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WEST VIRGINIA ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS
Department of Natural Resources

Chapter 20-1
Series III
(1965)

Subject: 1965 Fishing Regulations.

Section 1. Opening and Closing Dates

1.01. Trout--(Rainbow, Brook, Brown and Golden Rainbow)-- Opens at 5:00 a.m., EST, April 24, 1965. No closing date.

1.02. Black Bass-(Smallmouth, Largemouth and Spotted)-- Open the year round.

1.03. Muskellunge-- Open the year round.

1.04. Channel Catfish--Open the year round.

1.05. Other Species--Open the year round.

1.06. Frogs--(Bull Frog and Green Frog)--Opens at 8:00 p.m., EST, June 19, 1965 and closes at midnight, July 31, 1965.

(a) Frog season will open from May 15 through October 21, 1965 on Big Sandy and Tug Fork Rivers bordering Kentucky.

Section 2. Daily Creel Limits and Possession Limits

2.01. Trout--(Rainbow, Brook, Brown and Golden Rainbow)-- Daily creel limit is 8, only 5 of the 8 may be taken from impoundments. Possession limit (after opening date) is 16 trout.

(a) Special Regulation--Daily limit is 5 on Edwards Run State Fishing Area.

2.02. Black Bass-(Smallmouth, Largemouth and Spotted)--Daily creel limit is 8. Possession limit is 16 bass in the aggregate.

2.03. Muskellunge--No possession limit.

2.04. Channel Catfish--Daily creel limit (applies to State Public Fishing impoundments only) is 8, possession limit is 16.

2.05. Other Species--No limit.

2.06. Frogs--(Bull Frog and Green Frog)--Nightly limit (Noon to Noon EST) is 10 frogs. Possession limit is 20 frogs.

Section 3. Size Limits

3.01. Trout--(Rainbow, Brook, Brown and Golden Rainbow)--No size limit.

3.02. Black Bass (Smallmouth, Largemouth and Spotted)--No size limit.

3.03. Muskellunge--Minimum size limit is 26 inches total length.

3.04. Other Species-- No size limit.

Section 4. 1965 Stream and Lake Closures--The following waters or listed sections thereof are closed to all fishing and minnow seining during the trout stocking period from March 1, 1965 to 5:00 a.m., EST, April 24, 1965 and will remain open continuously thereafter. Warmwater impoundments receiving special spring trout stockings will be closed from the date of stocking until the April 24 opening only.

4.01. Big Sandy River System

Clear Fork of Tug Fork, McDowell County

Dry Fork, McDowell County

Laurel Fork Lake, Mingo County

Section 4. Stream and Lake Closures - Supplement

4.02. The following waters will close for stocking October 14, 1966, open 5:00 a.m., EST, October 15, 1966: Coopers Rock Lake, Seneca Lake, Spruce Knob Lake, Summit Lake and Teter Creek Lake.

4.03. The following waters will close for stocking October 10, 1966, open 5:00 a.m., EST, October 1966: Shavers Fork, Blackwater River, Elk River, Big Clear Creek of Meadow River, Cranberry River, Summersville Reservoir Tailwaters, Sutton Reservoir Tailwaters, Williams River, Anthony Creek, Knapps Creek, West Fork of Greenbrier River, Pinnacle Creek, Opequon Creek, Edwards Run and Pond of Cacapon River, Lost River (Above Sinks), Trout Pond of Trout Run, Rocky Marsh Run, North Fork of South Branch, South Branch (Smoke Hole), South Branch, and Mill Creek (Kumbrabow State Forest).

