

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS

Title 40: Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks

Part 3. Fisheries

Part 3, Chapter 2: State fishing lakes, and Community Fishing Assistance Program lakes.

RULE 2.2 REGULATIONS REGARDING COMMUNITY FISHING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM LAKES.

A. Only rod and reel or line and pole gear may be used in the following public waters which are open to fishing. Unless otherwise stated, all persons possessing a valid fishing license or who are legally exempt from the license requirements may fish these waters. Boating, swimming, littering and alcoholic beverages are not allowed except where noted. City or county ordinances may also regulate activities at these waters.

B. Community Fishing Assistance Program Lakes may be closed to public use and the use regulations may be changed for special events only upon mutual agreement by the Cooperator who owns the water body and the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks (MDWFP). Cooperators shall request such closures and use changes from the MDWFP at least thirty (30) days in advance of any special events.

1. Community Fishing Assistance Program Lakes: Creel limits - Poplarville

Water and Location	Species	Daily Creel Limit
Poplar Springs Lake, Poplarville, Pearl River County	Largemouth bass	2
	Bream	20
	Catfish	5

a. Poplar Springs Lake is open to fishing on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday of each week.

b. Poplar Springs Lake is closed to fishing on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of each week.

2. Community Fishing Assistance Program Lakes: Creel limits - Brookhaven

Water and Location	Species	Daily Creel Limit
Brookhaven Fishing Pond Brookhaven, Lincoln County	Largemouth bass	0
	Bream	10
	Catfish	5

a. The Brookhaven Fishing Pond is only open for fishing to persons 14 years old or younger or handicapped persons of any age as defined in this rule.

3. Community Fishing Assistance Program Lakes: Creel limits – Olive Branch

Water and Location	Species	Daily Creel Limit
Olive Branch City Park Ponds Olive Branch, Desoto County	Largemouth bass - Release all bass 15 inches & under	2
	Catfish	5
	Bream	10
	Crappie	5

a. Olive Branch City Park Ponds are open to fishing each day.

4. Community Fishing Assistance Program Lakes: Creel limits - Carthage

Water and Location	Species	Daily Creel Limit
McMillian Park Pond Carthage, Leake County	Largemouth bass	2
	All other species combined	8

a. McMillan Park Pond is open to fishing each day.

5. Community Fishing Assistance Program Lakes: Creel limits - Oxford

Water and Location	Species	Daily Creel Limit
Lake Patsy Oxford, Lafayette County	Largemouth bass	0
	Bream	10
	Catfish	5

a. Lake Patsy is only open for fishing to persons 15 years old and younger or handicapped persons of any age, as defined in this rule.

b. Fishing hours are from sunrise to sunset each day.

6. Community Fishing Assistance Program Lakes: Creel limits - Tupelo

Water and Location	Species	Daily Creel Limit
Ballard Lake Tupelo, Lee County	Largemouth bass	5
	Bream	25
	Catfish	5

a. Ballard Lake is open to fishing each day from sunrise to 10:00 p.m.

7. Community Fishing Assistance Program Lakes: Creel limits - Hattiesburg

Water and Location	Species	Daily Creel Limit
Forrest County Lake Hattiesburg, Forrest County	Largemouth bass	5
	Bream	20
	Catfish	5

a. Forrest County Lake is open to fishing on Thursday and Friday of each week and only to persons fourteen (14) years old or younger or handicapped persons of any age as defined in this rule.

b. All minors must be accompanied by a supervising adult and handicapped persons in need of personal assistance must provide such.

c. The lake is open to the general public for fishing on Saturday of each week from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

d. The lake is closed to fishing Sunday through Wednesday and for special events at the discretion of the Forrest County Board of Supervisors.

8. Community Fishing Assistance Program Lakes: Creel limits - Clarksdale

Water and Location	Species	Daily Creel Limit
Coahoma County Lake Clarksdale, Coahoma County	Largemouth bass	2
	Bream	20
	Catfish	5

a. Coahoma County Lake is open to fishing each day from sunrise to sunset.

b. The lake will be closed to fishing at the discretion of the Coahoma County Board of Supervisors for special events.

9. Community Fishing Assistance Program Lakes: Creel limits – Walnut Grove

Water and Location	Species	Daily Creel Limit
Willow Lake Walnut Grove, Leake County	Largemouth bass	0
	All other species combined	8

a. Willow Lake is open to fishing on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from sunrise to sunset.

