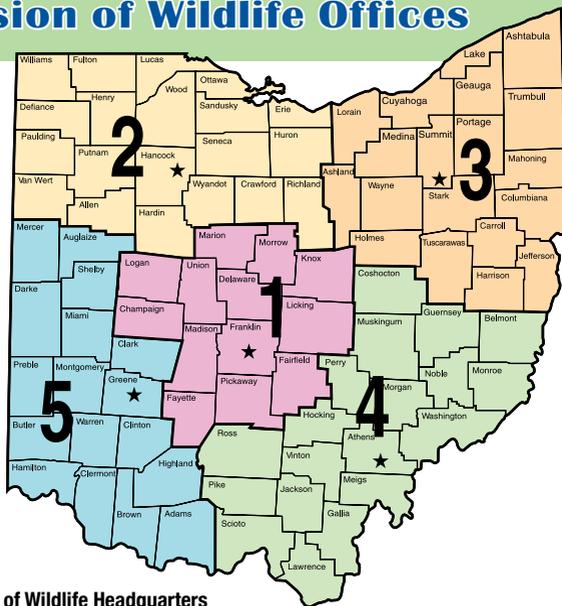


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2008-2009

OHIO FISHING REGULATIONS



Free Fishing Days
. MAY 3 & 4.

On May 3 and 4, 2008, all Ohio residents are invited to take the opportunity to experience Ohio's fantastic fishing without purchasing a fishing license.

License Fees

LICENSES ARE VALID

FROM MARCH 1, 2008 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2009.

Resident Fishing License.....\$19.00

For persons age 16 through 65 who have resided in Ohio for the past 6 months.

Resident Senior Fishing License\$10.00

For persons age 66 and older born on or after January 1, 1938 who have resided in Ohio for the past 6 months.

One-Day Fishing License\$11.00

For residents and nonresidents the One-Day Fishing License may be exchanged for credit towards the purchase of an annual fishing license (minus writing fee).

Annual Nonresident License.....\$40.00

3-Day Nonresident Tourist's License \$19.00

Duplicate License \$3.00

A fishing license that has been lost, stolen, or destroyed can be reissued from any license vendor.

ALL ABOVE COSTS INCLUDE A \$1.00 WRITING FEE.

Internet License Sales—Fishing licenses are available for purchase over the Internet. Look for the license sales link on the Division of Wildlife web site at www.WildOhio.com.

License Requirements

- A fishing license is required to take fish, frogs, or turtles from Ohio waters.
- Persons fishing in privately owned ponds, lakes, or reservoirs to and from which fish do not migrate, are not required to have a license to take fish, but must have one to take frogs or turtles.
- Persons fishing in privately owned ponds, lakes, or reservoirs that are open to public fishing through an agreement or lease with the Division of Wildlife are required to have a fishing license.
- Anglers must have their license in their possession while fishing and must show the license to anyone on request.

Free Licenses

Ohio residents born on or before December 31, 1937 can obtain a free license at any license outlet, or online at www.WildOhio.com.

The following Ohio residents are also eligible for a free license, but must submit a formal application (Form DNR 9032), which is available by calling 1-800-WILDLIFE (1-800-945-3543):

- Persons who are mobility impaired and require the assistance of another person to cast and retrieve
- Residents of state and county institutions
- Holders of "Veteran" license plates displaying the international wheelchair symbol
- Certain veterans who are permanently disabled
- Former prisoners of war

License Exemptions

A fishing license is not required of persons who are:

- Less than 16 years of age
- Giving assistance to an angler who is physically disabled, provided the two persons together are using only one line
- Fishing in a private pond
- Fishing on land and water which they or their parents own
- Fishing on land and water where they or their parents are tenants on which they reside and from which they derive the majority of their income from agricultural production on that land (except state owned lakes)
- Members of the U.S. Armed Forces on active duty while on leave or furlough
- On May 3 & 4, 2008, any Ohio resident may fish without a license as part of Free Fishing Days.
- **Members of the U.S. Armed Forces on active duty stationed in Ohio, but NOT on leave or furlough are required to purchase a resident license**

