



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 1501:31-13-11 Special Ohio river fishing regulations.

Effective: January 1, 2020

(A) The eastern fishing unit of the Ohio river shall consist of those counties bordering the state of West Virginia and more specifically the counties of Columbiana, Jefferson, Belmont, Monroe, Washington, Athens, Meigs, Gallia, and that portion of Lawrence east of the West Virginia and Kentucky state lines. Provided further, it shall be unlawful to take or possess any fish contrary to this rule or any other division of wildlife rule when within a quarter mile of the Ohio river or its embayment areas and tributaries to the first riffle or dam in the eastern fishing unit of the Ohio river.

(B) It shall be unlawful for any person to take or possess more than two muskellunge, or six largemouth, smallmouth, or spotted bass singly or in the aggregate in any one day in the area prescribed in paragraph (A) of this rule.

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to take or possess a muskellunge or tiger muskie less than thirty inches in length, in the area prescribed in paragraph (A) of this rule.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to take or possess more than thirty striped bass, hybrid striped bass, or white bass, singly or in the aggregate of which no more than four may be more than fifteen inches in length in any one day in the area prescribed in paragraph (A) of this rule.

(3) It shall be unlawful to take or possess a largemouth bass, smallmouth bass or spotted bass less than twelve inches in length from the area described in paragraph (A) of this rule.

(4) It shall be unlawful to take or possess more than thirty black or white crappie singly or in the aggregate in any one day from the area described in paragraph (A) of this rule.

(5) It shall be unlawful for any person to take or possess more than six saugeyes, six walleyes, or six sauger, singly or in the aggregate in any one day from the area describe in paragraph (A) of this rule.



(C) The western fishing unit of the Ohio river shall consist of those counties bordering the state of Kentucky and more specifically that portion of Lawrence county west of the Kentucky and Ohio border and the entire counties of Scioto, Adams, Brown, Clermont, and Hamilton. Provided further, it shall be unlawful to take or possess any fish contrary to this rule or any other division of wildlife rule when on or within a quarter mile of the Ohio river or in its embayment areas and tributaries to the first riffle or dam in those counties or portions thereof in the western fishing unit of the Ohio river.

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to take or possess more than six largemouth, smallmouth, or spotted bass singly or in the aggregate, or more than two muskellunge or tiger muskie singly or in the aggregate, or thirty black or white crappie singly or in the aggregate in any one day in the area prescribed in paragraph (C) of this rule.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to take or possess more than thirty striped bass, hybrid striped bass, white bass, singly or in the aggregate in any one day in the area prescribed in paragraph (C) of this rule. Provided further, it shall be unlawful to take or possess more than four striped bass, hybrid striped bass, white bass singly or in the aggregate more than fifteen inches in length in any one day in the area prescribed in paragraph (C) of this rule.

(3) It shall be unlawful to take or possess a largemouth bass, spotted bass or smallmouth bass less than twelve inches in length or a muskellunge or tiger muskie less than thirty inches in length.

(4) It shall be unlawful for any person to take or possess more than six saugeyes, six walleyes, or six sauger, singly or in the aggregate in any one day in the area described in paragraph (C) of this rule.

(5) It shall be unlawful for any person to take or possess a saugeye, walleye, or sauger less than fourteen inches in length from the area described in paragraph (C) of this rule.

(D) The possession limits set forth in this rule shall not apply to such fish when stored in a persons abode in those areas prescribed in paragraphs (A) and (C) of this rule.

(E) All definitions set forth in rule 1501:31-1-02 of the Administrative Code shall apply to this rule.