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Panther Creek (State Forest), McDowell County

* War Creek Lake, McDowell County

4.02. Coal River System

Marsh Fork of Coal River, Raleigh County

Pond Fork of Little Coal River (from Van upstream), Boone County

4.03. Cheat River System

Big Sandy Creek of Cheat River, Preston County

Blackwater River (above falls), Tucker County

Buffalo Creek of Cheat River, Preston County

Camp Five Run of Laurel Fork, Randolph County

Clover Run of Cheat River, Tucker County

Coopers Rock Lake, Monongalia County

Dry Fork, Randolph County

East Fork of Glady Fork, Randolph County

Elklick Run of Black Fork, Tucker County

Gandy Creek of Dry Fork, Randolph County

Glady Fork of Dry Fork, Randolph County

Horseshoe Run of Cheat River, Tucker County

Laurel Fork of Dry Fork, Randolph County

Laurel Run of Big Sandy Creek, Preston County

Little Black Fork of Shavers Fork, Randolph County

Little Laurel Run of Big Sandy Creek, Preston County

Maxwell Run of Horseshoe Run, Tucker County

Morgan and Darnell Run of Cheat River, Monongalia County

Quarry Run of Cheat River, Monongalia County

Red Creek of Dry Fork, Tucker County

Roaring Creek of Cheat River, Preston County

Salt Lick Creek of Cheat River, Preston County

Shavers Fork (upper section) of Cheat River, Pocahontas and Randolph Co.

Shavers Fork (lower section) of Cheat River, Randolph County

Slip Hill Mill Run of Cheat River, Tucker County

Spruce Knob Lake of Dry Fork, Randolph County

Three Spring Run of Glady Fork, Randolph County

Wolf Creek of Cheat River, Preston County

4.04. Elk River System

Back Fork of Elk River (catch and release section)

Back Fork of Elk River, Randolph and Webster Counties

Desert Fork of Holly River, Webster County

Elk River (Webster Springs upstream), Webster County

Elk River (Whittaker Falls), Webster and Randolph Counties

Fall Run, Left Fork of Holly River, Webster County

Laurel Fork, Left Fork of Holly River, Webster County

Left Fork of Holly River, Webster County

Slaty Fork of Elk River, Pocahontas County

Sugar Creek, Webster County

4.05. Gauley River System

Anglins Creek of Gauley River, Nicholas County

Big Clear Creek of Meadow River, Greenbrier County

Cherry River of Gauley River, Nicholas County

Cranberry River of Gauley River, Pocahontas, Webster and Nicholas Counties

Deer Creek of Gauley River, Nicholas County

Laurel Creek of Cherry River, Greenbrier County

Little Clear Cr. & Laurel Run Trib. of Meadow Creek, Greenbrier County

Improvement Branch of Cherry River, Greenbrier County

North Fork of Cherry River, Pocahontas, Greenbrier and Nicholas Counties

South Fork of Cherry River, Greenbrier and Nicholas Counties

South Fork of Cranberry River, Pocahontas County

Summit Lake, Nicholas County

Tea Creek of Williams River, Pocahontas County

Williams River of Gauley River, Pocahontas County

4.06. Greenbrier River System

Abe's Run of East Fork of Greenbrier River, Pocahontas County

Anthony Creek of Greenbrier River, Greenbrier County

Beaver Creek of Greenbrier River, Pocahontas County

Culverson Creek of Greenbrier River, Greenbrier County

Deer Creek of Greenbrier River, Pocahontas County

East Fork of Greenbrier River, Pocahontas County

Five Mile Run of East Fork River, Pocahontas County

Hills Creek of Sinks, Pocahontas County

Howards Creek of Greenbrier River, Greenbrier County

Knapps Creek of Greenbrier River, Pocahontas County

Laurel Creek of Greenbrier River (Watoga State Park), Pocahontas County

Laurel Run of Meadow Creek, Greenbrier County

Little River, East Fork of Greenbrier, Pocahontas County

Little River, West Fork of Greenbrier, Pocahontas County

Meadow Creek of Anthony Creek, Greenbrier County

Milligan Creek of Sinks of Greenbrier River, Greenbrier County

Mullenax Run, East Fork of Greenbrier River, Pocahontas County

North Fork of Anthony Creek, Pocahontas and Greenbrier Counties
North Fork of Deer Creek of Greenbrier River, Pocahontas County
Second Creek of Greenbrier River, Monroe and Greenbrier Counties
Seneca Lake (Seneca State Forest), Pocahontas County
Sitlington Creek of Greenbrier River, Pocahontas County
Spring Creek of Greenbrier River, Greenbrier County
Stoney Creek of Greenbrier River, Pocahontas County
Swago Creek of Greenbrier River, Pocahontas County
West Fork of Greenbrier River, Pocahontas County