General Information

- **It is unlawful** to buy or sell any fish taken by angling from any water area in the state where an Ohio Fishing License is required.
- **It is unlawful** to transport and introduce any aquatic species (fish, invertebrate, plant) from one body of water to another.
- **It is unlawful** for the public to tag and release fish into any publicwater area.
- **It is unlawful** to clean fish or possess fillets while on or at a body of water. For more information see OAC 1501:31-13-08 J

FORAGE FISH means freshwater drum (in the Lake Erie fishing district only), carp, quillback, suckers, bowfin, gar, buffalo, gizzard shad, and goldfish. These species may be taken by any method except by means of explosives, poisons, firearms, electricity, chemicals, nets, seines, or traps, or by snagging within 1,000 feet downstream of a dam. Gizzard shad and smelt may be taken with a minnow seine, minnow dip net, or hand landing net.

SNAGGING with a hook to pierce and hook a fish in a part of the body other than the inside of the mouth is illegal for all fish except forage fish. In Lake Erie, it is also illegal to snag freshwater drum. Snagging is illegal from September 1 to April 30 in the Ashtabula River, Chagrin River, Grand River, Rocky River, Vermillion River, Arcola Creek, Conneaut Creek, Cowles Creek, Euclid Creek, Indian Creek, Turkey Creek, and Wheeler Creek. Hooks may not be larger than five-eighths inch from shank to point.

FROG SEASON is open from June 15 at 6 p.m. through April 30. Only bullfrogs and green frogs may be legally taken. Not more than 10 may be taken or possessed at any time. Frogs may not be shot except with a longbow and arrow. Hours are local time.

TURTLES may not be taken by shooting with a gun or crossbow, or by use of a spring or steel trap. Only snapping and softshell turtles may be legally taken. A turtle trap with mesh less than 4 inches square must have an opening at least 6 inches in diameter leading from it. Wings and leads are unlawful. The trap must be marked with the name and address of the owner or user in English lettering.

BAIT It is unlawful for any person except licensed bait dealers to possess more than 100 crayfish or in combination 500 crayfish, minnows, and other bait fish. A bait dealer's permit is required of persons buying or selling minnows, crayfish, and hellgrammites. This permit may be obtained from any wildlife district office.

General Information CONTINUED

LAKE STURGEON—The lake sturgeon is an endangered species in Ohio and must be returned unharmed to the water as soon as possible if caught.

CLAMS, MUSSELS, OR MUSSEL SHELLS may not be taken, possessed, or collected for any pupose.

MINNOW SEINES AND DIP NET REGULATIONS—Square mesh must not be larger than 1/2-inch on a side. Seine and net size limits and places where they may be used are as follows:

Fishing District	Maximum Size	Where and When They May Be Used
Minnow Seine: Inland	4 X 8 ft.	Streams only, 4 a.m.-9 p.m.
Minnow Seine: Lake Erie*	No size limit	No limit
Minnow Dip Net: Inland	4 ft., each side	All public fishing waters
Minnow Dip Net: Lake Erie*	6 ft., each side	All public fishing waters

*Including East and West harbors in Ottawa County and waters where fishing with nets is licensed by law. Hours are local time.

MINNOW OR BAIT FISH TRAPS—It is illegal for anglers to possess or use a minnow or bait fish trap larger than 24 inches in length and 12 inches in width. Additionally, possessing or using a minnow or bait fish trap with an opening larger than one inch is illegal.

CAST NETS—Forage fish may be taken with cast nets only in the Inland Fishing District. It is unlawful to use a cast net with a square mesh less than 1/4-inch or larger than 1 inch on a side, or with a diameter of greater than 10 feet. It is illegal to use a cast net within a distance of 1000 feet downstream from any dam posted with Division of Wildlife signs indicating cast net use is prohibited.

FISHING LINES—Anglers may not use more than two fishing lines, whether fastened to a pole, a rod and reel, or hand held. Anglers may use up to three hooks on each line, except as provided in the Ohio Administrative Code.

ARCHERY ANGLERS may use bows of any weight pull. A fishing license is required. Longbows may be used to take bullfrogs, green frogs, snapping and softshell turtles, and forage fish. Crossbows may be used to take forage fish.

