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 1. General Fisheries rules.

RULE 1.4 STATEWIDE CREEL LIMITS.

A. The following rules and regulations relative to sport fishing are adopted:

1. Statewide creel limits (per person, per day) on game and sport fish are as follows:

Species	Creel Per Day
Black Bass (combined largemouth, spotted and smallmouth bass)	10
Sauger	10
Walleye	3
Striped Bass and Hybrids with 15" minimum size	6
Crappie (combined black and white)	30
Bream (combined bluegill, redear and other sunfish)	100
Alligator Gar	2
Paddlefish – must be less than 30"	2

a. On all waters, excluding private ponds and lakes, not listed in this Rule or in 40 Miss. Admin. Code Part 3, Rule 2.2, statewide creel and length limits apply.

b. There is no daily creel limit for any game and sport fish species not listed above.

2. Creel limits for black bass, bream, crappie, striped bass, and striped bass hybrids in waters touched by the state boundary (border waters) shall be that of the adjacent state, or the Mississippi limit, whichever is greater.

3. Harvest and possession of walleye is prohibited in the Old Tombigbee River and its tributaries north of Hwy 278 (Monroe, Itawamba and Prentiss Counties).

4. Paddlefish greater than 30" must be immediately released when caught sport fishing in Mississippi. No paddlefish harvest is allowed in the Tenn-Tom Waterway, Tombigbee River or its tributaries and Pickwick Lake.

5. No Alligator Gar harvest is allowed on Bee Lake in Holmes County.

6. Violation of any of the Mississippi state laws or state regulations pertaining to paddlefish will be considered a Class I offense as specified in Section 49-7-90 of the Mississippi State Code of 1972 as amended.

7. Harvest and possession of all sturgeon species (Alabama, Atlantic, Pallid and Shovelnose) are prohibited in all Mississippi waters.

B. The correct method for measuring fish and the definitions for length limits are as follows:

1. Correct Method for Measuring Fish Length

a. Fish measurements (excluding Paddlefish) for length limit regulations shall be taken with the total length being measured using a flat board with fish mouth closed and tail squeezed together to give the maximum over-all measurement.

b. Paddlefish are measured from the front of the eye to the fork of the tail.

2. Minimum Length Limit (MLL)

a. All fish less than the regulated size length in inches must be returned to the water immediately after capture and may not be in possession on the designated waters.

b. All fish equal to or over the minimum length limit in total length may be kept not to exceed the legal daily creel limit.

3. Maximum Length Limit (MAXLL)

a. All fish on or more than the regulated size length in inches must be returned to the water immediately after capture and may not be in possession on the designated waters.

b. All fish under the maximum length limit in total length may be kept not to exceed the legal daily creel limit.

4. Slot Length Limit (SLL)

a. All fish on or between the designated range of lengths in inches must be returned to the water immediately upon capture and may not be in possession on the designated waters.

b. All fish shorter than the lowest length limit and all fish longer than the highest length limit may be kept not to exceed the legal daily creel limit.

5. Additional regulations:

a. All freshwater game fish must remain intact (with head, tail, skin and scales) while fishing lakes or waters having an established MDWFP length/slot limit in Mississippi.

b. For Grenada, Enid, Sardis, and Arkabulta lakes, fish may only be cleaned at designated fish cleaning stations if available. Fish may not be cleaned while on the water or in the parking lot.

C. Crappie Length and Creel Limits

1. Until such time that it is amended by the Commission, the following length and creel limit regulations shall be in effect for crappie (combined black and white crappie):

Lake	County	Length Limit	Creel Limit
Arkabutla Lake	Tate, Desoto	12” MLL	10
Charlie Capps WMA lake	Bolivar	None	20
Eagle Lake	Warren; *includes channel to Muddy Bayou water control structure*	11” MLL	30
Enid Lake	Yalobusha, Lafayette, Panola	12” MLL	10
Elvis Presley Lake	Lee	None	20
Grenada Lake	Grenada, Calhoun, Yalobusha	12” MLL	10
Horseshoe Lake	Holmes	11” MLL	20
Lake Okhissa	Franklin	10” MLL	10
Lake Washington	Washington	11” MLL	20
Lake Monroe	Monroe	None	20
Lake Mary Crawford	Lawrence	None	20
Choctaw Lake	Choctaw	12” MLL	10
Moon Lake (includes part east of Hwy 1)	Coahoma	10” MLL	30
Pickwick & Tenn-Tom Waterway, including all tributaries	Pickwick Lake to Aliceville Lock & Dam	9” MLL	30
Percy Quin State Park	Pike	None	20
Sardis Lake	Lafayette, Marshall, Panola	12” MLL	10
Spillways of Arkabutla	To Prichard Road Bridge	None	10
Enid	To I-55		10
Grenada	To Hwy. 51		10
Sardis & Sardis Lower Lake	To Spaulding Creek		10
Simpson County Lake	Simpson	None	20

2. Each person with a valid sport fishing license or those exempt under 49-7-5 may fish no more than four (4) poles or rods with two (2) hooks or lures per pole while fishing on Sardis, Grenada, Arkabutla, and Enid Lakes.

