

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Saline-Larto Complex Black Bass and Crappie Regulations (LAC 76:VII.118)

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission do provide notice of their intent to modify the daily take of black bass and crappie in the Saline-Larto Complex. The new daily take for black bass will be 8 fish per person with a minimum length of 14 inches, and the new daily take for crappie will be 25 fish per person with a minimum length of 10 inches, with a possession limit of twice the daily creel limit for both.

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, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statement, the filing of the notice of intent, and compiling public comments and submissions for the commission's review and consideration. In the absence of any further action by the commission following an opportunity to consider all public comments regarding the proposed rule, the secretary is authorized and directed to prepare and transmit a summary report to the legislative oversight committees and promulgate the final rule.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

§118. Saline-Larto Complex Black Bass and Crappie Regulations

A. Saline-Larto Complex (Catahoula, LaSalle, Avoyelles, and Rapides Parishes)

including Saline Lake, Larto Lake, Shad Lake, and all associated waterbodies located south of southern bank of the Diversion Canal between Highway 28 and the Black River, east of Highway 28 and Highway 115, north of the protective levee that borders the south end of the Complex from Highway 115 east to Larto Lake Dam, north of Larto Lake Road to Highway 124, and west of Highway 124 from Larto Lake Road to the southern bank of the Diversion Canal.

1. Black Bass (*Micropterus* spp.)

a. Daily Limit—8 fish per person with a minimum size of 14 inches;

b. On water possession—twice the daily limit per person.

2. Crappie (*Pomoxis* spp.)

a. Daily Limit—25 fish per person with a minimum size of 10 inches;

b. On water possession—twice the daily limit per person.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR

Family Impact Statement

In accordance with Act 1183 of 1999 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, 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

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

Provider Impact Statement

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

Small Business Analysis

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

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed Rule until May 27, 2026 to Shelby Richard, Inland Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, 1995 Shreveport Highway, Pineville, LA, 71360, or via e-mail to srichard@wlf.la.gov.

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