ICE ANGLERS may use holes no larger than 12 inches in diameter. In Lake Erie ice anglers may use holes no larger than 12 inches in width. Ice anglers may not use more than 6 tip-ups and 2 rods per person. All shelters and tip-ups must display the name and address of the owner or user in English lettering.

LIVE RELEASE OF FISH—Any fish not of legal size or not legally caught must be released immediately. Handle it carefully with a wet hand or a wet towel so it can be freed unharmed. If the fish is hooked deeply and the hook can't easily be removed, cut the line to release the fish. Tearing a hook out can harm a fish so badly that it may not live.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The ODNR, Division of Wildlife offers equal opportunity regardless of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex (in educational programs). If you believe you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility, you should contact: The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office for Diversity and Civil Rights Programs—External Programs, 4040 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 130, Arlington, VA 22203; or, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, EEO Office, 2045 Morse Road, Bldg. D-2, Columbus, OH 43229-6693.



Division of Wildlife Ohio Department of Natural Resources 2008 Fish Ohio Award Application Form and Requirements

Anglers will receive a Fish Ohio pin for their first entry each year, and a Master Angler pin for qualifying entries in four different species categories in the same year.

1. Fish must be taken by legal angling and not from pay lakes.
2. Deadline for application is January 15, 2009.
3. Possible state record fish must be kept frozen for verification by the Outdoor Writers of Ohio (www.outdoorwritersofohio.org).

To receive your Fish Ohio Certificate, enter online at:

www.fishohio.org

CHECK BOX OF QUALIFYING FISH

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| <input type="checkbox"/> BROWN TROUT 25 in. | <input type="checkbox"/> RAINBOW TROUT . . . 28 in. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CARP 26 in. | <input type="checkbox"/> ROCK BASS 10 in. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CHANNEL CATFISH . . . 26 in. | <input type="checkbox"/> SAUGER 16 in. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CRAPPIE 13 in. | <input type="checkbox"/> SAUGEYE 21 in. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FLATHEAD CATFISH . . . 35 in. | <input type="checkbox"/> SMALLMOUTH BASS 20 in. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FRESHWATER DRUM . 22 in. | <input type="checkbox"/> SUNFISH 9 in. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HYB STRIPED BASS . . 21 in. | <input type="checkbox"/> WALLEYE 28 in. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LARGEMOUTH BASS . . 21 in. | <input type="checkbox"/> WHITE BASS 16 in. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MUSKIE 36 in. | <input type="checkbox"/> YELLOW PERCH . . . 13 in. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NORTHERN PIKE 32 in. | |

Size of Fish in Whole Inches

(_____ inches)

Type of Area Where Caught

(check one)

1. Stream or river (Name _____)
2. Inland lake/reservoir (Name _____)
3. Private pond
4. Ohio River
5. Lake Erie

Date Fish Was Caught

_____/_____/_____
Month Day Year

PLEASE PRINT

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

USA or Other _____

Mail completed form to: Fish Ohio, Division of Wildlife
2045 Morse Road, Bldg. G
(R1005) Columbus, OH 43229-6693
DNR 8828

STATEWIDE REGULATIONS

These regulations apply to all public waters in Ohio, **EXCEPT** that **site-specific regulations** apply to water areas included in the **Specific Water Areas, Lake Erie and its Tributaries, Ohio River, and Pymatuning Lake** regulation sections.

Species	Daily Limit	Minimum Size
Muskellunge	2 - after July 1, 2008; limit 1	None
Yellow Perch	40	None
Trout (all species)	5 (singly or in combination)	None
Largemouth, Smallmouth, and Spotted Bass	5 (singly or in combination)	None
Walleye, Sauger, and Saugeye	6 (singly or in combination)	None
Channel Catfish (under 28 inches)	6 (public lakes less than 700 acres) None (all other public waters)	None None
Channel Catfish (28 inches and larger)	1 (Statewide)	--
Flathead Catfish (under 35 inches)	None	None
Flathead Catfish (35 inches and larger)	1 (Statewide)	--
All other fish	None	None



SITE-SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

Specific Water Areas

These regulations apply only to the water areas listed under the **LOCATION** column.