10. Community Fishing Assistance Program Lakes: Creel limits - Hernando

Water and Location	Species	Daily Creel Limit
Lee’s Summit Park Lake Hernando, Desoto County	Largemouth bass	0
	Bream	100
	Crappie	30

a. Lee’s Summit Park Lake is open to fishing each day from sunrise to sunset.

b. The lake will be closed to fishing at the discretion of the City of Hernando Parks and Recreation Department for special events.

11. Community Fishing Assistance Program Lakes: Creel limits - Pascagoula

Water and Location	Species	Daily Creel Limit
Whitehead Lake Pascagoula, Jackson County	Largemouth bass	5
	Bream	10
	Catfish	5

a. Whitehead Lake is open to fishing each day.

b. The lake will be closed to fishing at the discretion of the City of Pascagoula Parks and Recreation Department for special events.

12. Community Fishing Assistance Program Lakes: Creel limits - Pascagoula

Water and Location	Species	Daily Creel Limit
Chateau Lake Pascagoula, Jackson County	Largemouth bass	5
	Bream	10
	Catfish	5

a. Chateau Lake is open to fishing each day.

b. The lake will be closed to fishing at the discretion of the City of Pascagoula Parks and Recreation Department for special events.

13. Community Fishing Assistance Program Lakes: Creel limits - Byram

Water and Location	Species	Daily Creel Limit
Lake Dockery Byram, Hinds County	Largemouth bass	5
	Bream	25
	Catfish	5

a. Lake Dockery is open to fishing each day from 30 minutes before dawn until 30 minutes before sunset.

b. The lake will be closed to fishing at the discretion of the City of Byram for special events.

c. See posted use rules at lake.

14. Community Fishing Assistance Program Lakes: Creel limits - Amory

Water and Location	Species	Daily Creel Limit
McAlpine Lake Amory, Monroe County	Largemouth bass	1
	Bream	10
	Catfish	2

a. McAlpine Lake is open to fishing to persons 15 years old and younger on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday. One pole per youth.

b. The lake will be closed to fishing at the discretion of the City of Amory for special events.

15. Community Fishing Assistance Program Lakes: Creel limits - Hattiesburg

Water and Location	Species	Daily Creel Limit
Duncan Lake Hattiesburg, Forrest County	Largemouth bass	5
	Bream	10
	Catfish	5

a. Duncan Lake is open daily from sunrise to sunset.

b. All pets must be kept on a leash.

c. The lake will be closed to fishing at the discretion of the City of Hattiesburg for special events.

16. Community Fishing Assistance Program Lakes: Creel limits - Cleveland

Water and Location	Species	Daily Creel Limit
Bear Pen Park Lake Cleveland, Bolivar County	Largemouth bass	0
	Bream	15
	Catfish	5

a. Bear Pen Park Lake is open daily from sunrise to sunset.

b. The lake will be closed to fishing at the discretion of the City of Cleveland for special events.

17. Community Fishing Assistance Program Lakes: Creel limits – Eupora

Water and Location	Species	Daily Creel Limit
White’s Creek Lake Eupora, Webster County	Largemouth bass – Release all bass 15 inches & under	5
	Bream	25
	Catfish	10
	Crappie – Release all crappie 10 inches & under	15

a. White’s Creek Lake is open daily from sunrise to 9:00 pm.

b. No campfires, firearms, fireworks or explosives allowed.

c. No jug fishing.

- d. Bank fishing allowed in the park area only.
- e. Boating allowed. Launching fees may apply.
- f. Camping allowed in designated areas.
- g. See posted rules at lake.

h. No commercial activity. As defined by Eupora City Ordinance, commercial activity means, “any activity pursued in furtherance of a business, or trade, or profession, or in the employ of another.” This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, guided fishing tours or charters.

18. Community Fishing Assistance Program Lakes: Creel limits - Greenwood

Water and Location	Species	Daily Creel Limit
Floewood River Plantation Lake, LeFlore County	Largemouth bass	2
	Bream	10
	Catfish	5

a. Floewood River Plantation Lake will open to fishing at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 26, 2021.

b. The lake is open to the general public for fishing on Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

c. The lake will be closed to fishing at the discretion of the Leflore County Board of Supervisors for special events.

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C. The term “handicapped persons” used in this Rule means paraplegics, hemiplegic, anyone permanently dependent upon a wheelchair for mobility, anyone who requires the permanent use of braces, full prosthesis or crutches for walking or blindness.

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