4.07. Guyandotte River System

Big Huff Creek of Guyandotte River, Wyoming and Logan Counties
* Horse Creek Lake, Wyoming County
Pinnacle Creek of Guyandotte River, Wyoming County

4.08. James River System

Potts Creek, Monroe County
North Fork of Potts Creek, Monroe County
South Fork of Potts Creek, Monroe County

4.09. Little Kanawha River System

Holly Grove Branch of Little Kanawha River, Upshur County
Left Fork, Right Fork of Little Kanawha River, Upshur County
Right Fork, Little Kanawha River, Webster and Upshur Counties

4.10. Monongahela River System

Paw-Paw Creek of Monongahela River, Marion County
Stalnaker Pond (Riverbend Sports Club Pond), Monongalia County
Westover Park Lake, Monongalia County
Whiteday Creek of Monongahela River, Marion and Monongalia Counties

4.11. New River System

Camp Creek of Bluestone River, Mercer County
East River of New River, Mercer County
Fitzpatrick Lake, Raleigh County
Glade Creek of Mann Creek, Fayette County
Glade Creek of New River (Dam to mouth), Raleigh County
Island Creek, Mercer County
Laurel Creek of New River at Cotton Hill, Fayette County
Little Beaver Lake of Beaver Creek, Raleigh County
Meadow Creek of New River, Summers County
Mill Creek of New River, Fayette County
Pigeon Creek of East River, Mercer County
Pinch Creek of Glade Creek, Raleigh County
Rich Creek of New River, Monroe County
Sand Fork of Paint Creek of Kanawha River, Raleigh County
Turkey Creek of Indian Creek, Monroe County
Wolf Creek of New River, Fayette County

4.12. Ohio River System

* Bear Rocks Lakes, Ohio River, Ohio County
* Castleman's Run Lake, Brooke and Ohio Counties
* Conaway Run Lake, Tyler County
Kings Creek, Ohio River, Hancock County
* Tomlinson Run Lake, Ohio River, Hancock County
Tomlinson Run, Ohio River (State Park), Hancock County
West Fork Twelvepole (above Randor Bridge) Ohio River, Wayne County
* Wetzel Sportsmen's Club Lake, Ohio River, Wetzel County

4.13. Potomac River System

Cacapon Park Lake, Cacapon River, Morgan County
Camp Branch, Kimsey Run, Lost River, Hardy County
Cold Stream, Cacapon River, Hampshire County
Difficult Creek, North Branch River, Grant County
Dillons Run, Cacapon River, Hampshire County
Edwards Run and Pond, Cacapon River, Hampshire County
Harlan Run, Potomac River, Berkeley County
Leetown Run (Hopewell Run) Opequon Creek, Jefferson County
Lower Cove Run of Lost River, Hardy County
Lost River (above sinks) Cacapon River, Hardy County
Meadow Branch of Sleepy Creek, Berkeley and Morgan Counties
Middle Creek of Opequon Creek, Berkeley County
Mill Creek of Patterson Creek, Mineral County
Mill Creek of Opequon Creek, of Potomac River, Berkeley County
Mill Run of Back Creek, Berkeley County
Moores Run of Cacapon River, Hardy County
New Creek, North Branch of Potomac River, Grant and Mineral Counties
North Fork, Patterson Creek of Potomac River, Grant County
Rocky Marsh Run of Potomac River, Jefferson and Berkeley Counties
Sir Johns Run of Potomac River, Morgan County
Stoney River of North Branch River, Grant County
Tilhance Creek of Back Creek, Berkeley County
Town Run of 76 Stream of Potomac River, Jefferson County
Trout Pond of Trout Run, Hardy County
Trout Run of Cacapon River, Hardy County

