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WEST VIRGINIA ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

Department of Natural Resources

Chapter 20-1
Series X
(1969)

SUBJECT: 1969 Commercial Fishing Regulations

Section 1. Season -- May 19, 1969 through December 31, 1969.

Section 2. Area Open -- Ohio River, main stem only.

Section 3. Restricted Area

- 3.01. Areas up channels of side streams are closed to commercial fishing even though they have been flooded by Ohio River Dams.
- 3.02. There shall be no commercial fishing within fifty (50) yards of the mouth of a tributary.

Section 4. Species Which May Be Taken

- 4.01. Channel Catfish
- 4.02. Flathead Catfish
- 4.03. White Catfish
- 4.04. Black Bullhead
- 4.05. Brown Bullhead
- 4.06. Yellow Bullhead

- 4.07. Carp
- 4.08. Buffalo
- 4.09. All species of minnows (Cyprinidae)

Section 5. Size Limit

- 5.01. Channel Catfish -- Minimum size is 13 inches total length.
- 5.02. Flathead Catfish -- Minimum size is 18 inches total length.
- 5.03. White Catfish -- No size limit.
- 5.04. Black Bullhead -- No size limit.
- 5.05. Brown Bullhead -- No size limit.
- 5.06. Yellow Bullhead -- No size limit.
- 5.07. Carp -- No size limit.
- 5.08. Buffalo -- No size limit.
- 5.09. Minnows (Cyprinidae) -- No size limit.

Section 6. Gear Restrictions

- 6.01. Fyke and Trap Nets -- Bar mesh must measure at least $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches.
- 6.02. Hoop and Pound Nets -- Bar mesh must measure at least $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches.
- 6.03. Gill Nets -- are prohibited.
- 6.04. Trammel Nets -- are prohibited.
- 6.05. Seines -- no restrictions.

6.06. Wooden Basket Traps -- Must have unobstructed hole measuring at least 1-3/4 inches in diameter in the end to allow escape-ment of small fish.

(a) It shall be unlawful to use wire traps.

6.07. Trot Lines -- Provided no more than 100 hooks per line be used.

(a) It shall be unlawful for such trot lines to have wire or cable lines.

(b) It shall be unlawful for hooks to have more than one point.

(c) It shall be unlawful to set trot lines within 50 feet of public piers, docks or dam appurtenances.

(d) Trot lines must be attended, and fish removed at least once each day.

Section 7. Reports -- All holders of commercial fishing license must report their fishing effort and catch each month to the Department of Natural Resources on appropriate forms to be distributed by the Department.

Section 8. Special Permits to Take Small Channel Catfish

8.01. A Special Permit to Take Small Channel Catfish (under 13 inches)-- may be issued by the Director of the Department of Natural Resources if he feels it will not be deliterious to the

fishery. The permit will state the size and number of catfish to be taken, as well as the location, dates, and gear. Permits will be issued to holders of commercial fishing license only.

8.02. Special Permit Report -- Must be filed by permit holder with the Director within one week after the permit expiration date.

Section 9. Possession Restriction

9.01. It shall be unlawful to have in possession, when commercial fishing, any undersized fish, or noncommercial species. All such fish, if taken, shall be released immediately in as good condition as possible.

Section 10. Inspection -- Personnel of the Department of Natural Resources may, at any time, inspect fish catch or gear of commercial fishing license holders, or accompany them when they raise their nets.