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TITLE 47
LEGISLATIVE RULES
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

SERIES 20
FISHING REGULATIONS

§47-20-1. General.

1.1. Scope. -- These procedural rules are promulgated to regulate sport fishing in West Virginia.

1.2. Authority. -- W. Va. Code §20-1-17(7) and §29A-1-3(c)

1.3. Filing Date. -- December 3, 1982

1.4. Effective Date. -- January 1, 1985 at 12:01 a.m.

§47-20-2. Opening and Closing Dates

2.1. Black Bass -- (Smallmouth, Largemouth, Spotted) -- Open year-round.

2.2. Trout -- (Rainbow, Brook, Brown, Golden Rainbow) -- Open year-round.

2.2.1. Edwards Run in marked area within boundaries of Edwards Run Public Hunting and Fishing area, Hampshire County (Pond Excluded) -- Open for Fly Fishing Only -- June 1 through December 31.

2.2.2. Shavers Fork -- A five and one-half (5 1/2) mile section in the Monongahela National Forest, Randolph County, north of U.S. Route 250, extending from the mouth of Whitmeadow Run downstream to the mouth of McGee Run -- Open for Catch-and-Release trout fishing only -- January 1 through Friday before the Saturday prior to the Saturday nearest October 15.

2.3. Muskellunge, Tiger musky, Northern Pike -- Open year-round.

2.4. Walleye -- Open year-round.

2.5. Channel Catfish -- Open year-round.

2.6. Other Species -- Open year-round.

2.7. Frogs -- (Bullfrog and Green Frog) -- Open nine (9:00) p.m. the Saturday nearest June 15 through midnight, July 31.

2.7.1. Frog season will open from May 15 through October 31, on Big Sandy and Tug Fork Rivers bordering Kentucky.

§47-20-3. Daily Creel Limits and Possessions Limits

3.1. Black Bass -- (Smallmouth, Largemouth, Spotted) -- Daily creel limit is eight (8) in aggregate. Possession limit is sixteen (16) bass in aggregate.

3.1.1. A daily creel limit of five (5) per day and a possession limit of ten (10) shall be in effect in Bloomington Lake, North Branch of the Potomac, and Potomac River between the states of Maryland and West Virginia.

3.2. Trout -- (Rainbow, Brook, Brown, Golden Rainbow) -- Daily creel limit is six (6). Only four (4) of the six (6) may be taken from state-managed impoundments stocked with trout (except Stephens, Stonecoal, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineer lakes), Edwards Run, and the following streams: Big Sandy Creek, Preston County; Buffalo Creek, Brooke County; Clear Fork, McDowell County; Clear Fork, Wyoming County; East Lynn (Tailwaters), Wayne County; Indian Creek, Summers County; North Fork Dam and South Fork Fishing Creek, Wetzel County; Paint Creek, Fayette County; Panther Creek, McDowell County; Paw-Paw Creek, Marion County; Spruce Laurel Fork, Boone County; Tomlinson Run, Hancock County; West Fork Twelvepole Creek, Wayne County; Wheeling Creek, Marshall County; and Wickwire Creek, Taylor County. Possession limit is twelve (12). Daily creel limit on catch-and-release areas -- None. Daily creel limit on Fly Fishing Only