Tuscarora Creek of Opequon Creek, Berkeley County

Waites Run of Cacapon River, Hardy County

* Warden Lake of Cacapon River, Hardy County

4.14. Shenandoah River System

Big Bullskin Run of Shenandoah River, Jefferson County

Evitts Run of Shenandoah River, Jefferson County

Flowing Spring Run of Shenandoah River, Jefferson County

Long March Run of Shenandoah River, Jefferson County

North Fork of Bullskin Run, Shenandoah River, Jefferson County

4.15. South Branch (Potomac) River System

Big Run, North Fork of South Branch River, Pendleton County

Dumpling Run, S. Fork, of South Branch River, Hardy County

Hawse Run Lake, S. Fork, of South Branch River, Pendleton County

Laurel Fork, North Fork of South Branch River, Pendleton County

Little Fork, South Fork of South Branch River, Pendleton County

Mill Creek of South Branch River, Hardy and Hampshire Counties

Mill Run of South Branch River, Hampshire County

North Fork of Lunice Creek, Grant County

North Fork, South Branch (upstream from junction of S. Br.), Pend. and Grant Co.

Seneca Creek, N. Fk., of S. Branch River, Pendleton County

South Mill Creek of South Branch River, Pendleton and Grant Counties

Spring Run of South Mill Creek, Grant County

South Branch (Franklin), Potomac River, Pendleton County

South Branch (Smoke Hole), Potomac River, Pendleton and Grant Counties

Thorn Creek of South Branch River, Pendleton County

4.16. Tygart River System

Big Run of Tygart River, Randolph County
Brushy Fork of Teter Creek, Barbour County
Buckhannon River, Tygart at Alexander (above Sago), Upshur County
Elkwater Fork of Tygart River, Randolph County
French Creek Pond, French Creek Game Farm, Upshur County
Left Fork of Buckhannon River, Upshur County
Left Fork, Right Fork of Buckhannon River, Randolph and Upshur Counties
Headwaters Tygart River, Randolph County
Middle Fork River, Tygart River, Randolph County
Mill Creek of Tygart River, Randolph County
Mill Run of Teter Creek, Barbour County
Right Fork of Buckhannon River, Randolph and Upshur Counties
Right Fork, Middle Fork of Tygart River, Upshur County
Teter Creek Lake of Tygart River, Barbour County

* Warmwater Lakes receiving Special Spring Trout Stockings.

Section 5. Special Trout Fishing Areas

5.01. Back Fork of Elk--A special catch and release section of the Back Fork of Elk River designated as a "fish for fun" area has been established and is located about two miles upstream from Webster Springs in Webster County. Regulations for this area are as follows:

1. All fish caught must be returned to the water at once.
2. Only barbless hooks are permitted.
3. All natural baits, cheese, cheese eggs or plastic, rubber or synthetic imitations of the same are prohibited.

4. Wet or dry flies, spinners, spoons, nymphs, or plugs with barbless hooks are permitted.
5. Fishing permitted during daylight hours only.
6. An angler may not have fish in his possession while on the "fish for fun" stream.
7. Deeply hooked or gill hooked fish should be released by cutting the leader.

5.02. Opequon Creek -- A marked 3 mile section of Opequon Creek in Berkeley and Jefferson County is open year round to both trout and warm-water fishing. This section is on privately owned land, but written permission for access to the stream may be obtained from the land owners.

5.03. Sutton Reservoir Tailwaters (Elk River below dam) -- The section of stream below Sutton Dam is open to year round trout and warm-water fishing.

Section 6. Game Fish Defined

6.01. The following are game fish: brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, golden rainbow trout, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, Kentucky or spotted bass, pickerel, muskellunge, walleyed pike, white bass, rock bass, crappie, bluegill, other sunfish and channel catfish.

Section 7. Other Methods of Fishing

7.01. Dipping -- Dipping for non-game fish only shall be lawful in open waters during the period from February 1, 1965 to midnight April 15, 1965. A dip net so used shall not exceed thirty-six square feet in overall area, and its mesh shall not be smaller than one-quarter inch.