Species	Location	Daily Limit	Minimum Size
Crappies	Delaware (including the Olentangy River upstream to the Waldo dam, and Whetstone Creek upstream to St. Rt. 229), Alum Creek, Deer Creek (Fayette-Pickaway Co.), Tappan, Seneca and Caesar Creek Lakes	none	9 inches
Crappies	Killdeer Plains, Oxbow Lake, St. Joseph River Wildlife Area Lakes	10	none
Sunfish (all species)	Killdeer Plains, Oxbow Lake, St. Joseph River Wildlife Area Lakes	10	none
Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted Bass	Killdeer Plains, Knox Lake, Oxbow Lake, St. Joseph River Wildlife Area Lakes, and Tycoon Lake	5	18 inches
Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted Bass	Acton Lake, Adams Lake, Blue Rock, Caesar Creek, Caldwell Lake, Cowan, Dale Walborn, Greenfield, Hancock County Wetlands Lake, Hargus, Kenton Lake, Lake Milton and the Mahoning River connecting Berlin Lake and Lake Milton, Monroeville Reservoir, Monroe Lake, New Lyme, Ohio-Erie Canal, Paint Creek, Pike, Pine Lake, Ross, Rush Creek Lake, Rush Run Lake, Salt Fork, Seneca Lake, Silver Creek Lake, Sippo Lake, Spencer, Vesuvius Lake, Wellington Reservoir South, and Zepernick	5	15 inches
Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted Bass	Alum Creek, Atwood, Berlin, Bresler, Buckeye, Charles Mill, C.J. Brown, Clear Fork, Clendening, Deer Creek (Fayette-Pickaway Co.), Delaware, Dillon, East Fork, Findlay #2, Grand Lake St. Marys, Hoover, Indian, LaDue, Leesville, Loramie, Mogadore, Mosquito, Nimisila, O'Shaughnessy, Piedmont, Pleasant Hill, Rocky Fork, Tappan, Turkeyfoot, West Branch, and Wills Creek	5	12 inches
Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted Bass	Belmont, Burr Oak, Dow, Findley, Fox, Hammertown (Jackson City Reservoir), Highlandtown, Lake Rupert (Wellston City Reservoir), Slope Creek (Barnesville #3), Snowden, Timbre Ridge, Turkey Creek, Wolf Run, and AEP ReCreation Lands lakes MB40, MB41, MB42, MM29, MM34, NB43	5	none may be taken between 12 and 15 inches
Largemouth Bass	La Su An and Resthaven Pond #8	Special Limits are Posted	
Smallmouth Bass	Big Darby Creek from St. Rt. 762 to U.S. 40; Little Beaver Creek from OH-PA border to St. Rt. 7; Sandusky River from Ballville Dam to Twp. Rd. 143 in Seneca Co.; Hocking River from St. Rt. 278 to St. Rt. 93; Stillwater River from Frederick-Garland Rd. to St. Rt. 718	1	15 inches
Striped Bass	Seneca Lake	1	26 inches
Hybrid Striped Bass	East Fork Lake	4	15 inches
Walleye	Berlin Lake, C.J. Brown Reservoir, Lake Milton, and the Mahoning River connecting Berlin Lake and Lake Milton	6	15 inches
Trout (all species)	Mad River and its tributaries; Clear Fork River and its tributaries, Clear Creek from the first Fairfield County Road 69 bridge (east of the junction of County Roads 26 and 69) to U.S. Rt. 33 bridge in Hocking County	2	12 inches
Brook Trout	Chagrin River and its tributaries (Geauga Co.); Rocky River and its tributaries (Medina Co.)	Possession is Prohibited	

Ohio River

Ohio River Fishing Regulations and License Agreements

The following Ohio River fishing regulations are the result of negotiations between the wildlife agencies of Ohio, West Virginia, and Kentucky. Since 1994 Ohio's fishing regulations have been unified with those of West Virginia and Kentucky for fishing on the Ohio River between our mutual borders. The following daily bag limits and minimum size limits apply to the Ohio River and its embayments and tributaries to the first dam or riffle. Note that the regulations differ slightly between the Ohio/West Virginia border (Eastern Unit) and the Ohio/Kentucky border (Western Unit).

