

7. Except for those devices that are attached to a privately owned pier, boathouse, seawall, or dock, when not being used in accordance with the provisions of this Section, each yo-yo or trigger device shall be removed from the waterbody immediately.

B. The following regulations are applicable to the use of trotlines when used in Black Lake, Clear Lake and Prairie Lake (Natchitoches Parish), Caddo Lake (Caddo Parish), Chicot Lake (Evangeline Parish), D'Arbonne Lake (Union Parish), ~~and~~ Lake St. Joseph (Tensas Parish), Louisiana, and Lake Bruin, including the portion known as Brushy Lake (Tensas Parish), Louisiana.

1. All trotlines shall be clearly tagged with the name, address, and phone number of the owner or user and the date of placement. The trotline shall be marked on each end with a floating object that is readily visible.

2. At any given time, no person shall set more than three trotlines with a maximum of 50 hooks each.

3. All trotlines shall have an eight-foot cotton leader on each end of the trotline.

4. Except for those metal objects located above the water that are affixed to a private pier, dock, houseboat, or other manmade structure which is designed for fishing, no trotline shall be attached to any metallic object.

5. Each trotline shall be attended daily when in service.

6. When not in use, each trotline shall be removed from the waterbody by the owner or user.

C. A violation of any of the provisions of this Section shall be a class one violation, except there shall be no imprisonment. In addition, any device found in violation of this Paragraph shall be immediately seized by and forfeited to the department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:326.3 and 56:6(32).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 38:2567 (October 2012), amended LR 39:3101 (November 2013), LR .

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.

Family Impact Statement

In accordance with Act No. 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).

Poverty Impact Statement

The proposed rulemaking will have no impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Analysis

This proposed Rule has no known impact on small businesses as described in R.S. 49:965.2 through R.S. 49:965.8.

Provider Impact Statement

This rule has no known impact on providers as described in HCR 170 of 2014.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule to Ryan Daniel, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, 368 CenturyLink Drive, Monroe, Louisiana, 71203-8732, or via e-mail to rdaniel@wlf.la.gov prior to Thursday, February 4, 2021.

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