7.02. Snaring --Snaring of any species of suckers, carp, fallfish and creek chubs through the ice is legal at all times.

7.03. Bow Fishing --Year round open season for carp; other non-game species may be taken by long bow during all months except May and June. It shall be unlawful to use an arrow having an explosive head or shaft.

7.04. Gigging -- Non-game fish may be taken by gigging as follows: West of U. S. Route 19: January 1, 1965 through April 30, 1965 and July 1, 1965 through December 31, 1965. East of U. S. Route 19; January 1, 1965 through April 30, 1965 and November 1, 1965 through December 31, 1965.

(a) Special Regulation -- Anyone convicted of gigging game fish is subject to fishing license revocation.

7.05. Underwater Spear Fishing and Diving

1. Non-game fish except catfish of any species, may be taken in open waters by underwater spear fishing during the hours of daylight only.

(a) Note: New River from the Bluestone Dam downstream to the lower bridge at Hinton; and Elk River from the Sutton Dam to the Route 19 bridge at Sutton is closed to underwater spear fishing.

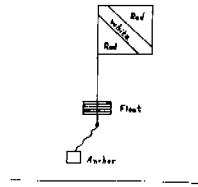
2. Spear guns may be discharged only beneath the surface of the water.

3. It shall be unlawful to use an explosive head or shaft.

4. Skin divers shall not fish or dive in such a manner as to interfere with hook and line fishermen.

5. Skin divers shall not fish or dive in heavily traveled boat lanes, marked swimming areas, or areas set aside for waterskiing.

6. Diving areas will be marked with a minimum of two markers no more than 200 feet apart of the following types:



The flag shall have a minimum size of 12 x 12 inches and have a diagonal white stripe 3 inches wide.

The top of the flag shall be at least 3 feet above the surface of the water.

7. No fish taken by spear fishing shall be returned to the waters or left on the banks of any waters.

Section 8. 1965 Fall Trout Stocking Stream Closures

Sept 1, 1965

8.01. The following waters are closed to trout fishing from October 15 to 5:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, October 16, 1965:

- Teter Creek Lake, Barbour County
- Sutton Dam Tailwaters, Braxton County
- Summit Lake, Greenbrier County
- Edward Run Pond, Hampshire County
- Trout Pond, Hardy County
- Coopers Rock Lake, Monongalia County
- Seneca Lake, Pocahontas County
- Spruce Knob Lake, Randolph County
- Opequon Creek, Jefferson County

8.02. The following waters are closed to trout fishing from October 11 to 5:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, October 16, 1965:

- Rocky Marsh Run, Berkeley & Jefferson Counties
- North Fork of South Branch, Grant and Pendleton Counties
- Anthony Creek, Greenbrier County
- Big Clear Creek, Greenbrier County
- Lost River, Hardy County
- Cranberry River, Pocahontas, Nicholas and Webster Counties
- South Branch of Potomac, Pendleton County
- West Fork Greenbrier River, Pocahontas County
- Knapps Creek, Pocahontas County
- Shavers Fork Cheat River, Randolph County
- Mill Creek (Kumbrabow State Forest), Randolph County

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Elk River, Randolph and Webster Counties

Blackwater River, Tucker County

Williams River, Pocahontas and Webster Counties

Pinnacle Creek (below fish-for-fun section), Wyoming County

Sept 1, 1965

Section 9. New Lake Opening

9.01. The Chief Cornstalk Public Hunting and Fishing Area Lake will open to fishing on October 16, 1965 in conjunction with the opening of the small game hunting seasons. All state fishing regulations will apply to this new lake.



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OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF
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August 30, 1965

Honorable Robert D. Bailey, Jr.
Secretary of State
State of West Virginia
Charleston, West Virginia

Dear Sir:

Please find attached Administrative Regulations of the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources, Chapter 20-1, Series III, Sections 8 and 9, to be included with previous regulations filed with your office.

These are new regulations recently established governing the closing of trout streams for fall stocking and the opening of a new lake by this department.

I certify that the attached regulations are true and accurate copies of official regulations adopted by the Department of Natural Resources.

Very truly yours,


R. P. McDonough
Director

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