WESTERN UNIT (Kentucky/Ohio border only)—Lawrence County west of South Point, and Scioto, Adams, Brown, Clermont, and Hamilton counties. Ohio and Kentucky will honor the other state's fishing licenses along their common borders on the mainstem and from the banks of the Ohio River, excluding embayments and tributaries. The following regulations are the only unified regulations in the agreement—for all other regulations, anglers must abide by those of the state by which they are licensed, except that Ohio anglers must abide by Kentucky laws when fishing from the Kentucky shoreline, and Kentucky anglers must abide by Ohio laws when fishing from the Ohio shoreline.

Species	Daily Limit	Minimum Size
Largemouth, Smallmouth, and Spotted Bass	6 (singly or in combination)	12 inches (no minimum size for spotted bass)
Walleye, Sauger, and Saugeye	10 (singly or in combination)	None
Striped, Hybrid Striped, White, and Yellow Bass	30 (no more than 4 over 15 inches)	None
Muskellunge	2	30 inches
Black Crappie and White Crappie	30	None



EASTERN UNIT (West Virginia/Ohio border only)—Lawrence County east of South Point, and Gallia, Meigs, Athens, Washington, Monroe, Belmont, Jefferson, and Columbiana counties. Ohio and West Virginia will honor the other state's fishing licenses along their common borders on the mainstem of the Ohio River, including its banks and embayments and tributaries to the landmark location listed in Publication 404, *Waterfowl Hunting and Fishing on the Ohio River* (available online at www.wvdnr.gov/fishing/fishing.shtm) or call 1-800-WILDLIFE. This agreement applies to Ohio and West Virginia residents only. The following regulations are the only unified regulations in the agreement. For all other regulations, Ohio anglers must abide by West Virginia laws when fishing the river mainstem and its banks, embayments, and tributaries in West Virginia. West Virginia anglers must abide by Ohio laws when fishing from the riverbanks, embayments, and tributaries in Ohio.

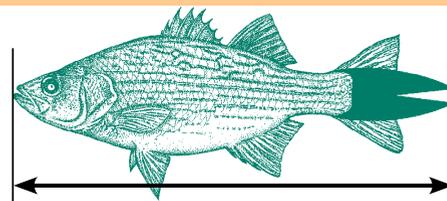
Species	Daily Limit	Minimum Size
Largemouth, Smallmouth, and Spotted Bass	6 (singly or in combination)	None
Sauger and Saugeye	10 (singly or in combination)	None
Striped, Hybrid Striped, White, and Yellow Bass	None (no more than 4 over 15 inches)	None
Muskellunge	2	30 inches
Northern Pike	2	28 inches



How To Measure a Fish

The measurement of the length of a fish is taken in a straight line from the utmost end of the snout with the mouth closed to the utmost end of the caudal (tail) fin when the tail fin is compressed so that the upper and lower lobes touch or overlap.

Measure fish with mouth closed and tail compressed to determine total length.



Pymatuning Lake

Pymatuning Lake Fishing Regulations

Either an Ohio or Pennsylvania fishing license may be used when fishing from a boat; however, a Pennsylvania fishing license is required to take fish, frogs, or turtles from the shore of the Pennsylvania side or from any island. Walleye, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, and muskellunge cannot be filleted before the angler has completed fishing. Fish may be taken only by angling, except carp and suckers may be taken with longbow and arrow or spears. Special regulations apply to frogs, turtles, tadpoles, minnows, and ice fishing – see the Pennsylvania regulations for specific information.