3. The aggregate daily boat creel limit for all species of crappies (white crappie, black crappie and their hybrids) for boats with 3 or more licensed or exempt anglers shall be 25 legal crappie per boat on Arkabutla, Sardis, Enid and Grenada Lakes.

4. For Lake Washington in Washington County -- the possession of crappie (white crappie, black crappie and their hybrids) under 11 inches while in Paul Love Park or on the weir is prohibited.

D. Black Bass Length and Creel Limits

1. Until such time that it is amended by the Commission, the following length and creel limit regulations shall be in effect for black bass (combined largemouth, spotted and smallmouth):

Lake	County	Length Limit	Creel Limit
Aberdeen Lake	Monroe	14”MLL	10
Bee Lake	Holmes	None	5
Charlie Capps WMA lake	Bolivar	None	5
Columbus Lake	Lowndes, Monroe, Clay	14”MLL	10
Choctaw Lake	Choctaw	16-20” SLL	10 (1 over 20”)
Davis Lake	Chickasaw	18-22”SLL	10 (1 over 22”)
Eagle Lake	Warren; *includes channel to Muddy Bayou water control structure*	16”MLL	10
Elvis Presley Lake	Lee	16-22” SLL	10 (1 over 22”)
Horseshoe Lake	Holmes	None	5
Lake Bill Waller	Marion	18-24” SLL	10 (1 over 24”)
Lake Bogue Homa	Jones	15” MLL	5
Lake Jackson	Washington	None	5
Lake Mary Crawford	Lawrence	16-22” SLL	10 (1 over 22”)
Lake Monroe	Monroe	18-24” SLL	10 (1 over 24”)
Lake Okhissa	Franklin	18-22”SLL	10 (1 over 22”)
Lake Washington	Washington	15” MLL	5
Leroy Percy State Park	Washington	None	5
Moon Lake	Coahoma (includes east of Hwy 1)	None	5
Natchez State Park	Adams	18-22”SLL	10 (1 over 22”)
Pascagoula River	George and Jackson Co. Merrill, MS to Hwy 90 Bridge *includes all connected oxbow lakes and the East and West Pascagoula Rivers and all water areas in between the two said rivers*	12” MLL	10
Percy Quin State Park	Pike	16-22”SLL	10 (1 over 22”)
Pickwick Lake	Tishomingo	15”MLL	10

RecCon Lake	Bolivar	None	5
Ross Barnett Reservoir	Madison, Rankin, Leake, Hinds, Scott	14" MLL	7
Simpson County lake	Simpson	18-24" SLL	10 (1 over 24")
Wolf/Broad Lake	Yazoo, Humphreys	12" MLL	5

2. For Lake Washington in Washington County -- the possession of black bass under 15 inches while in Paul Love Park or on the weir is prohibited.

E. Catfish Creel and Length Limits

1. Until such time that it is amended by the Commission, the following creel limit regulations shall be in effect for catfish:

Lake	County	Length Limit	Creel Limit
Choctaw Lake	Choctaw	None	5
Lake Okhissa	Franklin	None	5
ReCon Lake	Bolivar	None	10
All MDWFP State Fishing and Park Lakes	Statewide	None	10

2. The length limit on catfish (blue, channel and flathead) shall be no more than 1 catfish over 34 inches per person on reciprocated waters with AL and TN. There is no creel limit on catfish.

F. Bluegill and Redear Creel and Length Limits: Until such time that it is amended by the Commission, the following creel limit regulations shall be in effect for Bluegill and Redear:

Lake	County	Length Limit	Creel Limit
Choctaw Lake	Choctaw	None	25
Lake Okhissa	Franklin	None	50
Elvis Presley Lake	Lee	None	50
Simpson County Lake	Simpson	None	50

G. Be it further ordered that in addition to statewide regulations, persons fishing in the Pearl River from the Ross Barnett Reservoir dam to the City of Jackson water intake may take only one Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass over 24 inches.

H. No person shall take in any one calendar day, more than the daily creel or bag limit of fish. No person shall at any time, by any means, or in any manner, transport more than seven (7) daily creel or bag limits of fish for each qualified angler present in the vehicle. A single angler may only transport his or her own limit(s) of fish, not to exceed seven (7) daily limits.

I. Walleye Creel and Length Limits: Until such time that it is amended by the Commission, the following length and creel limit regulations shall be in effect for Walleye:

Lake	County	Length Limit	Creel Limit
Choctaw Lake	Choctaw	None	0
Davis Lake	Chickasaw	None	1
Lake Lamar Bruce	Lee	None	0
Lake Monroe	Monroe	None	0
Elvis Presley Lake	Lee	None	0

J. Rainbow Trout Creel and Length Limits: until such time that it is amended by the Commission, the following creel limit regulations shall be in effect for Rainbow Trout:

Lake	County	Length Limit	Creel Limit
Lake Lamar Bruce	Lee	None	3

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