

1501:31-13-11**Special Ohio river fishing regulations.****(A) Eastern fishing unit of the Ohio river.**

The eastern fishing unit of the Ohio river consists 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.

In the eastern fishing unit of the Ohio river it shall be unlawful to take or possess any fish contrary to the regulations of the state of West Virginia from the main body of the Ohio river, excluding embayment areas and tributaries.

Embayment areas and tributaries are determined by a straight line between opposite points where the tributary or embayment connects with the main body of the Ohio River. Provided further, state of Ohio regulations apply in the tributaries and embayment areas located in the eastern fishing unit of the Ohio river.

(B) Western fishing unit of the Ohio river.

The western fishing unit of the Ohio river consists 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. In the western fishing unit of the Ohio river, when on or within a quarter mile of the Ohio river or in its embayment areas and tributaries to the first riffle or dam it shall be unlawful to take or possess:

- (1) More than six largemouth, smallmouth, or spotted bass singly or in the aggregate in any one day;
- (2) A largemouth, smallmouth, or spotted bass less than twelve inches in length;
- (3) More than two muskellunge or tiger muskie singly or in the aggregate in any one day;
- (4) A muskellunge or tiger muskie less than thirty inches in length;
- (5) More than thirty striped bass, hybrid striped bass, white bass, singly or in the aggregate in any one day;
- (6) More than four striped bass, hybrid striped bass, white bass singly or in the aggregate greater than fifteen inches in length in any one day;
- (7) More than six saugeyes, six walleyes, or six sauger, singly or in the aggregate in any one day;

- (8) A saugeye, walleye, or sauger less than fourteen inches in length;
- (9) More than thirty black or white crappie singly or in the aggregate in any one day.
- (C) The possession limits set forth in this rule do not apply to such fish when stored in a persons abode in those areas prescribed in this rule.
- (D) All definitions set forth in rule 1501:31-1-02 of the Administrative Code apply to this rule.

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