Species	Daily Limit	Minimum Size
Walleye	6	15 inches
Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass	5 (singly or in combination)	12 inches
Muskellunge	2	30 inches
All other fish	None	None



Lake Erie and its Tributaries

Lake Erie and its Tributaries to the First Dam or Designated Landmark

These regulations apply to the Ohio waters of Lake Erie, its embayments including Maumee Bay, Sandusky Bay, East Harbor, Middle Harbor, and West Harbor, and tributaries to the first dam, or designated landmark as follows: Vermilion River–St. Rt. 2 bridge; Black River–St. Rt. 611 bridge; Rocky River–Detroit Rd. bridge; Cuyahoga River–Harvard Rd. bridge; Euclid Creek, Chagrin River–St. Rt. 285 bridge; Arcola Creek, Wheeler Creek, Cowles Creek, Indian Creek–U.S. Rt. 20 bridge; Grand River–St. Rt. 535 bridge; Conneaut Creek–Main St. (downtown Conneaut) bridge; Ashtabula River–E. 24th St. bridge. All “statewide” regulations apply to Ohio waters of Lake Erie except for those listed below:

Species	Daily Limit	Minimum Size
Largemouth, Smallmouth, and Spotted Bass	5 – (singly or in combination, June 28–April 30) illegal to possess (May 1–June 27)	14 inches
Walleye, Sauger, and Saugeye	4 – (March 1–April 30) 15 inches 6 – (singly or in combination) (May 1–last day in February)	
Yellow Perch	30–East of the Huron Pier: 25–West of the Huron Pier (see below)	None

Effective July 1, 2008, daily limits on yellow perch west of the Huron Pier will be reduced from 30 to 25 fish per angler. In all Ohio waters east of the Huron Pier, daily limits on yellow perch remain at 30 per angler. Shore-based anglers or those in returning vessels to any marina or boat ramp west of the Huron River and Pier will be permitted to have only 25 fish in their possession effective July 1 and thereafter. Shore-based anglers or those in returning vessels may possess daily bag limits of 30 fish per angler anywhere in the Huron River and Pier and all waters eastward.

Lake Erie and its Tributaries

These regulations apply to the Ohio waters of Lake Erie, its embayments including Maumee Bay, Sandusky Bay, East Harbor, Middle Harbor, and West Harbor, and the entire length of its tributaries – except Cold Creek upstream of Rt. 2 in Erie County and Beaver Creek in Seneca County.

Species	Daily Limit	Minimum Size
Trout and Salmon	5 – (May 16–August 31) 2 – (singly or in combination) (September 1–May 15)	12 inches



Maumee, Portage, Mahoning, and Sandusky Rivers

SPECIAL REGULATIONS for the Maumee, Portage, Mahoning, and Sandusky Rivers

The following regulation is in effect from March 1 to May 1: Fishing is allowed from sunrise to sunset only in the following areas when posted with signs: (1) the Maumee River from the Ohio Turnpike bridge to the Old Waterville interurban bridge at the end of Forst Road in Wood County and from the St. Rt. 578 bridge to the Grand Rapids Providence dam; (2) the Portage River from St. Rt. 19 to the dam at Elmore; (3) the Mahoning River from the dam at Berlin Lake to Lake Milton; and (4) the Sandusky River from where the Toledo Edison power line, Old Ballville and Fifth St. Line, crosses the Sandusky River at the southeast corner of Roger Young Park in Fremont to the northern tip of Brady’s Island. All fishing is prohibited in the Sandusky River from the Ballville dam to the Toledo Edison power line, Old Ballville and Fifth St. Line, at the southeast corner of Roger Young Park in Fremont when posted with signs.

Maumee, Portage, Mahoning, and Sandusky Rivers (cont'd)

The following regulations are in effect from March 1 to May 1: (1) No fishing with a line with more than a single hook. The line may not have a hook larger than one-half inch from shank to point, or lure having more than a single hook larger than one-half inch from shank to point. (2) Treble hooks are prohibited.

The above regulations are in effect in the following areas: (1) In the Maumee River from the Grand Rapids Providence dam to a line in the Maumee Bay from Little Cedar Point to Turtle Island. (2) In the Sandusky River from where the power line, "Toledo Edison," Old Ballville and Fifth Street line crosses the Sandusky River at the southwest corner of Roger Young park, city of Fremont, Sandusky County to a line running a quarter-mile east of and parallel to the Conrail railroad bridge in Sandusky Bay. (3) In the Portage River from State Route 19 to the dam at Elmore. (4) In the Mahoning River from the dam at Berlin Reservoir to Lake Milton.

Setlines, Banklines, Trotlines, and Floatlines

REGULATIONS Governing the Use of Setlines, Banklines, Trotlines, and Floatlines in the Inland Fishing District

Setlines or Banklines— Setlines or banklines may be used to catch turtles and fish. The name and address of the user must be attached to each line. The maximum is 50 lines, each having a single hook. Treble hooks may not be used. The lines must be attached to the shore above water, but not to a boat, dam, dock, pier, pole, rod, or wall. No more than six setlines or banklines may be used in public waters of the state of Ohio less than 700 surface acres in size. All lines must be checked once every 24 hours. All lines must be removed after completion of use.

Trotlines— Trotlines must be marked with the name and address of the user. Trotlines must be anchored. Wire or cable may not be used. Not more than three trotlines are permitted in any one body of water in the Inland Fishing District. Not more than 50 hooks per trotline are permitted in any tributary of Lake Erie. Trotlines may not be used within 1,000 feet downstream of any dam. Trotlines may be used only in (1) streams; (2) Mosquito Lake north of the causeway and south of a line of buoys designating the wildlife refuge; (3) Charles Mill Lake north of St. Rt. 430; (4) Clendening Lake east of St. Rt. 799; (5) Seneca Lake south of St. Rt. 147; (6) Tappan Lake above the gas line causeway and St. Rt. 646; (7) Atwood Lake north and east of St. Rt. 542 north at Dellroy; (8) Piedmont Lake in sections 11 and 12 of Kirkwood Township; (9) Wills Creek Lake except in the area directly in front of the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District boat landing; (10) that part of Berlin Lake lying south and west of St. Rt. 225; (11) the inland part of Sandusky Bay commonly called Mud Creek Bay; and (12) the area of Grand Lake St. Marys bounded on the west by Prairie Creek, on the east by Big Chickasaw Creek, and on the north by a line of buoys extending east to west between Big Chickasaw and Prairie creeks. Trotlines may not be set in channels or across the mouths of channels or streams in Grand Lake St. Marys. A special trotline license is required in the Lake Erie Fishing District. This license may be obtained at the Sandusky Fisheries Research Unit, 305 East Shoreline Drive, Sandusky, Ohio 44870 (Phone: 419-625-8062). All trotlines must be checked once every 24 hours.

Floatlines— Floatline or jug fishing is permitted in (1) all streams; (2) Sandusky Bay west of the New York Central Railroad bridge; (3) Berlin Lake south and west of St. Rt. 225; (4) Mosquito Lake north of the causeway and south of a line of buoys designating the waterfowl refuge; (5) Charles Mill Lake north of St. Rt. 430; (6) Clendening Lake east of St. Rt. 799; (7) Seneca Lake south of St. Rt. 147; (8) Tappan Lake above the gas line causeway and St. Rt. 646; (9) Atwood Lake north and east of St. Rt. 542 north at Dellroy; (10) Piedmont Lake in Sections 11 and 12 of Kirkwood Township; (11) Wills Creek Lake except in the area directly in front of the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District boat landing; and (12) ALL PUBLIC WATERS EXCEPT WHERE PROHIBITED BY THE OWNER IN AUTHORITY. It is unlawful to set, use, or maintain more than six floatlines in all public waters of the state of Ohio less than 700 surface acres in size. Floats must be of nonshatterable material and bear the name and address of the user. Floats must be freely adrift and be attended by the user at all times. Treble hooks are unlawful.



Wildlife Officers by County

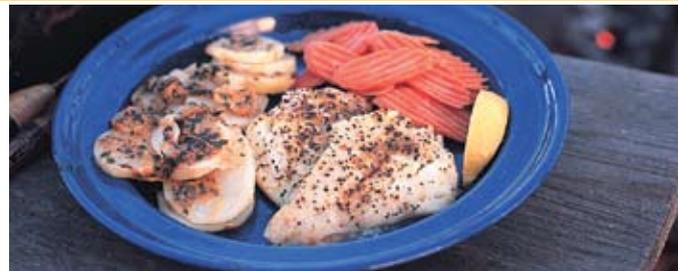
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